

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Racing Orange TOWAC PARK RACECOURSE, ORANGE

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

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

**COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS:** *T.W Smith (Chairman) & S.P. Fitzgerald.*

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#### **Riding changes:**

As Q. Krogh was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted the following rider substitutions:

Race 1:	A. Morgan on <i>Claude's Choice</i> .
Race 2:	A. Banks on <i>Izzonsong</i> .
Race 4:	A. Morgan on <i>Dragon's Shadow</i> .

#### **Race 1: Maiden Handicap 1280m:**

**Royal Etiquette** – slow to begin; rounding the home turn was disappointed for a run between *Jesseira* and *Miss Merlin*; over the final stages, was steadied when hampered by *Claude's Choice*; when questioned, rider A. Banks reported his mount was under pressure throughout the entirety of the event and was a beaten conveyance well before straightening. He added that in his opinion the gelding may not have handled the Good (3) track and may be better suited on softer tracks; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

**Yawkhawk** – rider Ms. L. Henry was reminded of her obligations to ride her mounts out fully to the finishing line with full vigour.

**Stone** – rider C. Gallagher accidentally dropped his whip near the 300m; laid out under pressure over the final stages.

**Alpine Royal** – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit; raced wide throughout.

**Bob's Angel** – slow to begin.

**Claude's Choice** – rider A. Morgan reported his mount laid out under pressure in the straight.

**Jesseira** – checked near the 500m after improving onto the heels of *Alpine Royal*.

**Magic Gift** – late withdrawal at 11.20am after becoming fractious on the float during transport to the course.

**Thelma Pearl** – slow to begin; beaten 18.99L; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. Trainer Mr. M. Lunn advised *Thelma Pearl* would now be spelled. Acting on this assurance no action was taken against the mare

#### **Race 2: Maiden Plate 1000m:**

**Daashur** – rider J. Pracey-Holmes was reprimanded (AR131(b)) for failing to ride his mount out fully to the finishing line.

**Star for Effort** – raced wide throughout.

**Revojet** – slow to begin.

**Valen Galtero** – bumped the running rail near the 600m and was unbalanced.

**Dobe Super** – slow to begin; a post-race veterinary examination revealed a small laceration to a hock.

**Kohinoor Road** – steadied near the 500m when racing tight to the inside of *Daashur*, laid in throughout the early part of the straight and was unable to obtain a fully unimpeded run until near the 250m.

**Maci Tess** – slow to begin; laid in under pressure in the straight and was shifted in to continue into clear running; near the 200m, was steadied after improving onto the heels of *Peaches Terine*; shifted in further to continue into clear running; over the final 100m, was steadied after laying out across the heels of *Daashur* when endeavouring to improve to the inside of that runner.

**Global Challenge** – checked when crowded on jumping; laid in under pressure in the straight.

**Peaches Terine** – laid in under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride; raced very greenly under pressure in the straight; near the 200m, was checked when crowded by *Kohinoor Road* (Ms. E. Webster-Hawes), which shifted out to improve. Ms. E. Webster-Hawes was reprimanded (AR131(a)); a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

### **Race 3: Maiden Plate 1600m:**

**Buddabadah** – ran out over the final 50m.

**El Jay** – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start; hampered near the 250m when *Rose Spectacular* shifted out to improve.

**Goodradigbee** – ran out over the final 100m.

**Island Beau** – bumped with *Kiria* on jumping; raced wide throughout.

**Soy Yo** – slow to begin; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. Trainer Ms. D. Prest advised Soy Yo would now be retired. Acting on this assurance no action was taken against the gelding.

**Cloudless Sky** – rider App. Ms. A. Stanley reported her mount hung out throughout the event and was difficult to ride in the straight. She added she was required to cease riding and straighten her mount on several occasions in the straight; a post-race veterinary examination revealed an injury to the right fore suspensory ligament (2/5 lame). Trainer Mr. P. Stanley was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required before the mare is permitted to race or trial again.

