

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Monday 20 August 2018

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (4), Good (3) retrospective of Race 3  
Rail: True

**STEWARDS:** M A Holloway (Chairman), N M Daniels & J Penfold

### SUPPLEMENTARY STEWARDS REPORTS

Clarence River Jockey Club, GRAFTON RACECOURSE, Wednesday 11 July 2018

#### RACE 5: Class 2 Handicap 1600m

**It's Relative** – Jockey M. Cahill was found guilty of a charge of careless riding, under AR137(a), in that as the rider of *Husson's Pride* he did approaching the 150m permit his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Dark Image* which was carried in and tightened **It's Relative** onto the heels of *Social Conquest* which shifted out and tightened **It's Relative** back onto the heels of *Dark Image* before it clipped that runners heels, fell and dislodged its rider B. Looker, resulting in both that rider and horse falling into the path of *Found Out* and *Denver* both of which fell and dislodged their riders, Jake Hull and Josh Adams respectively. M. Cahill's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Thursday 30 August 2018 and to expire on Saturday 8 September 2018, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty, stewards acknowledged that M. Cahill had only partly contributed to the incident.

Jockey R. Stewart was found guilty of a charge of careless riding, under AR137(a), in that as the rider of *Social Conquest* he did approaching the 150m permit his mount to shift out when not clear of **It's Relative** which, whilst already racing in restricted room, was further tightened out onto the heels of *Dark Image* before clipping that runners heels, falling and dislodging its rider B. Looker, resulting in both that rider and horse falling into the path of *Found Out* and *Denver* which both fell and dislodged their riders, Jake Hull and Josh Adams respectively. R. Stewart's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Thursday 30 August 2018 and to expire on Friday 14 September 2018, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty, stewards acknowledged that R. Stewart had only partly contributed to the incident.

#### RACE 1: F&M Class 1 Handicap 1000m

**Anh Yeu Em** – Slow to begin and buffeted between runners shortly after. Near the 800m was steadied, and inclined to lay out, when momentarily tightened for room. Inclined to hang out in the middle stages.

**Bettigood** – Slow to begin and buffeted between runners shortly after the start.

**Essemess** – Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

**Laura's Star** – Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Shifted out and bumped another runner whilst obtaining clear running at the entrance to the straight. Hampered passing the 200m.

**Miss River Belle** – Bumped shortly after the start. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

**Samantha's Gold** – Passing the 900m was eased after laying out onto heels.

**Sister Bertrille** – Began awkwardly. Raced very wide in the early and middle stages. Bumped and ran wide rounding the home turn.

**The Eulo Queen** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Bumped at the entrance to the straight.

**Vivid Image** – Pulled rounding the first turn.

### **RACE 2: Maiden Plate 1100m**

**Abb Roy** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Raced greenly in the early part of the straight.

**Ballybrack** – As J. Watkins was ill stewards permitted J. Adams to replace him as the rider of the gelding. J. Watkins was advised that he requires a doctors certificate, detailing his incapacity to ride, prior to his next race ride. Overraced between the 900m and 600m.

**Dream A Lot** – Began awkwardly. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Globite's Jayar** – Shifted in abruptly under pressure approaching the 200m.

**Gypsy Aria** – Laid out rounding the home turn.

**Hidden Storm** – Began awkwardly and steadied when tightened between runners shortly after. Overraced in the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Lunar Tramp** – Slow to begin. Shortly after the start was eased when carried in across the heels of *Ballybrack*, which shifted out slightly, by *Thorapest* which shifted in. Jockey R. Spokes (*Thorapest*) was asked to exercise more care in similar circumstances. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Inclined to lay out under pressure down the straight.

**Mustaknown** – Raced very wide in the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Thorapest** – Overraced rounding the first turn.

