

STEWARDS REPORT

Taree- Wingham Race Club TAREE RACECOURSE

Thursday 5 January 2017

Weather: O' Cast
Track: Soft (6)
Rail: True

STEWARDS: D. R. Smith (Chairman), D. Greer, D. Carr, M. Greer

Supplementary Report: Port Macquarie 1 January 2017-

A. Skerritt (a) was fined \$200 (AR 137A (5) (a) (ii)) for using the whip on **Where's The Gold** on more than five occasions (10) before the 100m.

RACE 1: Class 3 Handicap 1600m:

Orlando Jack- J. Murphy (a) replaced J. Graham (a) (overweight) as the rider of the gelding. J. Graham (a) was subsequently reprimanded (AR 120b). When assessing penalty stewards were mindful this was J. Graham's first offence under this rule. Slow to begin.

Bills a Goodie- Passing the 150m after improving into a narrow run inside Runaway Jet, was severely checked when that mare shifted in slightly away from Orlando Jack, despite some efforts from its rider. At a subsequent inquiry C. Baker (a) (Runaway Jet) was reprimanded (AR 137a) and advised in future to stop and straighten her mounts earlier than she did on this occasion. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not detect any abnormalities.

Zigamore- When questioned regarding the performance, C. Lever stated the gelding travelled satisfactorily in a midfield position trailing the eventual winner Dead Calm, but when placed under pressure from the 600m commenced to hang out, and ran to the line in a disappointing manner. A post race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities. Trainer Mr J. Deamer could offer no explanation for the poor performance, and added it was now the intention to place the gelding in events where it could carry a reduced weight.

RACE 2: Fillies & Mares Benchmark 55 Handicap 1000m:

Rich Pickings- Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout the early and middle stages.

RACE 3: 3YO Maiden Handicap 1250m:

Sand Wedge- Slow to begin.

Lady Selkie- Slow to begin.

Serious Dancer- Held up for clear running rounding the home turn. Over the final 100m experienced difficulty obtaining completely clear running, and as a result went to the line without being fully tested.

Vision And Prayer- Raced greenly when placed under pressure in the straight proving difficult to ride out, and near the 300m was checked from the heels of the weakening Bonnie Forever. Trainer Mr T. Howlett was advised a warning would be placed on the racing manners of the filly. A post race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Smokey Ora- Raced wide throughout the early and middle stages.

Keeping Watch- Held up for clear running in the early part of the straight, and near the 200m was steadied from the heels of the weakening Vision And Prayer, and had to be shifted out abruptly.

Bonnie Forever- Trainer Mr K. Miller was advised a warning would be placed on the filly for being uncompetitive, after it weakened badly in the straight and was beaten 19 lengths.

RACE 4; Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Bon Dior- Slow to begin and shortly after was hampered.

Son of Beck- Blundered on jumping.

Babes Got Tickets- Began awkwardly and shifted out bumping outside runner.

Hermano- Began awkwardly and shifted out bumping heavily with outside runner. For some distance passing the 650m was inclined to race ungenerously and hang in.

Justus- Bumped heavily on jumping.

Leiladane- Shortly after the start was steadied when crowded.

Biscuit Time- Change of tactics- To be ridden with cover off pace- Settled handy. Hampered on jumping. Approaching the 650m was steadied to avoid the heels of Hermano, which shifted in despite the efforts of its rider. Following this incident commenced to hang out and near the 600m was eased from heels.

Dead Reckoning- Passing the 650m was steadied to avoid heels.

RACE 5: Maiden Plate 1400m:

The start of this race was delayed after the ambulance officers were required to treat an on course patron who had fallen ill.

Protea Spirit- Trainer Mr A. Smith was advised a warning would be placed on the filly for being uncompetitive after it weakened badly over the final 300m and was beaten 20 lengths.

The Mighty Toff- Trainer Mr J. Sylvester was advised the gelding would be required to compete satisfactorily in an official trial after it weakened badly in the straight and was beaten 25 lengths.

The Two Guns- Trainer Mr D. Roberts was advised the gelding which weakened badly from the 600m and was beaten 28 lengths would be required to compete satisfactorily in an official trial before racing again.

RACE 6; Benchmark 65 Handicap 1300m:

Maestro Tom- Began awkwardly and shifted out losing ground (1L).

Oh So Assertive- Overraced during the early stages and near the 950m was steadied from the heels of Explosive Scene.

Beluga Caviar- On return to scale R. Spokes reported the saddle on the gelding slipped back on jumping placing him at a slight disadvantage for the remainder of the race. Trainer Mr G. Marshall was advised a warning would be placed on the gelding, after it hung out from the 1000m until after straightening proving difficult to ride.

Zadok the Priest- Passing the 950m improved onto heels and was steadied. Post race veterinary examination of the gelding which weakened over the final 400m found it was lame in the off hind leg. Trainer Mr R. Davies was advised prior to racing again the gelding would require a veterinary clearance.

RACE 7: Entires & Geldings Benchmark 55 Handicap 1000m:

Hidden Chief- Slow to begin.

Cosmic Energy- Slow to begin.

Cool Dragon- Slow to begin.

Loading- Raced in restricted room for some distance near the 700m, and passing the 650m was steadied to avoid the heels of Strategic Weapon, which shifted in despite the efforts of its rider.

Strategic Weapon- Post race veterinary examination of the gelding found it had bled from the offside nostril. Trainer Mr B. Dixon was advised prior to racing again the gelding would be required to gallop 1000m in the presence of a steward.

General:

Swab samples were obtained from **all** winners and the following runners- **Mount Darragh, Oti Thelis, Maestro Tom, Laredo Hussler** and **Explosive Scene**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Supplementary- A. Skerritt (a) - \$200 AR 137A (5) (a) (ii) - Whip usage.
Reprimands:	Race 1- J. Graham (a) - AR 120b- Overweight. Race 1- C. Baker (a) - Careless riding (AR 137a).
Suspensions:	
Warnings:	Race 3- Vision And Prayer- Hung in badly final 300m. Race 3- Bonnie Forever- Uncompetitive. Race 5- Protea Spirit- Uncompetitive. Race 6- Beluga Caviar- Hung out.
Bleeders:	Race 7- Strategic Weapon- Bled one nostril.
Trials:	Race 5- The Mighty Toff- Uncompetitive. Race 5- The Two Guns- Uncompetitive.
Certificates:	Race 6- Zadok the Priest- Lame off hind.
Falls/Injuries:	
Tactic Changes:	Race 4- Biscuit Time- To be ridden further back- Settled handy.