

**Stewards Report
Armidale Jockey Club
ARMIDALE RACECOURSE**

Monday 20th March, 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Heavy (8) – Soft (7) 3.35pm.

Rail: True

Stewards: S Cullen, & J Penfold.

Riding Changes:

Race 1: M Paget replaced M McGuren (transport)

Race 3: R King replaced M Partridge (overweight – Fined \$100)

Race 1: 2YO Handicap 1100m

First Family – began awkwardly.

It's Relative – slow to begin, had to be steadied passing the 900m, then was crowded and became unbalanced passing the 500m.

Lenny Let Loose – slow to begin.

Table Mountain – raced greenly in the early stages, was held up and unable to improve approaching the home turn, had to be checked and shifted out to go forward at the entrance to the home straight, then was shifted wider at the 200m to obtain clear running before being steadied after failing to obtain a narrow run passing the 100m.

Kliftee – slow to begin.

Race 2: 3YO + Maiden Handicap 1100m

Naretha – was struck by **Linked** which was fractious and became cast in the barrier. Both runners were withdrawn on veterinary advice at 1.41pm and when correct weight was declared it was ordered that all bets made on Naretha and Linked be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers placed prior to 1.41pm, be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1st – Assergi – 25 cents Win & 12 cents Place

2nd – Never Tardy – 37 cents Place

3rd – Valley Crossing – 23 cents Place

Trainer Mr. S Osland was advised that prior to racing again **Linked** would be required to perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial.

Tennessee Vega – slow to begin.

Lucky Rhythm – raced intractably in the early stages, hung out and ran wide rounding the turn near the 900m, then became unbalanced and lost ground near the 700m.

At The Pub – began very awkwardly, bumped heavily with Valley Crossing and was unbalanced for some distance in the early stages.

Race 3: Maiden Plate 1400m

My Boy Fred – slow to begin.

What A Bonus – stable representative Mr. D Simmons was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on the gelding's racing record.

Dropyourbundall – missed the start (2L).

Mother's Presence – when questioned in relation to the performance, B Hodder explained that her mount failed to handle the track conditions at any stage and hung out under pressure from the 600m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Lady Sebago – hung out from the 600m.

Lusitania – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Race 4: Class 3 Handicap 1900m

Dynamic Dynasty – stable representative Mr. S Perry said that the colt would be gelded and spelled.

Race 5: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1300m

Prada Miss – missed the start (2L).

Race 6: Open Handicap 1100m

Racecraft – slow to begin, (placed 4th), the rider J Murphy lodged an objection against Bowie's Babe (D Jones), being declared the 3rd place

getter, alleging interference inside the 100m. In dismissing the objection it was determined that near the 20m, Bowie's Babe shifted towards Racecraft resulting in Racecraft being brushed slightly, however the incident was not sufficient to amend the placings.

Race 7: Open Handicap 1900m

Settle The Future – trainer Mr. G Bennett said that the gelding would be retired.

Go Dragon – began awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. Trainer Mr. J Shelton said that the gelding would be transferred out of his stable and possibly spelled.

Dubali – had to be checked when racing fiercely approaching the winning post on the first occasion when crowded by **New Divide**, which was carried in by Carry On Jake, which shifted in slightly when not quite clear. When questioned regarding the performance R Murray explained that she had intended to lead if possible, however after being checked her mount over raced and resented being behind runners and was not completely comfortable in the track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Race 8: Class 3 Handicap 1100m

Captain Teemo – slow to begin.

Duchilli – slow to begin. stable representative Mrs. K Cunningham said that in her opinion the gelding failed to handle the track conditions and undertook not to start Duchilli again on rain affected ground. A post-race veterinary examination of Duchilli revealed the gelding was lame in the near fore leg. Mrs. Cunningham was advised that prior to racing again Duchilli would be required to undergo a veterinary examination to determine its fitness.

Time Stripper – was withdrawn at 8.29am after sustaining an injury on the float to the course. Time Stripper was treated by the clubs veterinary officer.

Cliveden House – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding was lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr. J Grills was advised that prior to racing again Cliveden House must undergo a veterinary examination to determine its fitness.

Falvina – had to be steadied when racing ungenerously passing the 900m, then became unbalanced and lost ground near the 600m.

Roman Silver – slow to begin.

In God I Trust – slow to begin.

Summary of whip use

No noncompliance.

General: Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Valley Crossing, At The Pub & Mistress Rose.**

SUMMARY

Fines	Race 3: M Partridge – (AR120b) accept ride overweight - \$100
Suspensions	Nil
Reprimands	Nil
Warnings	Race 3: What A Bonus – poor performance.
Trials	Race 2: Linked – fractious in barrier – late scratching
Bleeders	Nil
Falls and Injury	Nil
Certificates	Race 8: Duchilli – lame near fore Cliveden House – lame near fore
Change of tactics	Race 4: Dynamic Dynasty – to be ridden with cover – settled last.