

STEWARDS REPORT

Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Monday 23 September 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4), Good (3) retrospective Race 3
Rail: +4.5m 1600m – 1200m, +5.5m remainder

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

General: Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding *Rakhish (NZ)* collapsing and dying during a jump out at Grafton racecourse on the morning of Wednesday 19 June 2019. Evidence was taken from trainer, and the geldings work rider, Mr S. Henley. Mr Henley provided the treatment and veterinary history of the *Rakhish (NZ)*. Veterinarian Dr A. Giles conducted a post mortem examination of the filly and advised its symptoms are consistent with a massive pulmonary haemorrhage. A post mortem urine sample from the gelding revealed the presence of legitimate therapeutic substances, the administration of which were recorded in Mr Henley's treatment records. As the stewards were satisfied that *Rakhish (NZ)*, a horse that had bled previously, was being managed and treated in accordance with the rules of racing, no further action was taken and the matter closed.

As C. Frater-Hill, J. Golden, L. Rolls and S. Sweedman were indisposed and M. Bennett was ill, stewards permitted the following rider changes –

Race	Rider (Horse)
1	J. Bayliss (Catch Me Later), Ms E. Atkinson (Veganza)
2	L. Blanch (Lonny Lonny), M. McGillivray (Savanna Jeune), P. Graham (Lady Mantagna)
3	M. McGillivray (Seeareseven),
4	M. McGillivray (True Pride), Ms J. Worley (Col's Tiger)
5	Ms L. Cheshire (Dr Mayhem), Ms O. Pickering (Red Intuition (NZ))
6	M. McGillivray (Purple Cup), P. Graham (Complete Faith)
7	M. McGillivray (Saint Denis), J. Watkins (Bring Euro)

M. Bennett was advised that he requires a doctors certificate, detailing his incapacity to ride today.

RACE 1: Benchmark 58 Handicap 2385m

Catch Me Latar – Laid in under pressure down the straight.

Clever Dolly – Blundered on jumping.

Real Time Warrior – Pulled continuously in the early stages before being allowed to stride forward and lead the event near the 1200m.

Two Bills – Bounded on jumping. Inclined to overrace in the early stages. Laid out rounding the home turn.

Veganza – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare apprentice Ms E. Atkinson stated that her mount travelled well to the 1000m however when the field commenced to work into a sprint it was under full pressure to hold its position. Ms Atkinson added that her mount was very disappointing in its run to the line and raced like a tired horse. When questioned, trainer Ms J. Graham agreed with the sentiments of Ms Atkinson and advised the mare would be spelled. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 2: F&M Maiden Plate 1020m

Just One Minute – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner.

Lady Mantagna - Bumped near the 900m.

Lonny Lonny – Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early and middle stages. Shifted wider on the track passing the 300m. Shifted in under pressure between the 200m and 100m.

Savanna Jeune – Bumped near the 900m. Pulled approaching the 600m. Steadied after improving onto heels passing the 500m. Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Carried wider passing the 300m. Jockey M. McGillivray dropped his whip near the 200m.

Sefire – Passing the 300m was directed in around heels to continue to improve.

Toots Is Tops – Prior to the declaration of correct weight stewards considered an objection lodged by J. Bayliss, rider of the fourth placegetter **Toots Is Tops**, against *Lonny Lonny* being declared the third placegetter of the event. After viewing official video footage and taking evidence from all relevant parties stewards established that near the 150m *Lonny Lonny* shifted in and carried **Toots Is Tops** on an inward path to passing the 100m, during which time **Toots Is Tops** remained under full riding pressure. Appreciating the margin of a head on the line between the two runners, the stewards were not comfortably satisfied that the incident had a material effect on the placings and the objection was dismissed. Bumped on jumping. Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Near the 50m jockey J. Bayliss was obliged to correct his mount which shifted in.

RACE 3: C,G&E Maiden Handicap 1020m

Airdale – Hampered near the 800m. Ran wide rounding the home turn.

Blue Boy Mccombe – Slow to begin. Approaching the 800m lost ground (~3L) when checked from the heels of *Seearseven*, which hung in away from *Nice Retort*, despite the efforts of its rider. Trainer Mr D. Schmidt was advised that a warning would be placed on the racing manners of *Seearseven*.

Flying Euros – Momentarily held up on heels approaching the home turn.

Gee Tee Ay – Slow to begin.

Miracle Knight – Steadied after improving onto heels rounding the home turn.

Nice Retort – Slow to begin. Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early and middle stages. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages. Hampered near the 150m.

Seareseven – Slow to begin and buffeted between runners shortly after.

Sogeri – Laid out down the straight and proved difficult to ride with full vigour.

RACE 4: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1020m

Congregate – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner. Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early stages. Inclined to lay in under pressure down the straight.

Ilia – Pulled between the 700m and 600m.

Institution – Bumped on jumping.

Invincible Tammy – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner.

Ministry of Fear – Laid in under pressure down the straight.

Tabasco – Slow to begin.

