

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Tweed River Jockey Club MURWILLUMBAH RACECOURSE

Tuesday 3 January 2016

Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy (8)
Rail: True

STEWARDS: M. A. Holloway (Chairman), F. C. Worrad & W. M. Friend

General: As Ms C. Jokic was injured stewards permitted the following rider changes

Race	Rider (Horse)
3	J. Taylor (Tickets to Ride)
4	S. Galloway (Dandog)
6	J. Mallyon (Samuel James)

RACE 1: Maiden Plate 1200m

All Hype – Buffeted on jumping.

Duke of Frederick – Eased when tightened for room approaching the 1000m. Inclined to overrace in the early stages.

Jameslea Bota – Bumped on jumping.

Love Battles – Bumped on jumping.

My Girl Chaz – Blundered rounding the first turn and ran wide on the track. A post race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality.

Nellie's Delight – Inclined to overrace in the early stages. Approaching the 100m was momentarily eased when tightened for room.

Never So Sirius – Slow to begin and eased when tightened for room shortly after. Raced greenly rounding the first turn. Passing the 200m was obliged to shift in around heels to continue to improve. Jockey M. McGuren reported that his saddle shifted back slightly in the early stages and commenced to shift to the near side passing the 500m, getting progressively worse to the finish line, placing him at a disadvantage.

RACE 2: Open Handicap 1530m:

Dream Habit – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. McGuren stated he is always instructed to allow the gelding to settle were comfortable. M. McGuren stated from a wide barrier his mount was slow to begin and settled at the rear of the field. M. McGuren stated that from a rear position he encouraged his mount along from the 700m in an effort to obtain a

position closer to the leaders however, after enjoying a moderate tempo, they were able to sprint strongly from the 500m and his mount could not run them down under a 58kg impost on heavy track conditions. M. McGuren added his mounts run felt to peak at the 200m and in his opinion it race flat. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to have a poor recovery rate.

Morendi – Inclined to overrace rounding the first turn.

Neurum Road – Began awkwardly. Inclined to lay in passing the 400m. Near the 150m was obliged to shift inside heels to continue to improve.

Summers Day – Slow to begin. Overraced rounding the first turn. Blundered passing the 800m.

RACE 3: Maiden Handicap 1530m:

Barraaj (NZ) – Began awkwardly.

Conquering Kate (NZ) – Bumped on jumping. Buffeted between runners shortly after. Inclined to overrace in the early stages. Passing the 200m was momentarily hampered and obliged to shift out around heels to continue to improve. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare jockey M. McGuren stated that his mount did not travel comfortably throughout the early and middle stages and when the field quickened near the 600m was immediately off the bit and giving ground. M. McGuren stated that his mount was disappointing in its run to the line. Trainer Mr M. Dunn stated that whilst the mares form has been consistent it was only average and advised the mare would be spelled. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Grand Dazzler – Bumped on jumping. Buffeted between runners shortly after.

Journalist – Steadied when awkwardly placed on heels rounding the first turn. Apprentice C. Bayliss was fined \$100 for failing to weigh in when required to do so (AR144). In assessing penalty stewards appreciated that C. Bayliss has not offended under this rule previously and the stewards were satisfied the gelding had carried the correct weight (AR144).

Mizaru – Blundered and bumped another runner on jumping. Buffeted between runners shortly after. Shortly after straightening was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve.

Stellar Jewel – Bumped shortly after the start. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

The Drum Beats On – Eased when tightened for room approaching the 200m.

Tickets to Ride – Began awkwardly.

RACE 4: Class 3 Handicap 1530m:

Blackjack Princess – Hampered passing the 200m.

Dandog – Slow to begin.

Emvepee – Began awkwardly.

Planet America – Inclined to pull in the middle stages.