### **RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1100m**

**Arcadian Shores** – Slow to begin and threw its head up shortly after.

**Boyles** – Inclined to overrace and hang out in the middle stages.

**Bubbles De Beer** - Slow to begin.

**Miss Showgirl** – Laid out at the entrance to the straight.

**Monster High** – Blundered near the 1000m. Raced greenly and lost ground approaching the 900m. Carried wider at the entrance to the straight.

**My Cousin Longy** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Night Manager** – Began awkwardly and steadied when tightened between runners shortly after.

**Red All Day** – Laid out rounding the first turn and home turn.

**Soul Testa** – Passing the 200m was obliged to ease out around heels to improve.

**Styk At It** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Superbank** – Raced wide from the 700m. Inclined to lay out under pressure down the straight.

**Vacate** – Laid out under pressure passing the 200m.

#### **RACE 4: Class 3 Handicap 1700m**

**Arlington Heights** – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to be mildly lame in the near fore leg (1/5). Trainer Mr J. Shelton was advised that the gelding requires a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to its next race start.

**Defence Witness** – Began awkwardly. Laid out under pressure at the entrance to the straight. Laid out under pressure over the final 100m.

**Field of Fire** - Jockey J. Taylor will be interviewed regarding his whip use prior to the 100m at a date to be fixed.

**Fusi Fox** – Apprentice K. Wilson-Taylor (*Defence Witness*), in the presence of his master B. Dodson, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding, under AR137(a), in that near the 1200m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Fusi Fox** which was checked to avoid his mounts heels. K. Wilson-Taylor's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 28 August 2018 and to expire on Sunday 2 September 2018, on which day he may ride. Passing the 600m was steadied after improving onto heels.

**Lope De Lope** – Carried out over the final 100m.

**Saint Element** – Slow to begin. Inclined to overrace in the early stages.

**Tonna Power** – Between the 250m and 150m was eased for a number of strides after persisting for a narrow run to the outside of *Saint Element* which laid out under pressure at that point. Ms T. Harrison (*Saint Element*) was issued a reprimand (AR137(a)).

### **RACE 5: Maiden Handicap 1700m**

**Blythe** – Bumped on jumping. Raced wide, and inclined to overrace, in the early and middle stages.

**Ferrara** – Slow to begin and bumped shortly after.

**Hologram** – Bumped on jumping.

**Indisputable** – Bumped on jumping.

**Lord Morpheus** – Blundered on jumping and became unbalanced when bumped shortly after. Raced wide from the 700m.

**Onset** – Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

**Queachy (GB)** - Bumped near the 150m.

**Taikun Prince** – Eased after improving into insufficient racing room near the 600m.

**Tam O'Shanter** – Approaching the 1400m was checked and shifted in abruptly after improving into an awkward position inside the heels of *El Casco*. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages. Bumped near the 150m.

**Tang Dynasty** – Eased after improving onto heels near the 600m. Approaching the 200m became held up on heels and was unable to improve until shifting out into clear running approaching the 100m.

**Vondaye** - Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

**You'll Think of Me** – Began awkwardly.

### **RACE 6: Benchmark 66 Handicap 1400m**

**Carry On Jake** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey J. Hull stated that his mount was obliged to race three wide without cover throughout the early and middle stages and travelled only fairly. J. Hull added his mount failed to let down in the straight and was disappointing in its run to the line. When questioned, trainer Mr P. Cunningham stated the geldings best form is on rain affected going and in his opinion it did not appreciate the dry track conditions today. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Dustman** – When questioned regarding an apparent improved performance of the gelding trainer Mr T. Fletcher stated that at its most recent start the gelding settled at the rear of the field and was obliged to race wide as its rider attempted to avoid the heavy dust kickback. Mr Fletcher added that when the gelding balanced up in the straight, the leaders had already sprinted and it was unable to make significant ground on them. Mr Fletcher added the gelding had been competitive at its two starts prior to this, in stronger company than that today.

**Galiano** – Pulled throughout the middle stages.

**Madam Kate** – Laid out under pressure over the final 200m.

**Melted Moments** – Overraced rounding the first turn and throughout the middle stages. Inclined to lay in under pressure down the straight.

