

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Coffs Harbour Racing Club COFFS HARBOUR RACECOURSE

Sunday 8 January 2017

Weather: Fine  
Track: Soft (5); retrospective of race 1  
Rail: True

**STEWARDS:** B J Kliese (Chairman) & D R Smith

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#### **RIDING CHANGES:**

As M Bennett was overweight, stewards permitted the following rider change -

<b>Race 6</b>	A Threadwell ( <b>Ekibuuka</b> )
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At a subsequent inquiry M Bennett was fined the sum of \$300 (AR120(b)).

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#### **RACE 1: Key Employment 2YO Maiden Plate 800m:**

**Bearly Thinking** – Bumped on jumping. Over the concluding stages was inclined to shift out under pressure.

**Blinkin Artie** – A post race veterinary examination of the colt, which raced greenly when placed under pressure in the home straight, revealed it to be suffering from shin soreness in its right fore leg. Trainer Mr R Stitt advised he would assess the colt in the coming weeks as to whether or not he continues on with its current preparation. Further trainer Mr R Stitt was advised that should he continue on with the colt current campaign a veterinary clearance must be produced prior to its next start.

**Faraasheh** – Bumped on jumping. Rounding the home turn was eased for short period when awkwardly placed close to heels.

**Hot Damn** – Began awkwardly. Raced wide without cover throughout.

**Miss Jettison** – Trainer Mr B Baker subsequently reported that the filly had pulled up well and advised that it would now be spelled.

**Snuggle Bug** – A post race veterinary examination of the filly, which was inclined to hang in during the home straight, revealed no abnormalities.

#### **RACE 2: Glenn Family 3YO+ Maiden Plate 1000m:**

**Bell Hop** – Raced wide throughout. Approaching and rounding the home turn raced greenly, placing its rider at some disadvantage, when inclined to hang in. Near the 300m was steadied and buffeted when crowded by *Mustaknown*, which was taken outwards slightly by *The Monkey*, which was hampered and carried outwards by *Tee Lexus* (App Ms C Dougherty), which hung out. Apprentice Ms C Dougherty was reprimanded for careless riding (AR137(a)) and advised a greater effort should have been made, to stop riding with whip pressure in an attempt to correct her mount.

**Carry the Love** – Shortly after the start was checked and became badly unbalanced when heavily bumped.

**Comm And Cents** – Began awkwardly, ran out abruptly and blundered after clipping the heels of another runner.

**Danishki** – Began awkwardly.

**Found My Hula** – Rounding the home turn was ease for short period when awkwardly placed close to heels. Approaching the 300m was steadied and shifted in when disappointed for a run. Passing the 200m when attempting to improve into a narrow run, took charge and laid in and as a result had to be checked to avoid the heels of *Tee Lexus*.

**Hurl's Girl** – Near the 600m was eased to avoid the heels of *Bell Hop* (R Murray), which shifted in when insufficiently clear. R Murray was asked to exercise greater care in future when shifting ground. Rider W D'Avila was fined \$300 for using his whip on eight occasions prior to the 100m, being three more than permitted under the rules (AR137A(5)(ii)).

**Mosrai** – Shortly after the start was steadied when crowded.

**Mustaknown** – Near the 300m when hampered was carried out onto another runner, bumped on the hindquarters and was badly unbalanced.

**Tee Lexus** – From the entrance of the straight until passing the 300m hung out placing its rider at some disadvantage. Approaching and passing the 150m raced greenly when being placed under pressure.

**The Monkey** – Began awkwardly ran in abruptly and made heavy contact with *Carry the Love* and became badly unbalanced.

**Zarco** – Rounding the home turn was inclined to hang out and placed its rider at a slight disadvantage.

**RACE 3: N M & A A Foley Maiden Handicap 1300m:**

**Arlis** – During the home straight was inclined to lay out when being placed under pressure.

**Fonessa** – Shortly after straightening was eased and shifted out when momentarily hampered.

**Golden Chappy** – Raced wide without cover throughout. On straightening was inclined to lay out under pressure.

**I Chose Freedom** – Near the 150m ran in abruptly when placed under pressure and became unbalanced when being corrected.

**Shark Creek** – In the early part of the home straight was held up for clear running for a short distance. Near the 150m was checked after being heavily bumped and taken in across the heels of *Arlis* by *I Choose Freedom* (App J Murphy), which ran in abruptly under riding, prior to being corrected by its rider. Apprentice J Murphy was reprimanded for careless riding (AR137(a)).

**Sports Tycoon** – Raced keenly during the middle stages.

**Stack the Deck** – Overraced throughout middle stages and refused to settle. Approaching the home turn was unable to improve when awkwardly placed close to heels. Trainer Mr T Walshe, who explained the gelding, which had blinkers on for the first time, was advised that a warning would be placed on the racing record of the gelding for its racing manners.

**Up There Kawana** – Prior to the declaration of correct weight stewards considered an objection lodged by rider W D'Avila, rider of 5<sup>th</sup> placegetter **Up There Kawana**, against *Sports Tycoon* being declared the 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetter of the event alleging inference entering the home straight. After taking evidence from all relevant parties, and viewing official video footage, stewards established that rounding the home turn a run presents between both *Time to Reminisce* and *Golden Chappy*, at which point both **Up There Kawana** and *Sports Tycoon* committed to improve into the said run where there was insufficient room for two runners to be racing, resulting in **Up There Kawana**, having to be eased from the heels of *Sports Tycoon*, for a short distance. Stewards were not comfortably satisfied that given the beaten margin of a long neck and the proximity of the incident in relation to the winning post and further the manner in which both horses went to the line, that had the incident not occurred that **Up There Kawana** would have finished equal to or ahead of *Sports Tycoon* and as such the objection was dismissed and correct weight declared.

