

STEWARDS REPORT

Armidale Jockey Club ARMIDALE RACECOURSE

Sunday 11th November 2018

Weather: Fine.
Track: Good (3).
Rail: True.

STEWARDS: *I.H. Grimes (Chairman) & J.T. Penfold.*

Riding Changes:

Race 1: B. Stower replaced M. Squires (indisposed) on **Geng**

Race 4: J. Hull replaced A. Denby (illness) on **Noro Lim**

Race 5: G. Snowden replaced M. Squires (indisposed) on **Red Ticker**

Race 7: G. Snowden replaced M. Squires (indisposed) on **Blinkin Legend**

Race 1: Maiden Plate 1100m:

Mr Popeye – over-raced during the early stages; raced greenly passing the 400m.

Aratula – underwent a pre-race examination and was passed fit to start. Slow to begin.

Dukes County – near the 450m, was steadied and shifted in across the heels of *Geng* to continue into clear running.

Geng – laid in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

I'm on the Prowl – bumped with *Mr Popeye* on jumping.

Run All Night – laid out under pressure over the concluding stages and bumped with *I'm on the Prowl*.

Sunday Special – raced wide without cover.

Another Player – slow to begin.

Principle – a post-race veterinary examination revealed a slow recovery.

Race 2: Maiden Handicap 1400m:

Blind Love – shifted in and bumped the running rail near the 350m.

Abb Roy – raced greenly in the home straight.

Ausbred Dream – raced wide without cover.

Mylastgeegee – slow to begin.

Paper Kites – hung out during the middle stages.

Whiskey Apple – over-raced during the middle stages; raced wide without cover.

Race 3: Class 1 Handicap 1300m:

Acraman – bumped with *Steppin' Out* on jumping.

Primal Touch – raced wide without cover.

Jayzou – passing the 350m, was steadied away from the heels of *Acraman* and shifted out to continue into clear running.

Red All Day – rider J. Oliver stated his mount felt flat throughout the event and was very disappointing when placed under pressure. Trainer Mr D. Campbell advised stewards *Red All Day* would now be spelled. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Escort Arli – bumped with *Binnacle* on jumping.

Race 4: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1900m:

Lonely Orphan – slow to begin; hung in during the early stages.

Cuthbert Gold – near the 300m, shifted out and bumped with *Mishani Istana*.

Exotic Art – pulled hard in the early stages and had to be steadied and shifted out across the heels of *Meishou* passing the 1700m.

Seize Them All – slow to begin.

Tan Tat Nova – late withdrawal at 3:15pm acting on veterinary advice after the gelding became fractious in the barriers. Stewards subsequently ordered all monies wagered on *Tan Tat Nova* be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 3:15pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

First: *Cuthbert Gold* less 9 cents win and 10 cents place;

Second: *Bonnie Sare* less 8 cents place; and

Third: *Mishani Istana* less 11 cents place.

After considering all circumstances, Trainer Mr P. Cunningham was advised a warning would be placed on the racing record of *Tan Tat Nova*.

Mishani Istana – over-raced during the early and middle stages; hung out rounding the home turn.

Race 5: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1400m:

Kilmarnock – slow to begin.

Revere – rider B. Looker stated his mount never travelled throughout the event, he added the gelding felt uncomfortable when changing leads and may not have handled the firm track conditions. Trainer Mr S. Jones stated he was disappointed in *Revere's* performance today, he added the gelding may be looking for further as it had performed better recently over 1600m. He further advised stewards he would look for the geldings next start to be over a mile or further. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Ruby Two Shoes – hung in passing the 1200m and had to be steadied from the heels of *Red Ticker*.

Celtic Tiger – passing the 350m, had to be steadied away from the heels of *Camayoc* which was hanging out.

Race 6: Open Handicap 1300m:

Desert Marshal – When questioned App M. Weir stated that she was instructed to have her mount racing behind the speed with cover, which she was able to achieve. She added that her mount pulled hard and hung out during the middle stages and as a consequence lost some ground, despite her efforts to correct the gelding from hanging. She added from the 700m to the 600m, her mount continued to hang out and as a result shifted ground, which allowed *Free Billy* to obtain a run to her inside. She further added once racing in between *Free Billy* and *Iwatani* from the 600m, her mount continued to hang out and race ungenerously, proving difficult to ride. She stated at the top of the home straight she was obliged to shift her mount to the outside of *Melted Moments* and once the gelding found clear running, ran on and found the line well. Trainer Mrs J. Clement confirmed the instructions to be closer to the speed today from barrier one and was happy with the position the gelding obtained. She stated the gelding has tended to hang out in the past and even with the bubble cheeker applied may not have handled the tight Armidale track. She advised stewards she would now look to start *Desert Marshal* at a bigger track like Muswellbrook or Scone. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Mrs Clement was advised a warning would be placed on the racing record of *Desert Marshal*.

Invincible George – jumped awkwardly, abruptly lifting its head striking its rider. Rider N. Thomas was reminded of his obligations to ride his mount out to the finish.

Medal Afrique – shortly after the start, had to be checked and lost considerable ground when crowded for room between *Iwatani* and *Annandale Lass*, which shifted in.

De La Hoya – steward permitted J. Hull to ride the gelding 1kg over its allotted weight at 56kg.

Annandale Lass – Trainer Mr D. Jackson was advised that due to the frequency of recent racing, *Annandale Lass* must be sent for a minimum eight-week spell following today's engagement. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Race 7: Class 2 Handicap 1100m:

Epic Event – jumped awkwardly and stumbled shortly thereafter; failed to muster early speed, lost touch with the main body of the field and was eased out of the event from the 300m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr W. Wain was advised the gelding (beaten 52.62L) must trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again.

Mr De Niro – hung out during the middle stages.

Super Cooper – near the 800m, was briefly steadied away from the heels of *Col's Tiger* which was taken in by *Petra Jewel*.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii):

Race 3:	S. Sweedman (<i>Binnacle</i>)	<i>6 strikes prior to the 100m</i>
Race 4:	G. Willoughby (<i>Mishanti Istana</i>)	<i>6 strikes prior to the 100m</i>
Race 5:	S. Lisnyy (<i>Torpedo</i>)	<i>6 strikes prior to the 100m</i>

Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken

General:

Samples were obtained from two riders, which will be forwarded to the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory for testing for substances banned under AR81B.

Samples were obtained from **all** winners.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Certificates:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 4: <i>Tan Tat Nova</i> (Trainer P. Cunningham) – fractious in barriers Race 6: <i>Desert Marshal</i> (Trainer J. Clement) – hung out
Trials:	Race 7: <i>Epic Event</i> (Trainer W. Wain) – uncompetitive
Change of tactics:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.