

**Stewards Report
Quirindi Jockey Club
QUIRINDI RACECOURSE**

Tuesday 11th June 2019.

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4)

Rail: True

Committee of Stewards: S Cullen

Riding Changes:

Race 2: S Clenton replaced J Pracey-Holmes (ill)

Race 3: G Snowden replaced J Pracey-Holmes

G Buckley replaced B Looker (released from engagements)

Race 4: G Snowden replaced J Pracey-Holmes

A Bullock replaced B Looker

Race 5: K Dunbar replaced J Pracey-Holmes

Race 6: K Dunbar replaced J Pracey-Holmes

L Cumberland replaced B Looker

Race 7: S Lisnyy replaced J Pracey-Holmes

General:

Prior to the running of race 1 a deputation of senior riders inspected a section of the track inside the 300m which had become damaged from overuse during trackwork. Following consultation, it was decided to commence the meeting. Then following the running of race 1, further representations from senior riders were considered relative to the affected section of the track before the remainder of the meeting was conducted.

Race 1: Maiden Plate 1100m

Boat Harbour – began awkwardly.

Scatjack – when questioned A Maeda explained that his mount was tardy at the start and failed to muster any speed in the early stages. He said that the gelding continually blundered approaching the 800m and was unbalanced during the downhill section of the track. He said that after being placed under pressure at the entrance to the home straight, Scatjack responded well and ran to the finish strongly. Trainer Mr. B Kelly said that Scatjack was still displaying immature racing traits and would be

advantaged as the distance of its races increased. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Stella Ardens – began awkwardly.

Race 2: Maiden Handicap 1450m

Leica Benz – was assessed as satisfactory to race by the club's veterinary officer after being fractious in the barrier.

Kinks – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. Trainer Mr. M Schmetzer said that Kinks would be transferred out of his stable. Regardless, M Schmetzer was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on the filly's racing record.

Wow Wow Kapow – slow to begin.

Race 3: Class 2 Handicap 1450m

Falster – began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

Hammoon Ballad – slow to begin.

Onemore Prince – began very awkwardly, unbalanced the rider and lost ground (2L).

Whitty Woman – missed the start (2L).

Big Roy – crowded at the start.

Funky Monkey – the rider accidentally dropped the whip passing the 300m.

Race 4: F & M Class 1 Handicap 1200m

Little Miss Nic – was hampered and carried wide rounding the home turn by Thin Ice (A Morgan), which shifted out abruptly when being ridden forward. A Morgan was reprimanded (AR131a).

Thin Ice – began very awkwardly, then raced greenly throughout. Trainer Mrs. G Williams said that she would experiment with gear in an official barrier trial to attempt to correct the mare's waywardness. Mrs. Williams was advised that this would be noted on Thin Ice's racing record. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Bon Bon – slow to begin.

Pleasure Bomb – was carried wider rounding the home turn.

Mahervellous – slow to begin.

Race 5: C, G & E Class 1 Handicap 1200m

Sticks – the barrier from which Sticks began was marginally slow to open resulting in the gelding missing the start (2L). Considering the full circumstances of the race, the provisions of AR204(1) were not enforced.

Whonicked De Lolly – the barrier from which Whonicked De Lolly was slow to open resulting in the gelding missing the start (2L). Blundered passing the 800m. Considering the full circumstances of the race, the provisions of AR204(1) were not enforced.

Al Guns A Dancer – when questioned K Dunbar explained that he had been instructed to ride his mount in a forward position with cover as it was felt that when leading in its recent racing, the gelding was not strong at the finish. He said that Al Guns A Dancer began awkwardly and resented being restrained early and raced with its head up, then was crowded by Khitaamy, which shifted in momentarily, resulting in Al Guns A Dancer being further back than intended. Trainer Mr. G Groth confirmed the instructions and expressed disappointment with the early part of the race and said that the distance of Al Guns A Dancer's races would now be increased with similar instructions issued to whoever rode the gelding.

Tah Dah – trainer Ms. S Bigg was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on Tah Dah's racing record.

Race 6: Open Handicap 1600m

Pippi's Pride – hung out during the downhill section of the track, rounding the home turn and ran wide when placed under pressure in the home straight. Trainer Mr. S Gleeson said that the gelding would be freshened before determining any future racing program, however he would apply a bubble cheeker as part of Pippi's Pride's approved racing gear. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Surjin – slow to begin, then hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Beale Street – hung out and ran wide when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Evangelist – slow to begin.

Southern Delight – the barrier from which Southern Delight began was marginally slow to open resulting in the gelding missing the start (2L). considering the full circumstances of the race, the provisions of AR204(1) were not enforced.

Race 7: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1000m

Enjoyable – was held up for some distance after entering the home straight and had to be steadied and shifted in to go forward passing the 250m.

Grass Cutter – raced 9/6/19, was passed as satisfactory to race in a pre-race examination by the club's veterinary officer.

Torio's Delight – scratched upon request from stable representative Mr. P Farrell at 1.37pm.

Miss Gigi – scratched on veterinary advice at 4.17pm after lunging forward in the barrier, contacting the structure and sustaining an abrasion in its near side nostril. When correct weight was declared it was ordered that all bets made on Miss Gigi be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers placed prior to 4.17pm be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1st Dark Elixir – 3 cents Win & 4 cents Place

2nd enjoyable – 4 cents Place

3rd Grass Cutter – 4 cents Place

Trainer Mr. M Cross was advised that a warning for being fractious in the barrier would be placed on the mare's racing record.

Sir Aussie – slow to begin.

Summary of whip use

Race 6: K Dunbar – Beale Street	7 strikes prior to the 100m
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Bearing in mind the totality of use, no action was taken.

General: Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Stella Ardens, Friendly Venture, Polish Train & Hammoon Ballad.**

SUMMARY

Fines	Nil
Suspensions	Nil
Reprimands	Race 4: A Morgan – (AR131a) – careless riding
Warnings	Race 2: Kinks – poor performance Race 5: Tah Dah – poor performance Race 7: Miss Gigi – fractious in the barrier
Trials	Race 4: Thin Ice – racing manners
Bleeders	Nil
Falls and Injury	Race 7: R Murray – pain in right ankle (Miss Gigi)
Certificates	Nil
Tactics notified	Nil