

STEWARDS REPORT

Forbes Jockey Club FORBES RACECOURSE

Saturday 13th October 2018

Weather: Overcast.
Track: Soft (5).
Rail: True.

STEWARDS: S.P. Fitzgerald (Chairman) & C.N. Pringle.

Race 1: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1600m:

Subway Surfer – crowded on jumping.

Sorry I'm Awesome – Stewards permitted R. Bensley to ride the gelding a half kilogram overweight.

Bon Honour – steadied near the 250m when tightened between *Subway Surfer*, which shifted out slightly to improve and *Sorry I'm Awesome*, which laid in and bumped with *Bon Honour*, which commenced to weaken.

Race 2: Maiden Handicap (Colts, Geldings & Entire) 1200m:

Caszar – dislodged rider App. Ms. K. Bell-Pitomac was dislodged behind the barriers; *Caszar* underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start; App. Ms. K. Bell-Pitomac sustained a minor injury to her elbow however fulfilled her remaining engagements.

Duntroon Man – raced wide throughout; taken wider near the 500m by *Bel Rosso*, which shifted out to improve; ran out over the final 50m; when questioned regarding his riding in the middle stages, rider J. Pracey-Holmes stated his mount is a very green and uncoordinated gelding, which was having its first start in a race today. He added after being slow to begin, he rode his mount along in the early stages to obtain a handy position. He added in his opinion *Duntroon Man* is very one-paced and during the middle stages he thought the tempo was slow to moderate so he elected to improve from the 700m in an endeavour to avoid the race turning into a sprint where his mount may have been left flat footed when the race quickened. He added when *Bel Rosso* improved with his mount near the 700m, he was ultimately caught four-wide until straightening. He added *Duntroon Man* found the line well however was green under pressure in the straight.

Chur Bro – slow to begin and was crowded shortly after the start between *Dastaan* and *Duntroon Man*; shifted out near the 200m to continue into clear running.

Race 3: Maiden Handicap (Fillies & Mares) 1200m:

Miss Donai – slow to begin.

Casino Ace – momentarily hampered near the 150m when *Zarwrinkles* laid in.

Just Hang On – bumped with *Billy Buttons* on jumping; overraced in the middle stages; raced wide throughout.

Miss Dreamer – raced wide throughout.

Alpine Royal – steadied over the final 50m after improving onto the heels of *Call Me Trinity*.

Zarwrinkles – laid in under pressure in the straight.

Lolly – raced wide throughout.

Race 4: Class 2 Handicap 1400m:

Armedanddangerous – raced wide throughout.

Allisam – slow to begin.

Three Stooges – bumped with *We Love Rugby* on jumping; overraced in the early stages.

Born to Power – raced wide throughout; near the 200m, was steadied when tightened by *Three Stooges*, which was taken out by *Dragon's Shadow* (R. Brewer), which shifted out to improve. R. Brewer was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

More Ransom – steadied near the 800m when *Artie's Party* (App. Ms. K. Bell-Pitomac) shifted in and was promptly corrected by its rider. App. Ms. K. Bell-Pitomac was advised to exercise more care.

Bold Suggestion – overraced in the middle stages and near the 800m, bumped with *More Ransom*.

Race 5: Benchmark 58 Handicap (Fillies & Mares) 1100m:

Piquant – late withdrawal at 4.28pm when the mare refused to load. Stewards ordered all monies wagered on *Piquant* be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 4.28pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

First: *Hu Hit Hu* less 0 cents win and 1 cent place;

Second: *Naoko* less 3 cents place; and

Third: *Fairy Fragments* less 3 cents place.

After consideration of all circumstances, Trainer Mr. C. Heywood was advised a final warning would be recorded against *Piquant*.

Naoko – held up approaching the home turn and had difficulty obtaining clear running between *Fairy Fragments* and the weakening *Bella La Belle*.

Bella La Belle – raced wide throughout.

Race 6: Benchmark 58 Handicap (Colts, Geldings & Entire) 1100m:

Coasting – raced wide throughout.

Good Verdict – slow to begin (2L); held up in the early part of the straight and near the 150m, was disappointed for a run between *Bee Double Bee* and *Coasting* and was obliged to shift out abruptly to continue into clear running.

Bring a Beer Along – broke through the front gates of its allotted barrier stall and cantered a short distance before being returned to the barriers; underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to start; rider K. Dunbar stated his mount did not fully appreciate the rain affected going; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Nothing – held up for clear running in the early part of the straight and near the 200m, was disappointed for a run between *Coasting* and *Ridgi Ridge* and became further held up; was unable to be fully tested over the final 100m when unable to obtain clear running.

Kezaam – when questioned regarding his riding of *Kezaam* throughout the event, rider G. Ryan stated he was instructed to have his mount settle in a handy position however on jumping, he was buffeted between *Coasting* and *Bee Double Bee*. He added he rode forward in an endeavour to comply with his instructions, however it became apparent he would be unable to obtain a handy position with cover, so he elected to restrain and settled in a position

worse than midfield. He added if he remained racing to the outside of *Coasting*, he would have ultimately been caught up to six wide without cover in the middle stages. He added near the 700m, he obtained a position between *Good Verdict* and the eventual winner *Bee Double Bee* at which point his mount commenced to hang out and he became concerned that the gelding had gone amiss as its action changed and it felt very uncomfortable. He added from the 700m to the home turn, his mount continued to hang out and he was further trying to correct it by using the whip in the left hand down the shoulder and its action did not improve. He added on straightening, the gelding balanced up fairly, however it dipped on several occasions in the straight. He added once *Kezaam* became somewhat balanced in the straight, it surprisingly found the line fairly, however in his opinion it took ground off weakening runners in the straight. G. Ryan further added he had previously ridden *Kezaam* in its trackwork when it was trained by Mr. D. Hyde at Dubbo and the horse had then exhibited a short, stabby and abnormal action and was very uncomfortable within itself. When questioned, Trainer Mr. D. Parsons stated he has had *Kezaam* in work for approximately five months and today was the gelding's second race start under his care. He added the horse has displayed a short, stabby action throughout its trackwork however once it is sufficiently warmed-up, its action becomes more fluent. He added he anticipated *Kezaam* to settle in a handy position today – possible fourth or fifth – and he removed the blinkers from its approved racing gear in an endeavour to help it settle better and run out a strong 1100m – a distance at which it had previously won. He added he became concerned in the middle stages that something had gone amiss with the gelding however when *Kezaam* returned to the mounting enclosure and appeared well within itself, he was at a loss to explain the occurrence. He added he would likely engaged the services of an experienced licensed veterinarian to conduct a thorough examination of the gelding to determine any underlying issues that may be the cause of the gelding's abnormal action; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer Mr. D. Parsons was advised *Kezaam* would be required to undergo a thorough veterinary examination, with the results of such examination provided to the Stewards prior to *Kezaam* barrier trialling to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

Kingston – raced wide throughout.

Dart Street – over the final stages, was hampered by *Bee Double Bee*, which ran out under pressure.

Bee Double Bee – laid in under pressure in the early part of the straight and over the final stages, ran out.

General:

Samples were obtained from **all** winners and the following runners:

Race 2: *Duntroon Man*.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Race 4: R. Brewer – AR137(a) – careless riding.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 6: <i>Kezaam</i> (Trainer D. Parsons) – full veterinary examination.
Warnings:	Race 4: <i>Piquant</i> (Trainer C. Heywood) - difficult to load.
Trials:	Race 6: <i>Kezaam</i> (Trainer D. Parsons) – poor performance.
Change of tactics:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 2: App. Ms. K. Bell Pitomac – minor injury to elbow.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.