

STEWARDS REPORT

Bathurst Turf Club Bathurst RACECOURSE

Tuesday 29th January 2019

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (6); upgraded to a Soft (5) (retrospectively to include Race 1) at 2:19pm; upgraded to a Good (4) at 3:30pm.

Rail: True.

Penetrometer: Nil.

COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS: M.W Purse (Chairman), C.K. McIntosh, T.P Moxon

Race 1: KENNARDS HIRE MAIDEN PLATE 1100m

Angiolini- Trainer P Green was fined the sum of \$100 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card when required to do so.

Electrified- When questioned, rider M Cahill reported that after beginning awkwardly and making contact with the offside barrier petition, he lost his near side stirrup iron and had some difficulty maintaining his balance on the gelding until nearing the 700m, where he managed to regain his stirrup iron. As a result **Electrified** raced wide and without cover for a majority of the race.

Dublin Diva- Slow to begin.

Menglis- Slow to begin.

Drifter- Raced wide.

Knight's Helmet- Became held up rounding the home turn when disappointed for a run between *Angiolini* and *Drifter*, which shifted in slightly. The gelding was then shifted to the outside whereby it secured clear running near the 300m.

Race 2: WATERMART MAIDEN HANDICAP 1300m:

Well Decorated- Near the 200m was carried wider by *Vuni*, which laid out under pressure.

Vuni- When questioned regarding his riding around the home turn and whether or not there was an opportunity for him to improve to the outside, rider G Ryan explained that approaching the home turn he elected to shift his mount to the inside in an attempt to obtain a run between *Royal Swagger* and *Gemmahra*, however when *Calaway Dancer*, who was racing to his inside on the fence managed to improve

quickly into that run, he was then left held up on the heels of that runner until near the 200m. He said that once he managed to secure clear running, his mount then commenced to lay out and proved difficult to ride out. After considering his explanation, stewards did not deem his decision to shift to the inside unreasonable, however, G Ryan agreed with stewards that it would have been more advantageous for him to improve to the outside, between *Royal Swagger* and *Well Decorated*, where he would have been able to secure clear running much sooner than he did.

Artie Fartie- Began awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Our Parisian Star- Raced wide.

Royal Swagger- Raced wide and without cover throughout. Passing the 250m had to be steadied away from the heels of *Calaway Dancer* (J Adams), which shifted out to improve when insufficiently clear to do so. J Adams was advised to exercise more care.

Reiby Rhymer- When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of **Reiby Rhymer**, Trainer J Attard explained that the mare, which was having its third start for the stable after a long spell derived a fitness benefit from its previous two starts. He added that the mare also managed to obtain a comfortable lead in the early stages whereby it managed to settle unlike its previous start at Orange on the 8th January 2019, where it overraced.

Race 3: RURAL BIN SERVICE CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE 2000m:

Captain Dan- Slow to begin.

Yorkshire Rock- A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

We Can't be Beaten- Overraced near the 1600m. Over the concluding stages, was steadied away from the heels of *Heroic Fighter* (M Bell) when that runner laid out under riding and could not be fully tested. M Bell was advised to stop and straighten his mounts when shifting ground. When questioned regarding his riding from the 600m, G Ryan stated that he was given no specific instructions other than to try and obtain cover on the gelding. He said that after following *Yorkshire Rock* throughout the event, he noticed that runner being placed under pressure by its rider near the 800m and looked to shift to the outside of that runner. However when *Yorkshire Rock* began to improve under the urgings of its rider, he elected to follow that runner further into the race to avoid making a longer sustained run. He said that approaching the 600m, when he looked to improve to the outside of *Yorkshire Rock*, he became held up on the heels of that runner when *Heroic Fighter*, quickly improved to his outside. He said that he was then able to shift his mount to the outside, rounding the home turn whereby he managed to secure clear running. Stewards agreed with G Ryan that in hindsight he should have availed himself to the opportunity to improve to the outside of *Yorkshire Rock* sooner than he did.

Race 4: BATHURST RSL CLUB BENCHMARK 66 HADICAP 1200m:

Lunar Spin- Commenced to race keenly onto the heels of *Garryfromthebull* near the 900m and was then shifted to the outside, whereby it raced wide and without cover for the remainder of the race.

