

**Stewards Report
Armidale Jockey Club
ARMIDALE RACECOURSE
Saturday 9th September 2017**

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (3)

Rail: True

Stewards: J T Penfold (Chairman) & D Smith

Riding Changes:

M Bennett – ill

Race 3 – replaced by apprentice Cejay Graham (no senior available)

Race 5 – replaced by B Hodder.

Race 1: Maiden Set Weights 1400m

Superior Jazz – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

Charming Charlie – Overraced in the middle stages.

Race 2: Class 1 1400m

Snuffs the Battle – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed nil abnormalities. Trainer Mr B Cavanough advised that the mare would be retired from his racing stable.

Last Deal – Warning for being uncompetitive placed on record.

Race 3: Maiden Handicap 1100m

Kuzizzle – Slow to begin.

Kaypeaizs – Hung out throughout the event. Warning placed on record.

Rebel Say – Slow to begin, then had to be steadied passing the 400m.

I Am At the Kilda – Slow to begin.

Race 4: Class 2 Handicap 1100m

Clever Gent – Declared a late scratching by order of the Stewards after dislodging its rider G Snowden (uninjured) in the parade ring and galloping a short distance before being recaptured.

In regards to betting, all moneys invested on *Clever Gent* to be refunded in full and all other successful wagers placed prior to 15:09pm were subject to the following deductions: 1st 3c for the win and 5c the place, 2nd 6c the place and 3rd 5c the place.

Gottakeepthefaith – Bumped on jumping.

Newcastle Dancer – Began awkwardly.

Akumandi – Slow to begin, then overraced in the middle stages.

Race 5: Benchamrk 50 1300m

Moonlight Spy – Had to be checked shortly after the start.

Rider M Paget (placed 1st Deadheat) lodged an objection over the final stages against *Azzalin* (placed 1st Deadheat).

After considering the evidence, it was found that *Azzalin* (P Graham) did shift inwards inside the 100m, making contact with *Chateauroux* (Cejay Graham) which in turn made contact with *Moonlight Spy* passing the 50m, Stewards felt at the same time *Moonlight Spy* shifted towards *Chateauroux* marginally. Bearing in mind the proximity to the winning post, the objection was dismissed.

Ridges Pride – Began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

Chateauroux – Had to be checked shortly after jumping.

Race 5: Benchmark 50 1900m

Scheckter – Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to the late arrival on course. Passed fit.

Gallant Girl – Declared a late scratching on veterinary advice at 16:40pm.

Victory Grand – Hung out rounding the first turn. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare which led and weakened noticeably from the 600m, revealed the mare coughed upon examination. Trainer Mr A Baddock advised that the mare would be retired, none the less *Victory Grand* must barrier trial prior to racing again.

Closely Related – Bounded on jumping.

Jeewan – Began awkwardly.

Mr Haar – Had to be checked passing the 400m. Rider M Paget reported that his mount made abnormal breathing noises throughout. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Mr Malu – Had to be checked off the heels of a weakening runner passing the 400m.

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

Divine Nature, Time for Three, Gold Drama.

SUMMARY

Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 2: Last Deal – poor performance Race 3: Kaypeaizs – Hanging out
Trials:	Race 6: Victory Grand – poor performance
Certificates:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	G Snowden – Uninjured.