

STEWARDS REPORT

Murrumbidgee Turf Club WAGGA WAGGA RACECOURSE Tuesday 11 December 2018

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4). Upgraded to Good (3) at 1.25pm to retrospectively include Race 1.

Rail: +4m 1400 to Winning Post, True Remainder

STEWARDS: T.J.Davidson (Chairman), J.A.Shultz & D.R.McLean

(8u2b)

RACE 1: Open Handicap 1000m:

Fermanagh Lad- Rider M. Travers explained the gelding races best when able to lead and today over the shorter distance was unable to obtain that position and travelled on fairly throughout. He added his mount would benefit from a step up in distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Mixed Blossom- Raced wide throughout.

Brockton Punch- Began awkwardly and lost ground (2L). Held up and unable to improve between the 500m and 200m before being taken inwards to continue to improve.

Benno's Boy- Hung out rounding the home turn and in the straight.

RACE 2: Maiden Handicap 1200m:

Coolyboss- Shifted out under pressure in the straight.

Cherro- Slow to begin. Eased near the 900m while racing in restricted room to the inside of *Coolyboss*.

Datai- Permission was given for N. Souquet to ride the filly 1/2kg over its declared weight. Trainer M. Dale, represented by D. Reiper, was fined \$100 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the filly when requested.

Let's Get Animal- Crowded on jumping.

Diamond Raffles- Raced wide throughout.

Green Horizon- Hampered near the 900m.

Larmour- B. Ryan(a) replaced R. Bensley (overweight) as the rider of the filly. R. Bensley was fined \$200 under AR120(b). Crowded and checked shortly after the start.

Mel Bea- Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Steadied near the 900m when *Datai* shifted in slightly. *Green Horizon*, which was following, was hampered in consequence.

RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1400m:

Bianbarnie- Raced wide throughout.

Chouxitorial- Rider R. Bensley explained that despite being slightly slow to begin he was able to take up a leading position. He added the gelding travelled fairly and after initially responding to his riding it then weakened in the run to the line. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Currawong- Laid inwards on the home turn before shifting out abruptly shortly after.

Romingal- Change of tactics- From wide barrier to be taken right back to obtain cover. Settled last.

Welletsdoit- Checked near the 400m when *Il Professionale* (P. Scorse(a)) shifted out when not clear. In all the circumstances Apprentice Scorse was reprimanded under AR137(a) for careless riding. Rider R. Prest(a) stated her mount raced very dour today and was now looking for a longer distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Rewarding Girl- Trainer G. D'Altorio was fined \$100 under LR46(b) for failing to have the horse on course by the prescribed time.

Il Professionale- Proved very difficult to settle in the early and middle stages. Dipped noticeably near the 400m.

Nanga- Slow to begin.

Stafford- Slow to begin.

RACE 4: Class 3 Handicap 1000m:

Cattledog Cod- Trainer K. Weir was interviewed regarding post-race comments made relative to surgeries the gelding had previously undergone. After taking initially evidence the inquiry was adjourned to allow Mr Weir to provide Stewards with the full veterinary records for the horse.

Olifants- Laid in badly in the straight and proved difficult to ride out.

Denman Diva- Laid inwards in the straight. Rider K. Nisbet could offer no tangible explanation for today's poor performance stating her mount did not travel at any stage and found little when pressured in the straight. Co-Trainer J. Nisbet reported subsequent to the race that the mare had pulled up well following the event and it was now his intention to step the horse up in distance and give consideration to applying blinkers. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Halliday Road- A pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which suffered a minor abrasion to its near side hip while enroute to the course, found it suitable to race.

Bitofastar- Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

RACE 5: Class 1 Handicap 1600m:

Plucky George- Hampered approaching the winning post when Pastiche (A. Bryan(a)) shifted out. Apprentice Bryan was advised to exercise more care.

Jounama Gold- Mis-strode shortly after the start. Raced in restricted near the 250m.

Riohsei- Raced wide throughout.

RACE 6: Open Handicap 1600m:

Not Too Sure- Raced wide throughout.

Class Clown- Rider R. Bensley was fined \$400 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using the whip on ten (10) occasions prior to the 100m.