**Zippy Zac** – Slow to begin and failed to muster in the early stages.

**RACE 4: Coffs Harbour Toyota – Pier Hotel Pink Silks F&M Benchmark 60 Handicap 1300m:**

**Amajil** – In the early part of the home straight raced in restricted room for some distance and was unable to improve.

**Jetty Beach** – Raced keenly in the middle stages and approaching and passing the 800m was eased after improving onto heels.

**Solicitation** – Approaching and passing the 800m was eased after improving onto heels. A post race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it to be lame in right fore leg. Trainer Mr R Rohde was advised that a veterinary clearance must be produced prior to the mare's next start.

**Sweet Nellie** – Raced wide without cover throughout.

**Zuccherina** – Inside the final 350m was inclined to lay in when being placed under pressure.

**RACE 5: Insurance Advisernet Australia C,G&E Benchmark 60 Handicap 1300m:**

**Foghorn** – Was steadied when inclined to overrace approaching and passing the 1000m. Near the 500m was momentarily steadied when awkwardly placed close to heels. Near 250m rider dropped her offside rein when attempting to change hands with the whip, resulting in her becoming unbalance for a short period. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr S Osland stated he felt the gelding, which was first up today, was a touch disappointing in its performance and hindsight may have lacked fitness leading into the run. Trainer Mr S Osland added in his opinion the gelding is better suited over a longer journey and will derive fitness benefit from today's performance.

**From the Valley** – Near the 1200m was bumped heavily and steadied as a result.

**Marty's Order** – Crowded on jumping.

**Onslow** – Near the 1200m shifted in abruptly and bumped heavily with *From the Valley*. Raced wide without cover throughout. Rider M Bennett was fined \$200 for using his whip on seven occasions prior to the 100m, being two more than permitted under the rules (AR137A(5)(ii)).

**Still the Same** – Passing the 1000m was eased to avoid the heels of another runner.

**RACE 6: T.G Jung Quarries Wayne Glenn Pink Silks Cup 1200m:**

**Bonne Cheval** – Near the 500m was eased when momentarily held up for clear running.

**Ekibuuka** – Rounding the home turn was awkwardly placed close to heels and was unable to improve. In the early part of the home straight was momentarily held up for clear running.

**Hidden Warrior** – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was inclined to hang out during the event, revealed no abnormalities.

**Jack the Ringer** – On straightening was steadied when crowded by *Murvate*, which shifted in abruptly.

**Typhoon Red** – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider B Looker said after his mount began awkwardly he was unable to obtain a position with cover and as a result raced wide throughout the early and middle stages. B Looker explained his mount never travelled comfortably throughout and when placed under full pressure on straightening his mount failed to respond and weakened noticeably inside the final 200m. A post race veterinary examination of gelding revealed it to be lame in the right fore leg. Trainer Mr N Godbolt expressed his disappointment in the geldings perform and undertook to have the gelding assess in the coming days by his stable veterinarian and would report back to the stewards on the outcome of such examination. Trainer Mr N Godbolt was advised that full veterinary clearance must be produced prior to the gelding's next start.

**RACE 7: Komatsu Benchmark 60 Handicap 1600m:**

**Absolute Gem** – Began awkwardly and bumped with another runner on jumping. Overraced in the early stages. Rounding the home turn and for some distance in the early part of the home straight was held up and unable to improve, until near the 300m.

**Heavenly Dancer** – Raced wide throughout.

**Landmarks** – Began awkwardly and bumped with another runner on jumping. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Mexican Mountain** – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities. When questioned trainer Mr J Shelton expressed his disappointment with the gelding's performance and advised he would undertake to have blood tests collected from the gelding and analysed in the coming days and pending the results of such tests would make a decision as to whether or not to gelding is sent for a spell.

**Star Fest** – Began awkwardly and was hampered shortly after. Overraced in the early stages.

**Wollartant** – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to be lame in the left fore leg. Trainer Mr R Stitt advised he would assess the gelding in the coming days as to whether or not he continues on with its current preparation. Further trainer Mr R Stitt was advised that should he continue on with the gelding's current campaign a full veterinary clearance must be provided prior to its next start.

**GENERAL:**

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

Race 1: *Blinkin Artie*.

Race 2: *I Too Can Dance & Mustaknown*.

Race 3: *Zippy Zac*.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 2:</b> W D'Avila \$300 (AR137A(5)(ii)). <b>Race 5:</b> M Bennett \$200 (AR137A(5)(ii)). <b>Race 6:</b> M Bennett \$300 (AR120(b)).
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> Apprentice J Murphy – careless riding (AR137(a)). <b>Race 2:</b> Apprentice Ms C Dougherty – careless riding (AR137(a)).
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 1: Blinkin Artie</b> (trainer R Stitt) – shin sore. <b>Race 4: Solicitation</b> (trainer R Rohde) – lame L/F. <b>Race 6: Typhoon Red</b> (trainer N Godbolt) – lame R/F. <b>Race 7: Wollartant</b> (trainer R Stitt) – lame L/F.
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 3: Stack the Deck</b> (trainer T Walshe) – overraced and refused to settle.
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	Nil.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Gear:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow-up:</b>	<b>Race 1: Blinkin Artie</b> (trainer R Stitt) <b>Race 6: Typhoon Red</b> (trainer N Godbolt) <b>Race 7: Mexican Mountain</b> (trainer J Shelton) <b>Race 7: Wollartant</b> (trainer R Stitt)