

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Murrumbidgee Turf Club WAGGA WAGGA RIVERSIDE RACECOURSE

Monday 9 January 2017

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (4)  
Rail: True

**STEWARDS:** T.J.Davidson (Chairman), J.A.Shultz & D.R.McLean

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General: Apprentice Ms G. Cartwright was fined \$50 under LR68 for failing to present a letter of authority from her master.

**RACE 1: Maiden Plate 1200m Division (1):**

**Fifth Dimension-** Slow to begin. Bumped after the start.

**Sylvan Jester-** Bumped after the start. Raced wide throughout.

**Calzaghe Prince-** Dipped at the start. Rider B. Ward explained after beginning awkwardly his mount showed abundant speed and travelled well in the lead until straightening. He added from that point it did not respond when placed under pressure. Trainer Mr T. Smart could offer no explanation for the performance adding the gelding had worked well leading into the event and the stable had anticipated a forward showing although the gelding has previously failed second up. A post-race veterinary examination found the gelding to have an abrasion to the off fore and to be displaying a poor post-race recovery.

**Falcon Rubi-** Steadied near the 900m when crowded to the inside of *Matt Maneuver* (R. Bensley) and *Snip of Purple* (M.A.Cahill). Both R. Bensley and M.A.Cahill were advised to exercise more care.

**First Rose-** Slow to begin.

**Brainstorm-** When questioned rider M. Travers stated shortly after the start he commenced to push his mount along but when placed under pressure the filly got its head up and appeared to resent the pressure. He became concerned that something may have gone amiss with the filly when shortly after straightening he again pressured his mount and it did not respond. Trainer Mr T. Sutherland stated he felt the horse may have tied up and it was now his intention to send the filly for a short freshen up. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

**RACE 2: Maiden Plate 1200m Division (2):**

**Kruanui-** Raced tight for some distance near the 900m. Laid inwards in the straight.

**My Friend Albert-** Began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly. Raced wide from the 900m.

**Flying Fragments-** Shifted out near the 200m while racing greenly. Steadied and lost its rightful running approaching the winning post when *Prying* (S. Miller) shifted out under pressure. At a subsequent inquiry S. Miller pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence on Wednesday 18 January 2017 and to expire on Sunday 29 January 2017, on which day he may ride.

**Prying-** Rider S. Miller was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using the whip on eight (8) occasions prior to the 100m.

**Aunty Sue-** Raced tight for some distance near the 900m.

**Chloe's Puppet-** Slow to begin.

**Fashionedinheaven-** Trainer Ms B. Dunn was fined \$50 under AR140A for presenting the mare without blinkers. Held up near the 150m and again over the final 50m.

**Magic Mary-** Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Swanky Cod-** Bounded on jumping and lost ground. Raced tight for some distance near the 900m.

**RACE 3: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1800m:**

**Hangin' With Willy-** Rider M. Travers was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using the whip on seven (7) occasions prior to the 100m.

**Poet's Dash-** Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early stages.

**Godfrey-** When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance, Trainer Mr S. Cunningham stated he was very happy with the gelding's performance at Wodonga on 26 December 2016 where it was beaten just over 4 lengths. He added last start at Merton Picnics on 1 January 2016 the horse was slow to begin and was obliged to take off on a wide run from the 800m. He added the gelding was also not suited by the tight turning track on that occasion. His explanations were noted.

**Damysus-** Raced wide throughout.

**RACE 4: Maiden Handicap 1660m:**

**Hoffski-** Raced wide throughout.

**Only Leonnie-** Rider Ms S. Metcalfe(a) stated she was instructed to go forward and had to make use of the mare to obtain the lead. She added her mount travelled well until straightening but did not respond to her riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination found the mare to have an elevated heart rate.

**Tickinover-** Steadied near the 400m when inclined to lay out while racing between *Only Leonnie* and *Edge of Manhattan*.

**Dead Ned Ted-** Hung out between the 1500m and the 1300m.

**Call the Midwife-** Rider R. Bensley was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using the whip on six (6) occasions prior to the 100m.

**Marikoriko-** Checked near the 300m when disappointed for a run between *Only Leonnie* and *Tickinover*.

**Rockybeel-** Slow to begin. Steadied when crowded shortly after the start.

**RACE 5: Class 2 Handicap 1660m:**

**Secrets Kept-** Slow into stride.

**Financial Miss-** Began awkwardly and lost ground.

**Athlone River-** A pre-race veterinary examination found the gelding to have a minor laceration to off side hind but also found the horse fit to race.

**Dream on Stan-** A pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which raced at Dederang on Saturday 7 January 2017, passed it suitable to race. Slow to begin.

**Why Me Lord-** Got its head up and hung out while being restrained near the 1400m. Rider B. Clark stated his mount raced very keenly in the early stages and hung out passing the 1400m. He added the bit pulled through the horse's mouth on straightening and it did not run on in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

**Moss Magic-** Rider Ms S. Metcalfe(a) stated after beginning well she was trapped wide so she elected to ease and go back to obtain a position closer to the rail. She added her mount did not really respond to her riding until after straightening from which point it had run on well. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

**Tuscan Paddy-** Got its head up while racing very keenly in the early and middle stages. Checked approaching the 250m when *Athlone River* (B. Fliedner) shifted out when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry B. Fliedner pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) and was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 10 January 2017 and to expire on Wednesday 18 January 2017, on which day he may ride.