Harry New Shoes- A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Worldly Pleasure- App. J Gibbons pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he did strike his mount on ten occasions prior to the 100m, five more than permitted. App J Gibbons was fined the sum of \$200. App J Gibbons was also reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(i) for using his whip on three consecutive strides before the 100m.

Elenara- When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, C Lever explained that after beginning well, his intention was to try and obtain cover on the filly, similar to its previous starts. He said that after being caught wide and without cover in the early stages, he elected to restrain his mount and obtain cover behind *Lunar Spin*, when that runner improved into a three-wide position near the 900m. He stated however that once he obtained cover behind *Lunar Spin*, he was bumped by *Fioravanti* and carried out wider and became crowded between that runner and *Harry New Shoes* and did not travel well for the remainder of the event. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Dunderry- Raced keenly in the early and middle stages and had to be restrained from the heels of *Worldly Pleasure* approaching the 900m.

Race 5: HARVEST BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP 1800m:

Art of Defence- Over the concluding stages, had to be eased when crowded between *Subway Surfer* and *Unresolved* (app. Q Yong), which shifted out when not properly clear. App Q Yong was advised to stop and straighten his mounts when shifting ground.

Subway Surfer- Raced keenly in the early stages. Hung out rounding the home turn.

Talk of the Town- Raced wide and without cover throughout.

From Pentridge- Slow to begin.

Nightspun- Slow to begin.

Race 6: BATHURST TOYOTA CLASS 1 HANDICAP 1300m:

Accountant- A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have a poor post race recovery.

All Too Good- A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

The Long Run- After beginning awkwardly, shifted out and bumped *Bedtime Stories*. Laid out under pressure over the final 100m.

Bedtime Stories- Approaching the 800m and rounding the first turn, commenced to hang out.

Single Zero- Raced wide in the early stages before being allowed to stride forward by its rider to obtain a position in the lead.

Race 7: OAK TREE RETIREMENT VILLAGE BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP 1400m:

Wacky Doo- Slow to begin.

Bounty Belle- A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have bled from both nostrils. As this was the first occasion, trainer L Bryant was advised that **Bounty Belle** was banned from racing for a period of three months and prohibited from being exercised on a track for a period of two months in accordance with the provisions of AR53A.

Café Terrace- Raced wide and without cover throughout.

See Me Out- When questioned regarding his riding from the 500m and whether there was an opportunity to make a run to the outside earlier than he did, C Lever explained that after following *Leap of Legend* throughout the event, *Leap of Legend* was then shifted to the outside approaching the home turn near 500m. He added that he did not feel it would be in the filly's best interest to shift to the outside of that runner's heels at that point of the race and sustain a wide run approaching the home turn and therefore elected to shift to the inside. He added that when it became apparent that he would become held up on the heels of the weakening *Percussion*, he then shifted the filly to the outside near the 250m, whereby he managed to secure clear running.

Percussion- Near the 600m had to be steadied away from the heels of Red Marauder, which shifted out slightly.

Leap of Legend- A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover and showing signs of mild heat stress.

Summary of whip use

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strokes 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 1	M Cahill (Electrified)	8 strikes before the 100m (including 2 consecutives)
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GENERAL:

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Dublin Diva (2), Angiolini

Race 2: Vuni,

Race 3: Cool One, We Can't Be Beaten, Hotel Amour

Race 4: Dunderry, Elenara (2)

Race 5: Naoko

Race 6: Horn, Accountant

Race 7: Respun, Bounty Belle

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 1: P Green (Angiolini) \$100 - AR59A – Failed to produce TIC when requested. Race 4: App J Gibbons (Worldly Pleasure) \$200 – AR137A(5)(a)(ii) – 10 strikes prior to the 100m.
Reprimands:	Race 4: App J Gibbons (Worldly Pleasure) AR137A(5)(a)(i)- 3 consecutive strikes before the 100m.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Race 7: Bounty Belle (L Bryant) AR53A – First occurrence. Banned from racing for 3 months.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Nil.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.