Say You Love Me – Hampered passing the 200m. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare jockey M. McGuren stated that his mount travelled strongly in the early and middle stages and he was confident of its chances approaching the home turn. M. McGuren added that when the leader, which had enjoyed a moderate tempo, sprinted approaching the home turn with a 54kg impost his mount was unable to sprint with it, under the 58kg impost on the heavy track conditions. M. McGuren added his mount felt reluctant to let down in the heavy conditions. When questioned, trainer Mr M. Dunn stated that the mare has performed well on soft track conditions previously and he was confident of its chances today. M. Dunn added that he believes the mare races best around larger racing circuits and he would look for firmer conditions next start.

RACE 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1010m:

Arrestar – Buffeted shortly after the start.

Capital City – Eased when tightened between runners shortly after straightening. Approaching the 200m was steadied when awkwardly placed on heels.

Good Judge – Slow to begin. Inclined to overrace in the early stages.

Pitbull – Bumped shortly after the start. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to have bled from both nostrils for the first time. Trainer Mr K. Fleming was advised the gelding will now incur the embargoes listed under AR53A.

The Wanted Club – Steadied when bumped in onto heels shortly after the start.

RACE 6: Class 1 Handicap 1200m:

Deep Chartreuse – Eased after improving into insufficient racing room rounding the first turn.

Eve's Jet – As R. Plumb was ill stewards permitted M. Hellyer to replace him as the rider of the filly. Bumped on jumping. When questioned regarding the performance of the filly jockey M. Hellyer stated that his mount travelled strongly in the early stages however when placed under pressure approaching the home turn failed to sprint in any capacity. M. Hellyer added that he desisted from riding his mount along over the final 100m as he was concerned something was amiss. When questioned, trainer Mr L. Kelly stated that the filly had worked well leading into the event and he was confident of its chances. Mr Kelly added that this is the filly's third failure on wet track conditions and he would now look to restrict it to firmer going in the future. A post race veterinary examination of the filly revealed it to be mildly lame in the off fore leg. Mr Kelly was advised that the filly requires a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to its next race start.

Jester Dane – Bumped on jumping. Approaching the 200m was eased when awkwardly placed on heels.

Mathieson Lane – Bumped on jumping. When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of the gelding trainer Mr A. Pilling stated that today the gelding met a small field, on a heavy track, and looked to enjoy travelling on the best going throughout with a light weight. Mr Pilling added the favourite of the event was a 2 year old required to carry 61kg and the second favourite was disappointing.

Navajo Prince – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner. Approaching the 700m was steadied after improving into insufficient racing room.

Samuel James – Approaching the 800m was steadied after pulling its way up onto heels. Eased when bumped in near the 500m.

Saxton Rock – Overraced in the early stages. Steadied after improving onto heels passing the 800m. Rounding the home turn was checked after improving onto heels. Laid out under pressure over the final 200m.

RACE 7: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1200m:

Amata – Bumped shortly after the start. Shortly after straightening was checked to avoid the heels of riderless horse.

Euphorbia – Bumped shortly after the start.

Lost Classic – Stood flatfooted as the start was effected and lost ground (~4L). Eased and shifted out to avoid a fallen rider shortly after the start. Trainer Mr L. Ross was advised that the gelding is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start. Mr Ross advised that the gelding would be spelled.

Miniver – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner shortly after. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when awkwardly placed outside the heels of a rider horse. Checked shortly after straightening to avoid the heels of a riderless horse.

Mishani El Lobo – Bounded on jumping. Inclined to overrace in the early stages.

Queen Charlotte – Blundered badly shortly after the start resulting in its rider, M. McGuren, being dislodged. Jockey M. McGuren suffered no apparent injury.

Scarlet Jane – Buffeted shortly after the start. Inclined to overrace in the early stages.

Tralfaz – Near the 150m was momentarily hampered by a riderless horse.

SWABS: Swab samples were taken from all winners, **Love Battles, Summers Day, Moon and the Stars, War Baby, Dream Habit, Conquering Kate** and **Journalist**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 3: C. Bayliss - \$100 (AR144)
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Race 5: Pitbull – bled first time (AR53A)
Certificates:	Race 6: Eve's Jet – mildly lame off fore
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 7: Lost Classic – Slow to begin.
Change of Tactics:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	Race 7: M. McGuren – no apparent injury
Follow-up:	Nil