Danetrille- Slow to begin.

Orrstar- Checked passing the 200m. At a subsequent inquiry R. Bensley pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that passing the 200m he did permit *Class Clown* to shift in, while riding it along, when insufficiently clear of **Orrstar**, which was crowded and checked. R. Bensley's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 17 December 2018 and to expire on Sunday 23 December 2018, on which day he may ride.

RACE 7: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1800m:

Magic Thor- Withdrawn by Stewards at 9.13am when it was reported to have a laceration to the near hind. Trainer G. Egan was advised a veterinary clearance must be submitted prior to the horse racing again.

Greyfell- Slow to begin (3L). Rider W. Costin explained she was instructed to go forward but after her mount stood flatfooted she was obliged to settle back in the field. She added her mount travelled fairly throughout and after initially responding when pressured in the straight, it weakened over the concluding stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Monsoon Charlie- Raced very keenly in the early and middle stages and was continually restrained away from the heels of *Rising Force*.

RACE 8: Class 2 Handicap 1200m:

Find My Tail- Raced very keenly in the middle stages and despite the efforts of its rider it clipped the heels of *La Dalliance* near the 600m, blundered badly and almost dislodged its rider. *Wolfopeterstreet*, *Alpine King*, *Never Tempted*, *Tracey's Daisey* and *Zariz No Other*, which were following were all checked to varying degrees. Held up between the 500m and 200m.

Zariz No Other- Checked near the 600m.

Te Ata- Permission was given for N. Heywood to ride the mare 1kg over its declared weight.

Jaytee's The Fox- Slow into stride.

Jounama- Held up and unable to improve between the 400m and 200m.

La Dalliance- Returned with multiple minor lacerations to both hind legs. Trainer D. Wise was advised a veterinary clearance must be submitted prior to the horse racing again.

Wolfopeterstreet- Checked near the 600m. Held up from the 400m to the 250m.

Alpine King- Checked near the 600m.

Tracey's Daisey- Checked near the 600m.

Never Tempted- Checked near the 600m.

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permissible strikes with the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii)

Race 2	R. Prest(a) on Cherro	6 strikes
Race 5	A. Masters on More Ransom	7 strikes
Race 5	R. Prest(a) on Is Anyone There	7 strikes
Race 5	R. Bensley on Imanacheeva	7 strikes
Race 6	J. Richards(a) on Zarreig	7 strikes
Race 6	S. Guymmer on Cha Cha King	7 strikes
Race 6	B. McDougall on Danetrille	6 strikes
Race 7	W. Costin on Greyfell	7 strikes
Race 7	P. Scorse(a) on Dashing 'n' Daring	8 strikes
Race 7	B. Ryan(a) on Griddlebone	6 strikes
Race 8	P. Scorse(a) on Alpine King	7 strikes
Race 8	M. Taylor on Jounama	7 strikes
Race 8	J. Richards(a) on Framework	7 strikes

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

General: Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: Oh What a Thief

Race 2: Let's Get Animal, Cherro, Miss Crompton

Race 3: Fox Beat

Race 4: Cattle Dog Cod

Race 5: Aedesia

Race 6: Class Clown

Race 7: Griddlebone

Race 8: Tully Toff

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 2: M. Dale- \$100- No TIC for Datai . AR59A. Race 2: R. Bensley- \$200- Accept ride on Lamour and be overweight. AR120(b). Race 3: G. D'Altorio- \$100- Late arrival on course with Rewarding Girl . LR46(b). Race 6: R. Bensley- \$400- Use whip on Class Clown 10 times before 100m. AR137A(5)(a)(ii).
Reprimands:	Race 3: P. Scorse(a)- Careless riding on Il Professionale . AR137(a).
Suspensions:	Race 6: R. Bensley- Suspended 17/12/18- 23/12/18. Careless riding on Class Clown . AR137(a).
Warnings:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.

Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 7: Magic Thor- Vet clearance. Laceration near hind. Race 8: La Dalliance- Vet clearance. Lacerations to both hind legs.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Tactics:	Race 3: Romingal - From wide barrier to be taken right back to obtain cover. Settled last.