True Pride – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner.

RACE 5: Maiden Handicap 1730m

Ausbred Nacre – Inclined to pull in the early stages.

Ausbred Trump - Inclined to pull in the early stages.

Blazing Sunrise – Blundered on jumping. Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early stages.

Don't Despair – Slow to begin. Shifted out abruptly passing the 100m.

Dr Mayhem – Blundered approaching the 1600m. Raced wide, without cover, from the 600m.

Grumble – Slow to begin. Unable to improve between the 600m and entrance to the straight when held up on heels. When questioned regarding his handling of the gelding down the straight jockey B. Looker stated that at the entrance to the straight he angled his mount wide towards a run available between *Dr Mayhem* and *Red Intuition (NZ)*. B. Looker stated that as he approached that run *Red Intuition (NZ)* commenced to shift out and, whilst a run was still available, he elected to steady and shift back inside its heels and follow race favourite, *Blazing Sunrise*. B. Looker stated that approaching the 200m he was obliged to steady his mount after it laid out behind the heels of *Patriot Missile*, which shifted in slightly. B. Looker stated at this point he considered shifting outside the heels of *Patriot Missile* however he was of the opinion that runner shifted back out and he elected to persist with a run to its inside. B. Looker stated that near the 100m he was obliged to check his mount when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Patriot Missile* when disappointed for the run to the inside by *Don't Despair* which shifted out abruptly. B. Looker stated he obtained clear running inside *Patriot Missile* shortly after at which time he was able to test his mount to the line.

Red Intuition (NZ) – Raced wide, without cover, from the 800m.

Tawhaki – Raced wide, without cover, from the 600m.

There's Always One – Inclined to pull in the middle stages.

RACE 6: Class 2 Handicap 1120m

Campari Soda – Unable to improve between the 500m and 400m when held up on heels. Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Unable to be tested over the final 50m when held up on heels.

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

Hard Merchandise – Hung out down the straight and proved difficult to ride with full vigour.

Midweek Hussler – Slow to begin. Overraced in the early stages.

Montevideo – Began awkwardly.

Purple Cup – Eased when racing in restricted room near the 1000m. Shortly after straightening was obliged to shift out around heels to continue to improve.

Spirit of Cherokee – Slow to begin. Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early stages.

Viking Raid – Near the 800m was steadied and lost ground when tightened for room by *Grove Street* which was unbalanced when bumped on the hindquarter by *Mecum* which was checked and lost its rightful running when tightened for room by *Purple Cup* which laid in away from *Spirit of Cherokee*, despite the efforts of its rider. Unable to improve between the 500m and 400m when held up on heels. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding jockey J. Bayliss stating that after receiving interference near the 800m his mount failed to travel strongly throughout the middle stages. J. Bayliss stated that after being held up approaching the home turn his mount, which was first up today, was unable to make any ground on the leaders down the straight under its heavy weight impost and he did not test it over the final 200m when a beaten horse. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 7: Class 1 Handicap 1430m

Bring Euro – Slow to begin.

Chakeela – Hampered approaching the 100m.

Hurricane Max – Shifted out under pressure passing the 150m.

Kingly – Slow to begin.

Lily of China – Inclined to hang out between the 800m and 400m.

Maquina Voladora – Near the 150m was steadied from the heels of *Ornate* which shifted out. Jockey Ms K. Stanley (*Ornate*) was reprimanded (AR131(a)).

Misty View – Eased when tightened for room approaching the first turn. Passing the 800m was eased after laying out and becoming awkwardly placed on heels. Jockey Ms L. Cheshire reported that her saddle shifted down the straight and consequently she did not place her mount under pressure over the final 200m.

Onset – Bounded on jumping. Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early and middle stages.

Ornate – Trainer Mr T. Fletcher was fined \$200 for failing to saddle the mare with a piece of packing which jockey Ms K. Stanley had provided with her saddle (AR106(1)). Slow to begin. Commenced to overrace approaching and first turn and continued throughout the middle stages. Rounding the home turn was steadied when awkwardly placed outside the heels of *Lily of China* which hung out at that point.

Tiomo – Slow to begin. Overraced approaching the first turn.

Tis Toby – Slow to begin. Raced wide, without cover, throughout the early stages. Carried wider passing the 150m.

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
1	J. Bayliss (Catch Me Latar)	1
4	R. Spokes (Ministry of Fear)	1
5	Ms L. Cheshire (Dr Mayhem)	1
	Ms S. Thornton (Don't Despair)	1
	J. Bayliss (Patriot Missile)	2
7	J. Bayliss (Hurricane Max)	1

Swab samples were taken from all winners, **Real Time Warrior** and **Moringa's Stormy**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 7: T. Fletcher - \$200 (AR106(1))
Reprimands:	Race 7: Ms K. Stanley (AR131(a))
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 3: Seeareseven – racing manners
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	General: M. Bennett - ill
Tactics Notified:	Nil
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 1: L. Blanch – whip use