**Push the Sky Away** – Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

### **RACE 7: C,G&E Class 1 Handicap 1000m**

**Aimalac Balsa** – Unable to be fully tested between the entrance to the straight and 250m when awkwardly placed inside heels. Laid out under pressure over the final 200m. Jockey B. Looker was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts right out to the finish line.

**Dux Nutz** – Blundered rounding the first turn after shifting in, whilst overracing, and clipping the heel of *Rock the House*. Bumped near the 100m.

**Hashtag Hero** – As G. Colless was overweight stewards permitted J. Taylor to replace him as the rider of the gelding. G. Colless was fined \$100 (AR120(b)). Raced very wide in the early and middle stages.

**Homeland Security** – Bumped near the 100m.

**Jameslea World** – Shifted out under pressure passing the 200m.

**Marokawa** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Inclined to lay out rounding the home turn. Carried wider passing the 200m.

**Plectrum** – Carried wider passing the 200m.

**Rock the House** – Overraced rounding the first turn.

**Shark Creek** – Trainer Mr P. Clark was advised that a warning would be placed on the competitiveness of the gelding which was down 900m in journey today and beaten 17.29L. Mr Clarke was advised that should the gelding perform in a similar manner again, regardless of whether it is suited to the distance of the event or not, it will be ordered to barrier trial and expected to be competitive in such trial. Apprentice Ms C. Graham was reprimanded for using her whip on a horse out of contention (AR137A(4)(c)).

**Star of Pompeii** – Laid out under pressure down the straight. Approaching the 50m was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve.

**Whonicked De Lolly** – Inclined to overrace in the middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

### **RACE 8: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1200m**

**Better Be Good** – Slow to begin. Inclined to overrace rounding the first turn. Steadied after improving onto heels near the 600m. Near the 200m was eased and shifted out around heels to continue to improve when disappointed for a run.

**Ghetto Boy** – Pulled whilst being restrained approaching the first turn.

**Ilia** – Began awkwardly.

**Magic Beneteau** – Slow to begin. Passing the 1000m was steadied after improving onto heels. Steadied when tightened for room near the 800m. Laid out passing the 600m. Ran wide rounding the home turn. Inclined to lay in under pressure down the straight. Apprentice K. Wilson-Taylor will be interviewed regarding his whip use prior to the 100m at a date to be fixed.

**Tycoon Rossa** – Eased after improving onto heels near the 600m.

**Young Huit** – Slow to begin.

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

Race	Rider ( <b>Horse</b> )	Additional Strikes
2	Ms K. Stanley ( <b>Canny Watch</b> )	1
3	K. Wilson-Taylor ( <b>Vacate</b> )	2
	J. Bayliss ( <b>Dukatti</b> )	1
4	K. Wilson-Taylor ( <b>Defence Witness (NZ)</b> )	2
	M. McGuren ( <b>Lope De Lope</b> )	1
	Ms C. Frater-Hill ( <b>Fusi Fox</b> )	1
5	Ms O. Pickering ( <b>Hologram</b> )	1
6	K. Wilson-Taylor ( <b>My Boy Louie</b> )	2

Swab samples were taken from all winners and **Lucky for Some**.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 7: G. Colless - \$100 (AR120(b))
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 4: Ms T. Harrison (AR137(a)) Race 7: Ms C. Graham (AR137A(4)(c))
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Supplementary: M. Cahill 30/08/2018 – 08/09/2018 (AR137(a)) Supplementary: R. Stewart 30/08/2018 – 14/09/2018 (AR137(a)) Race 4: K. Wilson-Taylor 28/8/2018 – 2/9/2018 (AR137(a))
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 7: <b>Shark Creek</b> - uncompetitive
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 2: J. Watkins – ill Race 4: <b>Arlington Heights</b> – lame near fore (1/5)
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	Race 4: J. Taylor – whip use Race 7: K. Wilson-Taylor – whip use