**RACE 6: Class 1 Handicap 1200m:**

**Kumo-** Rider Ms S. Metcalfe(a) was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using the whip on six (6) occasions prior to the 100m.

**Bravo Bravo-** Slow to begin.

**Addchan-** Got its head up while racing keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Shark 'n' Beauty-** Raced wide throughout.

**Yawkey Way-** A pre-race veterinary examination of the filly, which raced at Dederang on Saturday 7 January 2017, passed it suitable to race.

**RACE 7: Open Handicap 1200m:**

**Corsica Lad-** Raced wide throughout. Rider Ms C. MacFarlane(a) stated after beginning well it was her intention to go forward but when runners to her inside showed pace she was caught wide throughout. She added the tough run under a big weight took its toll on the gelding, which weakened in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination found the horse to be have a poor

recovery rate. Rider Ms C. MacFarlane(a) was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using the whip on six (6) occasions prior to the 100m. She was further reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(i) for using the whip in consecutive strides.

**Mitchell Road-** N. Heywood(a) was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using the whip on six (6) occasions prior to the 100m.

**Layo Layo-** Slow to begin.

**Not Too Sure-** Trainer Mr C. Heywood was fined \$100 under LR36A for failing to withdraw the gelding by the prescribed time.

**Aunty Elsie-** Raced keenly in the early stages.

**RACE 8: Class 3 Handicap 1050m:**

**Mixed Blossom-** Bumped after the start.

**Sasayuri-** Slipped behind on jumping. Raced keenly in the early stages. Mis-strode badly near the 100m and became unbalanced.

**Smart AI-** N. Heywood(a) replaced N. Souquet as the rider of the gelding when the later reported soreness to the right hip. N. Souquet was advised he must provide a medical clearance before he would be permitted to ride again.

**His Spirit-** Bumped after the start.

**Eureka Maid-** Carried wider near the 600m when *Saint Aquilina* shifted out.

**Saint Aquilina-** Blundered on jumping.

**Adolescent-** Acting on a report from Trainer Mr C. Heywood that the gelding had injured its near foreleg, it was withdrawn by Stewards at 1pm. Mr Heywood was advised a veterinary clearance must be provided before the horse would be permitted to race again.

**Swanhilde-** Blundered on jumping. Bumped after the start.

**The Good Mark-** Blundered on jumping. Laid inwards in the straight.

General: Eight females riders provided urine samples to be sent to the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory for testing for substances banned under the Rules of Racing.

**General:** Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: Matt Maneuver, Fifth Dimension

Race 2: Princess Strada, Fashionedinheaven, Prying, Chloe's Puppet

Race 3: Godfrey

Race 4: Call The Midwife

Race 5: Trois Belle

Race 6: Levee Bank

Race 7: Ski Angel

Race 8: Mixed Blossom

**SUMMARY**

<b>Fines:</b>	General: Ms G. Cartwright(a)- \$50. No letter of authority. LR68. <b>Race 2:</b> Ms B. Dunn- \$50. Present <b>Fashionedinheaven</b> without blinkers. AR140A. <b>Race 7:</b> C. Heywood- \$100. Failed to withdraw <b>Not Too Sure</b> by the prescribed time. LR36A.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 2:</b> S. Miller- Use whip 6 times before 100m on <b>Prying</b> . AR137A(5)(a)(ii). <b>Race 3:</b> M. Travers- Use whip 7 times before 100m on <b>Hangin' With Willy</b> . AR137A(5)(a)(ii). <b>Race 4:</b> R. Bensley- Use whip 6 times before 100m on <b>Call The Midwife</b> . AR137A(5)(a)(ii). <b>Race 6:</b> Ms S. Metcalfe(a)- Use whip 6 times before 100m on <b>Kumo</b> . AR137A(5)(a)(ii). <b>Race 7:</b> Ms C. MacFarlane(a)- Use whip 6 times before 100m on <b>Corsica Lad</b> . AR137A(5)(a)(ii). <b>Race 7:</b> Ms C. MacFarlane(a)- Use whip on consecutive strides on <b>Corsica  Lad</b> . AR137A(5)(a)(i).
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 2:</b> S. Miller- Suspended 18/1/17 to 29/1/17. Careless riding on <b>Prying</b> . AR137(a). <b>Race 5:</b> B. Fliedner- Suspended 10/1/17 to 18/1/17. Careless riding on <b>Athlone River</b> . AR137(a).
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil.
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 8: Adolescent-</b> Vet clearance. Lameness near fore. <b>Race 8:</b> N. Souquet- Medical clearance. Soreness in right hip.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	<b>Race 7:</b> N. Souquet- Returned complaining of soreness in right hip.
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	Nil.