

**Stewards Report  
Gunnedah Jockey Club  
Riverside RACECOURSE**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Weather:** Hot

**Track:** Good (3)

**Rail:** True

**Stewards:** S Cullen (Chairman), M Purse, C McIntosh & L Martin (Trainee).

**Riding Changes:**

Race 6: T Wolfgram replaced J Watkins (ill)

B Cray replaced J Rogers (ill)

**Race 1: Maiden Handicap 1000m**

**Ingar** – withdrawn at 1.12pm when found to be lame in the near hind leg by the club's veterinary officer. Trainer Mr. G Andrews was advised that prior to racing again, Ingar must undergo a veterinary examination to determine its fitness.

**Billy's Tune** – was withdrawn at 1.15pm after dislodging P Graham at the start and then being fractious and becoming cast in the barriers. When correct weight was declared it was ordered that all bets made on Ingar and Billy's Tune refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers placed prior to 1.12pm be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1<sup>st</sup> One More Legend – 6 cents Win & 10 cents Place

2<sup>nd</sup> Smart Move – 7 cents Place

3<sup>rd</sup> Bushie's Crumpet – 5 cents Place

Further, it was ordered that all bets made between 1.12pm and 1.15pm be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1<sup>st</sup> – 4 cents Win & 7 cents Place

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4 cents Place

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 cents Place

Trainer Mr. G O'Brien was advised that prior to racing again, Billy's Tune must perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial.

**Star Express** – was bumped heavily at the start, then raced greenly and was buffeted between runners in the early stages.

**Pervenche** – began awkwardly, shifted out abruptly and bumped with Star Express.

**Peanut Vendor** – began awkwardly and was slow away.

**Race 2: F & M Benchmark 58 Handicap 1000m**

**Sugar Lane** – began awkwardly and was slow away. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare displayed a slow recovery rate. Trainer Mr. C Thurston said that Sugar Lane would be spelled.

**Mon Petite Fille** – slow to begin, then crowded shortly after the start.

**Purest** – slow to begin.

**Race 3: C, G & E Benchmark 58 Handicap 1000m**

**Redirect** – was flatfooted at the start and lost ground (2L).

**Not In The Nick** – began awkwardly.

**Race 4: Maiden Plate 1300m**

**Real Long Tom** – slow to begin, then had to be checked when racing ungenerously in restricted room rounding the 1000m turn. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

**Think Of Legend** – was hampered and carried wider rounding the 1000m turn.

**Time For Us** – raced wide with no cover. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

**Sir Leo** – slow to begin.

**Normality** – slow to begin.

**Queens** – was hampered and carried wider rounding the 1000m turn. B Hodder (Dad's Blaze), pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR137a), in that she directed her mount outwards at the entrance to the home straight, when insufficiently clear of **Time For Us** which was carried out into the path of **Kennywyn**, which when being steadied was forced into the running of **Queens**, which was hampered significantly and shifted out abruptly. Taking into account the material extent of the interference, B Hodder's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence 21/1/19 and expire 25/1/19, on which day she may resume.

**Schooner Or Later** – was carried wider rounding the turn at the 1000m.

**Rehamla** – slow to begin, then hung out and ran wide rounding the turn at the 1000m

**Dad's Blaze** – hung out and ran wide rounding the 1000m turn.

**Race 5: Maiden Plate 1600m**

**Kliftee** – missed the start (2L).

**Artefiori** – slow to begin.

**Bunny Hopper** – missed the start (3L).

**Miss Bowjangles** – raced wide without cover.

**Queen Isla** – slow to begin.

**Race 6: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1600m**

**St Luke** – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

**Bring The Joy** – was fractious in the barrier, slow to begin and could not muster speed in the early stages, then raced without cover when attempting to improve inside the 900m.

**Bon Bon** – was momentarily crowded passing the 1000m.

**Meishou** – slow to begin.

**Race 7: Class 3 Handicap 1300m**

**Thermosa** – when questioned M Cahill explained that because of the increased distance of today's race he was instructed to obtain cover in the early stages. He said that after beginning well he obtained cover behind the leaders and his mount travelled strongly, with a tendency to over race. He said that approaching the home turn he felt that Thermosa was travelling well enough to win, however when he attempted to force a run inside In Bengal at the entrance to the home straight, he was bumped heavily and pushed back in and after this despite a run being apparent between Dan Roy and The Equinator, his mount could not improve and was unbalanced. He added that Thermosa weakened from the 150m. Trainer Mr. R Robb confirmed the instructions and said that despite the length of time between races he was confident of a forward showing. He

expressed disappointment with the gelding's finishing effort and said that in hindsight it may have been more advantageous to lead today as has been the case over shorter distance races. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. Mr. Robb subsequently reported (16/1/19), that Thermosa had recovered well and he intended to continue the preparation with Thermosa to be nominated for a 1400m event at Parkes 26/1/19 as it is the intention of connections to achieve a start in that districts Country Championship Heat and he said that if Thermosa drew a favourable barrier, whoever rode it at Parkes, would be instructed to lead.

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

**Summary of whip use**

<b>Race 3: M Partridge – Jazzee Nicc</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 4: T Wolfgram - Queens</b>	7 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 5: B Cray – Queen Isla</b>	7 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 7: A Skerritt – Dan Roy</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m

Considering the totality of use no action was taken.

**Swabs:** Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Ingar, Miss Breffni, Platina, Enigami, Mon Petite Fille, & Valdero.**

**SUMMARY**

<b>Fines</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Suspensions</b>	<b>Race 4: B Hodder – (AR137a) careless riding 21/1/19 until 25/1/19 – can ride</b>
<b>Reprimands</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Warnings</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Trials</b>	<b>Race 1: Billy's Tune – fractious in the barriers</b>
<b>Bleeders</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Falls and injury</b>	<b>Race 1: P Graham – behind the barriers - uninjured</b>
<b>Certificates</b>	<b>Race 1: Ingar – lame near hind</b>
<b>Follow Up</b>	<b>Nil</b>

<b>Tactics notified</b>	<b>Nil</b>
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