

**STEWARDS REPORT**  
**Forster - Tuncurry Jockey Club**  
**TUNCURRY RACECOURSE**  
**Monday 10th December 2018**

**Weather:** Fine

**Track:** Good (4)

**Rail:** True

**STEWARDS:** J T Penfold (Chairman), D L Carr & D M Greer

Please note the following jockey changes with Matthew Paget not riding due to injury.

Race 1, number 8 – Peter Graham

Race 2, number 3 – Adrian Layt

Race 5, number 12 – Jeff Kehoe

Race 7, number 11 – Chris O'Brien

**Supplementary: Taree, Monday 3/12/18 Race 7 – Southern Flight**

An inquiry into the tactics adopted by rider Raymond Spokes was concluded.

After taking evidence from trainer Mr Brett Bellamy, it was established that the instructions were not to lead, however be in a forward position to find cover from a wide barrier, as in Mr Bellamy's opinion, there was going to be a fast tempo in the running and he didn't want the mare caught wide.

After beginning fairly, *Southern Flight* was checked when crowded, which resulted in it racing at the rear of the field, in a position on the rail, rider R Spokes said that his mount travelled relatively well in that position. When questioned why R Spokes didn't improve ground between the 700m and 550m, he stated that he was urging the mare and it was reluctant to improve at that point. At the 550m, *Southern Flight* was crossed by *Rispetta*, which resulted in it being unable to improve at that point. *Southern Flight* was placed under pressure on straightening, then after improving onto heels at the 100m, was unable to fully tested to the finish line.

Stewards received a wagering report from Racing NSW Analyst – Betting & Compliance officer Dan Stephenson. It was established that betting on the event was within normal parameters.

Trainer Mr B Bellamy was told to ensure that he notifies any change of tactics in future. He further reported that *Southern Flight* sustained a tendon injury to the off fore leg and would now be spelled.

### **Race 1: 3YO Maiden Handicap 1000m**

**Dr Demon** – Slow to begin, laid in passing 300m.

**Pancake** – Began awkwardly, then taken wider rounding home turn.

**Margie Bee** – Hung out rounding the home turn and proved difficult to ride. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Ms K Buchanan was advised that the filly must barrier trial prior to racing again.

**Girls 'N' Glitter** – Slow to begin.

**Belle De Vega** – A warning was placed on record for being difficult to load.

### **Race 2: Class 1 Handicap 1000m**

**Mister Rossa** – Began awkwardly.

**Can I Rock** – Hung out rounding the home turn.

**Heredero** – Raced wide throughout, then raced greenly when placed under pressure on straightening.

**Cornforth** – Began awkwardly.

### **Race 3: 4YO+ Maiden Handicap 1200m**

**Hu Called The Cops** – Declared a late scratching on veterinary advice after being fractious in the barriers at 3:02pm. Regarding betting it was ordered that all bets placed on *Hu Called The Cops* be refunded in full and all other wagers were subject to the following deductions:

1<sup>st</sup> 0 cent (win) 1 cent (place)

2<sup>nd</sup> 1 cent (place)

3<sup>rd</sup> 1 cent (place)

**Guest** – Had to be steadied shortly after the start. Lost its off fore plate in running.

**Tri Tri Again** – Began awkwardly.

**Simderella** – Steadied and lost ground when momentarily crowded passing the 1000m by *Crowd Surfer*, A Gibbons (*Crowd Surfer*) was asked to exercise greater care.

**Stella Ardens** – Slow to begin.

#### **Race 4: Benchmark 66 1400m**

**Mr Spin** – Declared a late scratching at 3:36pm after being fractious in the barrier stalls. Regarding betting, it was ordered that all bets placed on *Mr Spin* be refunded in full and all other wagers were subject to the following deductions:

1<sup>st</sup> 7 cents (win) 3 cents (place)

2<sup>nd</sup> 9 cents (place)

3<sup>rd</sup> 11 cents (place)

Mr Spin will have to barrier trial prior to racing again.

**Respun** – Knuckled over on jumping, resulting in the rider B Looker being dislodged. B Looker was uninjured in the incident.

**O'Just Saying** – Slow to begin.

**Stilettoed Vixen** – Hampered by a riderless horse passing the 700m.

**Latin Light** – Hampered by a riderless horse passing the 900m.

#### **Race 5: Maiden Plate 1400m**

**Let Me Guess** – Hung in rounding the home turn and on straightening, then was held up from the 200m and was unable to be fully tested.

**The Deel Is Dun** – Bumped on jumping.

**Little Funny Bunny** – Checked shortly after the start.

**Azarmin** – Over raced in the middle stages, then hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

**Via Condotti** – Began awkwardly and over raced in the middle stages.

**No Soup For You** – Had to shift outwards at the 200m to continue to go forward.

**Swinger** – Had to be steadied and taken wider on straightening.

## **Race 6: Class 2 Handicap 1400m**

**Komachi Force** – Bumped on jumping.

**Waiheke Island** – Checked when crowded shortly after the start.

**Tycoon Street** – Steadied away from heels at the 1000m when over racing.

**Ticket To Fly** – Over raced in the middle stages.

**Something Unknown** – Over raced with its head in the air passing the 1100m

**Twilight Charade** – D McLellan (More Chilli) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137a in that he rode his mount outwards at the 300m when insufficiently clear of *Twilight Charade* which had to be steadied and lost its rightful running. D McLellan's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December and to expire on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, on which day he may ride.

## **Race 7: Benchmark 50 2100m**

**Prospectors Helmet** – Rider accidentally dropped the whip inside the 150m.

**Hundrez'N Thousanz** – Slow to begin.

**Exotic Art** – Sustained an injury when being loaded onto the float, declared a late scratching at 10:24am. Veterinary clearance is required.

**Runaway Jet** – Was found to be injured after being kicked by the clerk of the course in the mounting enclosure and declared a late scratching at 5:19pm. It was ordered that all bets placed on *Runaway Jet* be refunded in full and all other wagers were subject to the following deductions:

1<sup>st</sup> 4 cents (win) 4 cents (place)

2<sup>nd</sup> 6 cents (place)

3<sup>rd</sup> 5 cents (place)

**Lord Whiskey** – Weakened noticeably from the 600m. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 39.7L revealed

no abnormalities. Must perform satisfactorily in a barrier trial prior to racing again.

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: *More Chilli, Hundrez'n Thousanz, Vision And Prayer, Waiheke Island, Sealum, Diamond Deluxe, Onemore For Luck, Latin Light.*

### Summary

<b>Fines:</b>	Nil
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 6:</b> D McLellan (AR137a) – 15/12/18 – 22/12/18
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 1:</b> Belle De Vega – difficult to load
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 1:</b> Margie Bee – Hung out <b>Race 4:</b> Mr Spin – fractious in barriers <b>Race 7:</b> Lord Whiskey – poor performance
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 7:</b> Runaway Jet – Vet clearance <b>Race 7:</b> Exotic Art
<b>Fall/Injury:</b>	<b>Race 4:</b> Ben Looker – fulfilled engagements
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil