

**Stewards Report
Gunnedah Jockey Club
Riverside RACECOURSE**

Saturday 23rd February 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Firm (2)
Rail: True

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman) & L Martin (Trainee).

Riding Changes:

Nil

Race 1: Maiden Plate 1000m

Al Guns A Dancer – raced erratically in the early stages, became unbalanced and shifted in near the 900m, then continued to race greenly throughout.

Friendly Venture – was hampered and carried wider passing the 300m.

Mighty Success – was crowded at the start.

Bowcani – was crowded and bumped heavily near the 900m, then became unbalanced and lost ground when racing greenly passing the 600m.

Race 2: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1000m

Cheljoe – missed the start (2L).

Jazzee Nicc – began awkwardly.

Race 3: Maiden Handicap 1400m

Star Express – began awkwardly, then raced in restricted room and could not go forward for some distance approaching the home turn.

Princess Consort – missed the start (2L). Trainer Mr. S Osland was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on the filly's racing record.

Ancascocha – slow to begin.

Soho Flyer – slow to begin.

Promisorio – trainer Mr. M Schmetzer was advised that the mare must perform competitively in an official barrier trial prior to racing again.

Race 4: Benchmark 50 Handicap 1300m

Red Viking – trainer Mr. G Woodward was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on the gelding's racing record.

Bid To Fame – became unbalanced when racing in restricted room near the 1000m.

Moree Dreaming – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Currabub – stable representative Mr. T Grills was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on the mare's racing record.

Purest – C Van Der Werf, the rider of In Bengal Pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR137a), in that passing the 1000m, she allowed her mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Purest** which was crowded onto Bid To Fame, blundered and had to be checked severely. C Van Der Werf's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence Wednesday 27/2/19 and expire Wednesday 6/3/19, on which day she may resume.

Infinite Advantage – crowded and became unbalanced passing the 1000m.

Race 5: Benchmark 58 Handicap 2050m

Bells 'N' Bows – missed the start (2L).

Hammoon Dancer – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Big Roy – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Hussonplaza – began awkwardly and was slow away.

Race 6: Class 1 Handicap 1000m

Trainer Ms. M Dennett (AR140A (2) and rider G Ryan were each fined \$100 (AR140A (3), for their respective roles in having Lots Of Diamonds

presented at the mounting yard with the incorrect saddlecloth number fitted.

Empathy – when questioned J Hull explained his mount travelled relatively well during the early and middle stages, however when placed under pressure approaching the home turn it failed to respond due in his opinion to the firm racing surface and felt uneven in its action. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Dream Project – was crowded at the start, blundered and lost considerable ground (5L).

Miss Honeyflow – was crowded at the start and became unbalanced.

Summary of whip use

Race 2: G Ryan – Mum’s The Word	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 3: J Pracey-Holmes – Eurodane G Ryan – Rockatoo	6 strikes prior to the 100m 6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 5: S Joseph – Bells’N’Bows	7 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: **Friendly Venture, Audit Match & Felicette.**

SUMMARY

Fines	Race 6: M Dennett - \$100 (AR140A(2)) G Ryan - \$100 (AR140A(3))
Suspensions	Race 4: C Van Der Werf – (AR137a) – 27/2/19 until 6/3/19 (can ride)
Reprimands	Nil
Warnings	Race 3: Princess Consort – poor performance Race 4: Red Viking – poor performance Currabub – poor performance
Trials	Race 3: Promisorio – uncompetitive
Bleeders	Nil
Falls and injury	Nil
Certificates	Nil

Tactics notified	Nil
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