**Linden Way** – slow to begin.

### **Race 4: Benchmark 66 Handicap 1600m:**

**Catalanic** – rider Ms. L. Henry reported her mount had previously won a very weak 2700m non-TAB race and today was under pressure some distance from the finish before weakening

in the straight. She added *Catalanic* would be benefited by the run and being stepped up in distance; a post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than usual recovery rate.

**The Towers** – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start; jumped awkwardly and shifted out; overraced in the early and middle stages.

**Just on Spec** – crowded shortly after the start; held up and was steadied on straightening when awkwardly placed near the heels of the weakening *Catalanic*; had difficulty obtaining a fully unimpeded run in the straight.

**Just Schillin'** – slow to begin.

**Ticket to Fly** – raced wide throughout; overraced in the early and middle stages; a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (3/5) in the left fore leg. Trainer Mr. M. Schmetzer was advised that a veterinary clearance will be required before the gelding is permitted to race or trial again.

#### **Race 5: Class 2 Handicap 1300m:**

**Reward for Silence** – blundered shortly after the start.

**Breaking Cover** – when questioned, rider B. Ward stated at no stage of the event did his mount feel comfortable and he was obliged to continually encourage his mount to maintain contact with the field. He added he became concerned with his mount's action in the straight and for this reason he desisted from placing his mount under any undue pressure; Trainer Mr. M. Gee stated *Breaking Cover* would now be spelled; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. Mr Gee was advised that *Breaking Cover* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards before being permitted to race again.

**Vonngutesque** – overraced in the early stages.

**Miss Charlie** – shifted in from the wide barrier to obtain cover in the early stages; held up rounding the home turn when racing to the inside of *Heeby Frenly*, which was weakening.

**Heeby Frenly** – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. Trainer Mr. P. Theobald advised *Heeby Frenly* would now be retired. Acting on this assurance no action was taken against the gelding.

#### **Race 6: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1000m:**

**It's Business Time** – raced wide throughout.

**Supreme Gem** – slow to begin.

**Mum's the Word** – slow to begin; improved onto the heels of *Supreme Gem* on straightening and was steadied.

**And There is More** – slow to begin.

**Call Me Trinity** – raced wide throughout.

**Ticked Off** – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after getting its head down in the barriers and was passed fit to start; hung out rounding the home turn.

**Dynamite Dan** – when questioned regarding his riding, rider K. Dunbar stated he was given no specific instruction however given his mounts usual racing pattern, he was hoping to find a position on the speed. He added his mount began well and showed early speed, however was beaten for speed by runners to his inside and he was ultimately obliged to race wide without the cover throughout. He added his mount hung out rounding the home turn and continued to

hang and proved difficult to ride in the early part of the straight. He added near the 150m, the gelding changed lead legs and in his opinion became more tractable, where he commenced to ride his mount out, where it made some ground over the final stages. Trainer Mr. M. Milton confirmed the instructions issued to K. Dunbar and advised although the gelding had drawn a wide barrier, it performs best on single turn tracks, so he elected to start the gelding today. He added *Dynamite Dan* trialed on Sunday 16 February 2020 and perhaps today it had not handled the quick back-up. He added *Dynamite Dan* is an enigmatic horse and has shown a proclivity to hang in its races and today he shared the opinion of K. Dunbar that the horse had hung and proved difficult to ride. He added despite that, he was of the opinion *Dynamite Dan* could have been placed under greater pressure in the early part of the straight; a post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than usual recovery rate. Stewards advised rider K. Dunbar that his riding in the middle stages and early part of the straight lacked the required judgement of a rider of his experience and he should always ride his mounts in a manner as not to raise query.

**Summary of whip use:**

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR132(7)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race 3:	B. Cray – 6 times prior to 100m.
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**General:**

Samples were obtained from **all** winners.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 2: J Pracey-Holmes – AR131(b) Race 2: Ms E Webster-Hawes – AR131(a)
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 3: <b>Cloudless Sky</b> – Lamé 2/5 - right foreleg Race 4: <b>Ticket to Fly</b> – Lamé 3/5 – left foreleg
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 5: <b>Breaking Cover</b> – Poor performance
<b>Change of tactics:</b>	Nil
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Gear Changes:</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil