

STEWARDS REPORT

Ballina Jockey Club BALLINA RACECOURSE

Sunday 29th August 2010

Weather: Fine

Track: Heavy 8 – Slow 7 at 11.05am – Slow 6 at 2.30pm

Rail: Out 3m from 1000m to 250m where cutaway applies. True remainder

STEWARDS: C. N. Pringle (Chairman), T. S. Saladine, F. C. Worrad

RIDING CHANGES:

As S Munro (a) was unable to claim down to her riding weight the following rider changes were permitted: S Munro (a) was fined \$200 under LR 70.

Race 3	M Okada (a) on Tiffana
Race 6	E Kehoe (a) on Montana Hilton

As M Paget was indisposed the following rider change was permitted:

Race 4	G Lynch on Iona Horse
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As J P Stanley was indisposed the following riding changes were permitted:

Race 4	C Whiteley on Swift 'n' Dapper
Race 6	S Traacey on Felixtrinidad

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT:

Coffs Harbour Racing Club – Thursday 5th August 2010

Race 4: Class 2 Handicap 1400m

N Paine (**Tivoli Beau**) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 137A(5)(a)(i) in that he used the whip on 3 consecutive strides prior to the 100m. N Paine was reprimanded.

RACE 1: 4yo & Upwards Maiden Handicap 1310m

Near the 1000m **Impeding** was bumped heavily on the hindquarters by **I Fish** and became unbalanced and lost ground. **Impeding** was then inclined to hang out for the remainder of the race. For some distance after the 500m **Intenzo** was held up on the heels of the weakening **Manifest Destiny** and lost ground.

RACE 2: 3yo Country Plate 1260m

Cerro Rico blundered on jumping and shortly after was steadied when crowded by **Country Gold** which shifted in slightly. Rounding the home turn **Blushing View** was held up on the heels of the weakening **Country Gold**

and unable to improve for some distance. Stewards considered an objection lodged by the rider of **Court Success** N Paine placed 2nd against **Federer Express** (D Griffin) placed 1st alleging interference over the final 150m. It was established that after cutaway rail near the 200m **Court Success** shifted in away from **Federer Express** and at no time over the final 150m did **Federer Express** make contact with **Court Success** and went to the line without being impeded by **Federer Express**. Subsequently stewards dismissed the objection. N Paine (**Court Success**) was found guilty of a charge under AR 165(3) in that he as the rider of **Court Success** placed 2nd did lodge an objection against the winner **Federer Express** which stewards deemed to be frivolous. N Paine was fined \$200.

RACE 3: 4yo & Upwards Class 2 Handicap 1260m

Legal Diva was slow to begin. **Morinasso** was buffeted when crowded on jumping by **Aequitas** and **Rockelo**, both of which shifted ground. **Hajjar** blundered on jumping. Stewards considered an objection lodged by the rider of **Four Star Eagle** P Graham placed 2nd against **Mymysherona** (G Lynch) placed 1st alleging interference near the 900m. It was established that near the 900m **Mymysherona** shifted in away from the heels of **Aequitas** which was inclined to hang out resulting in **Four Star Eagle** being momentarily eased. Bearing in mind where the incident occurred and the way in which both runners ran to the line stewards could not have been comfortably satisfied that had this incident not occurred that **Four Star Eagle** would have beaten **Mymysherona** and therefore the objection was dismissed. At a subsequent inquiry G Lynch was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground in the future. **Four Star Eagle** was held up and unable to obtain clear running from the 350m until near the 200m. A post race veterinary examination of **Dom Paolo** which weakened noticeably in the straight found the gelding to be lame in its off hind leg. Trainer Mr G Henderson was advised that he would be required to submit a veterinary clearance for **Dom Paolo** prior to the gelding racing again. A post race veterinary examination of **Rockelo** found no abnormalities. Trainer Mr T Greentree advised stewards that **Rockelo** had pulled up well and will discuss with the connections as to whether to continue on with the gelding's preparation. Following the running of this race the track was upgraded to a Slow 6 at 2.30pm.

RACE 4: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1260m

Yass River was slow to begin. When the pace steadied near the 1000m **Swift 'n' Dapper** commenced to over race badly and was checked to avoid the heels of **Martha Say**, shifted out hampering and taking **The Annihilator** and **Amery** wider on the track. **Bradfield** which was following **Swift 'n' Dapper** was checked to avoid that runners heels. Following this incident **Swift 'n' Dapper** was inclined to hang in proving difficult to ride. Near the 100m **Yass River** was checked after improving onto the heels of the weakening **Swift 'n' Dapper**. A post race veterinary examination of **Swift 'n' Dapper** found no abnormalities.

RACE 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1610m

After being crossed near the 1400m **Dual Echelon** commenced to pull hard refusing to settle.

RACE 6: Byron Bay Cup 1610m

The start of this race was delayed when there was a malfunction with the starting mechanism on the barriers. All horses were removed from the barriers so the gates could be retested. Once this was performed the horses were reloaded into the gates. **Surety** (2L) and **Little Britain** were slow to begin. C Whiteley (**Mystic Vibe**) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that near the 1200m he permitted his mount to shift ground inwards when not clear of **Felixtrinidad** which was taken in onto **Stud Muffin** which was crowded in onto **Special Voyage** which had to be checked and lost its running. **Flood Hero** who was racing to the inside of **Special Voyage** was also steadied when crowded by that runner. C Whiteley's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 5th September 2010 and to expire on Tuesday 7th September 2010 on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty stewards took into account C Whiteley's excellent riding record in relation to this rule. For some distance after the 600m **Stud Muffin** was held up on the heels of the weakening **Subculture** and as a consequence lost ground. When questioned regarding **River Street** racing more forward today rider G Coleman (a) stated that she was instructed to ride the gelding where he felt comfortable in the race. She added that after jumping **River Street** showed good early pace and settled closer than expected. Her explanation was accepted. When questioned regarding the performance of **Mystic Vibe** rider C Whiteley stated that he was trapped wide and the gelding felt flat throughout the race and was disappointing. A post race veterinary examination of **Mystic Vibe** found no abnormalities. A post race veterinary examination of **Subculture** which weakened from the 600m found no abnormalities. S Traevey (**Felixtrinidad**) was fined \$100 under AR 143(b) for weighing in 300 grams under his declared weight.

RACE 7: Benchmark 75 Handicap 1010m

The start of this race was delayed when **Sydney Symphony** reared and dislodged its rider E Kehoe (a) enroute to the barriers. **Sydney Symphony** galloped for a short distance before being recaptured. E Kehoe (a) was uninjured in this incident. **Sydney Symphony** was examined by the clubs veterinarian and passed fit to start. Near the 250m **Frisco Lights** was checked when disappointed for a run between **Lotsamoola** and **Red Lightning** which shifted in away slightly from **Great Feeling**.

Swabs: Swabs were taken from all winners and **Manifest Destiny**, **Abilina** and **Rockelo**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	S Munro (a) – LR 70 - \$200 Race 2 – N Paine – AR 165(3) - \$200 Race 6 – S Traevey – AR 143(b) - \$100
Reprimands:	Supplementary – N Paine – AR 137A(5)(a)(i)
Suspensions:	Race 6 – C Whiteley – AR 137(a) – 5/9/10 – 7/9/10
Cautions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil

Trials:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 3 – Dom Paolo – lame off hind leg
Falls/Injuries:	Race 7 – E Kehoe (a) - uninjured
Change Of Tactics:	Nil
Follow Up:	Nil