

STEWARDS REPORT

Tweed River Jockey Club MURWILLUMBAH RACECOURSE

Monday 23 March 2020

Weather: Fine / Showers
Track: Good (4)
Rail: True

COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS: M. A. Holloway (Chairman) & R. W. Loughlin

RACE 1: Maiden Plate 1010m:

Degradgra – As J. Watkins was overweight stewards permitted J. Bayliss to replace him as the rider of the gelding. J. Watkins will be interviewed at a date to be fixed. Slow to begin.

Dragon Pursuit – As apprentice S. Tomlinson was injured stewards permitted apprentice Ms I. Rabjones to replace him as the rider of the filly. S. Tomlinson was advised that he requires a doctors clearance prior to his next race ride. Declared a late scratching by order of stewards at 1.59pm after the filly refused to load into the barriers. Stewards ordered that all wagers on the filly be refunded and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 1.59pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket, 0 cents the win and 1 cent the place for 1st (*Triple The Fun*), 19 cents the place for 2nd (*Krustallos*) and 17 cents the place for 3rd (*Lonny Lonny*). Trainer Mr D. Graham was advised that the filly is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

Motown Minx – Slow to begin. Raced greenly in the early stages. Hung out rounding the first turn. Inclined to hang out in the middle stages and rounding the home turn.

No Harm Done – Slow to begin.

RACE 2: Open Handicap 1530m:

Desmon's Pride – Unable to improve between the 600m and 400m when held up on heels.

Ecker Road – Laid out approaching and rounding the home turn.

Jakuta – Unable to improve approaching the home turn when held up on heels.

Melted Moments – Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early and middle stages.

Sidero Star – Slow to begin.

RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1530m:

Braddock Down – Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early stages.

Keyhole – Passing the 500m became held up on heels and was unable to improve until shortly after straightening.

Ventures Sight – Slow to begin.

RACE 4: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1530m:

Above the Sky - Eased from heels approaching the 1200m. Travelled wide, without cover, from the 600m.

Bayendi – Blundered on jumping. Laid out under pressure down the straight.

Delius - Bumped shortly after the start. Eased from heels approaching the 1200m. Checked after improving onto heels passing the 1200m.

Tempa Mental - Checked after improving onto heels near the 1200m. The saddle on the mare slipped back near the 1200m.

The Equalizer – Slow to begin. Checked after improving onto heels near the 1200m. Travelled keenly in the middle stages.

The Memory Man – Bumped shortly after the start. Checked after improving onto heels near the 1200m. Raced wide, without cover, throughout the middle stages. Laid in approaching the 100m. Apprentice J. Barrie reported that his saddle shifted back slightly throughout the event.

RACE 5: Class 2 Handicap 1100m:

Ajani – Raced wide, with cover, throughout the early and middle stages.

Angels Love – Slow to begin.

Belle's Pluck – Travelled keenly in the early and middle stages. Steadied after improving onto heels near the 600m.

Beat Za Drum – Blundered on jumping. Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

Plateau Pearl – Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early and middle stages.

She Za Boss – Momentarily held up on heels passing the 400m.

Unimpeded – Began awkwardly. Laid in approaching the first turn. Travelled keenly in the early and middle stages. Raced wide, without cover, from the 600m. Inclined to lay out in the early part of the straight.

RACE 6: Maiden Handicap 1200m:

Compliance – Dropped its head as the start was effected and lost ground.

Hollywood AI – Slow to begin.

Kalani Gold – Laid out rounding the first turn. Inclined to lay out rounding the home turn and down the straight.

Look A'like – Slow to begin. Overraced fiercely in the early stages.

Mcgrady – Slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Scamp's Pride – Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early and middle stages. Momentarily eased from heels passing the 200m.

RACE 7: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1200m:

Beyond Desire – Began awkwardly.

Christmas Creek – Apprentice Ms I. Rabjones was reminded of her obligation to rider her mounts out right to the finish line.

Coach – Change of tactics, to be ridden further forward, settled handy. Raced in restricted room approaching and passing the 100m.

Cubix – Threw its head shortly after the start. Hung in approaching and passing the 100m and was unable to be fully tested.

Game Set Match (NZ) – Bumped shortly after the start. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Sidekiss – Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early and middle stages.

William - Bumped shortly after the start. Near the 900m and 800m was eased when racing in restricted room.

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 (Horse)	Additional Strikes
2	Ms I. Rabjones (Melted Moments)	1
	Ms S. Thornton (Fanx)	1

Swab samples were taken from all winners, **Triple the Fun**, **Krustallos** and **Aunty Snow**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials	Race 1: Dragon Pursuit – refused to load
Certificates:	Race 1: S. Tomlinson - injured
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Tactics Notified:	Race 7: Coach – ridden further forward, settled handy
Follow up:	Race 1: J. Watkins - overweight