

STEWARDS REPORT

Cowra Jockey Club
COWRA RACECOURSE

Saturday 15th July 2017

Weather: Overcast/Showers.
Track: Good (4).
Rail: True.

STEWARDS: T.W. Smith (Chairman), S.P. Fitzgerald & C. Pringle.

Race 1: Maiden Plate 1200m:

Best Image – slow to begin (2L); rider A. Banks, which was in the barrier stall adjacent to *Mr Mile*, sustained an injury to his right knee when that runner became fractious.

Mr Mile – late withdrawal at 12.50pm when the gelding became very fractious in the barriers, reared over and became cast underneath the barriers for some time. Stewards subsequently ordered all monies wagered on Mr Mile be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 12.50pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

First: *Thin Ice* less 2 cents win and 7 cents place;

Second: *Vicissitudes* less 7 cents place; and

Third: *Stormborn Angel* less 4 cents place.

Trainer Mr. A. Eastcott was advised *Mr Mile* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again; a veterinary examination revealed *Mr Mile* to have sustained lacerations and bruising to its hind legs.

Power of Dubai – raced wide throughout.

Prisonbreak – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

See the Sun – overraced in the early stages; held up approaching the home turn.

Abundant – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

East Coast – crowded on jumping.

Stormborn Angel – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start; overraced in the early stages.

Thin Ice – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start; crowded on jumping.

Race 2: Benchmark 55 Handicap (Colts, Geldings & Entires) 1100m:

Opulent Heir – buffeted on jumping between *Maximoo* and *More Than Art*.

Prattler – began awkwardly; raced wide throughout.

Redirect – difficult to load; jumped very awkwardly (5L); laid in under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride; Trainer Ms. G. Williams was advised a warning would be recorded against *Redirect*, which proved difficult to load and jumped very awkwardly.

More Than Art – disappointed for a run over the final 100m and was steadied when unable to be fully tested; when questioned, rider J. Pracey-Holmes stated he was instructed to ride his mount in a forward position in a race where there appeared to be genuine speed. He added near the 1000m, *Opulent Heir* laid in slightly and in his opinion his mount was not comfortable racing to the inside of that runner and it was not racing truly at that stage. He added he then elected to restrain his mount to allow *Opulent Heir* to improve in advance of him and he then shifted his mount out to race on the outside of that runner in an attempt to get the gelding to travel more comfortably. He added at that point his mount overreacted to his restraint and *Opulent Heir*, in his opinion, improved at that stage, which resulted in his mount losing further ground than he had intended. He stated he commenced to urge his mount to improve near the 600m to place himself on the back of the field and as he was of the opinion some of the runners in advance of him had previously shown a proclivity to hang, bearing in mind the tight turning nature of the Cowra track, he elected to remain racing on the fence and attempt to find an inside run on straightening. He added his mount responded well to his riding in the early part of the straight however over the final 100m he was not afforded a fully unimpeded run when disappointed for a run between *Sarona Downs* and *Long Lasting*. He added *More Than Art* is an enigmatic horse that carries a lot of gear to correct some racing issues and in his opinion it never raced truly when racing to the inside of runners; Trainer Mr. B. Thompson stated he instructed J. Pracey-Holmes to have the horse in a forward position as it had been leading in weaker races. He added bearing in mind there was good speed, he anticipated *More Than Art* would settle just behind the leaders. He added *More Than Art* has previously shown that it resents racing to the inside of runners and he was of the opinion the horse was positioned too far back in the early stages; The inquiry was adjourned to allow Stewards to investigate all aspects of the race, including wagering activity and *More Than Art*'s racing history; a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Attilius – laid in under pressure in the straight.

Race 3: Benchmark 55 Handicap (Fillies & Mares) 1100m:

Manatassee – raced wide throughout; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Da Grinch – laid in under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride.

Happy Pilgrim – slow to begin.

Ain't She a Dane – raced wide throughout; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Felicette – crowded on jumping.

Flying By – raced wide throughout.

Pretty Snazzy – slow to begin.

Race 4: Class 2 Handicap 1375m:

Destiny's Joker – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. Trainer Mr P Stanley stated that on return to scale it was noted that the gelding had got its tongue over the bit.

Royal Abbey – slow to begin; had difficulty obtaining a fully unimpeded run in the early part of the straight; over the final 100m, became held up when endeavouring to improve into a run between *No Concerns* and *Enormously*, which bumped with *Royal Abbey*; ultimately obtained clear running near the 50m.

Billesse – raced wide throughout; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

No Concerns – slow to begin.

Gagarin – steadied near the 200m when tightened between *Fioravanti* and *Billesse*, which was taken out by *Dapperized* (A. Chau), which shifted out. A. Chau was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

Enormously – had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Emilion Storm – had difficulty obtaining clear running over the final 150m and was steadied when *Billesse* laid in when weakening and *Enormously* shifted out slightly; ultimately obtained clear running over the final 50m.

Race 5: Maiden Handicap 950m:

Berry Tasty – blundered near the 600m and became unbalanced, resulting in rider K. Dunbar being dislodged. When questioned rider K Dunbar stated he was unsure if his mount blundered of its own accord or whether it may have clipped the heels of O'So Hazy which may have shifted in or Brimondo which was hanging out at that point. K. Dunbar was uninjured in the incident; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Go Go Gio – jumped awkwardly.

Dignified Lady – Trainer Ms. K. Gooch was fined \$50 (AR59A) for failing to produce the TIC for *Dignified Lady*; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Brimondo – raced ungenerously throughout early and middle stages and near the 400m, hung out.

Valorhesse – Trainer Mr. A. McRae was fined \$50 (AR140B(2)) for the late application to remove the cross over nose band and brown band from the approved racing gear of *Valorhesse*; hung out near the 400m.

All Mixed Up – was severely checked and lost considerable ground near the 600m when hampered by the riderless *Berry Tasty*.

Bunalert – hung out rounding the home turn and laid out under pressure in the straight.

Mop the Floor – raced wide throughout.

Ransomdu – hung out near the 400m.

Race 6: Class 1 Handicap 950m:

Dublin Dan – App. C. Ings, rider of *Coasting*, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(a) in that near the 450m, she did permit her mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Dublin Dan*, which was checked and lost its rightful running. App. C. Ings' permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Saturday 29th July 2017 and to expire on Wednesday 2nd August 2017, on which day she may ride.

Serious Moonlight – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Coasting – raced wide throughout the early and middle stages.

M'lady Grace – bumped with *Coasting* on jumping; hampered near 150m when *Griffin's Gaze* shifted out to improve.

Our Girl Charlie – slow to begin.

Poet's Spirit – raced wide throughout.

Black Baksheesh – raced wide throughout.

General:

Trainer Mr. D. Parsons was reprimanded (AR117(1)) for failing to arrive on course by the prescribed time.

D. Pitomac (Stato) sustained a minor left shoulder injury when his mount jumped awkwardly and he contacted the barrier gate.

Samples were obtained from **all** winners.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 5: Ms K Gooch – \$50 - AR59A Race 5: A MacRae - \$50 AR140(B)(2)
Reprimands:	Race 4: A Chau – AR137a Race 6: Miss Blusparks – AR117(1)
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Certificates:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 2: Redirect – began awkwardly and lost ground (5L)
Trials:	Race 1: Mr Mile – fractious in barriers
Change of tactics:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	Race 1: A Banks – injured left knee Barrier trial – D Pitomac - minor left shoulder injury
Gear Changes:	Nil
Follow up:	Race 2: J Pracey-Holmes – More than Art