

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Ballina Jockey Club
BALLINA RACECOURSE
Tuesday 18 July 2007

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (7)
Rail: True

STEWARDS: M. A. Holloway (Chairman), B. J. Kliese & W. M. Friend

General: As apprentice Ms G. Mitchell was injured stewards permitted the following rider changes –

Race	Apprentice (Horse)
2	J. Murphy (Trainer's Pocket)
6	J. Woodhouse (Prince of the Turf)

RACE 1: 3YO Maiden Plate 1000m:

Cameo Rose – Slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination of the filly, which was beaten 30.97L and took no competitive part in the event, did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr D. Smith was advised that the filly is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

Darzee Miss – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards at 12.35pm after the filly was presented to the enclosure in steel plates. Stewards ordered that all wagers on the filly be refunded and that all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 12.35pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket, 4 cents the win and 4 cents the place for 1st (*Riva Encore*), 5 cents the place for 2nd (*Queen of Kingston*) and 4 cents the place for 3rd (*Instantaneous*). Trainer Mrs S. Pepper was fined \$300 (AR141A). In assessing penalty stewards appreciated extenuating circumstances surrounding Mrs Pepper's breach.

Heart of Coral – At the entrance to the straight was obliged to shift in around heels to continue to improve. Momentarily held up on heels near the 200m.

Instantaneous – Rounding the home turn was steadied after improving onto heels.

Jacaranda Prince – Bumped shortly after the start. Eased when awkwardly placed on heels near the 500m.

My Cousin Meryl – Difficult to load. Trainer Mr S. Phelps was advised that a warning would be placed on the filly's barrier manners. OVERRACED approaching and rounding the first turn.

Queen of Kingston – Bumped shortly after the start. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Eased when awkwardly placed on heels near the 500m.

Real Fancy – Slow to begin.

Riva Encore (NZ) – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Raced greenly down the straight.

RACE 2: Class 2 Handicap 1000m:

Aristograts – Bumped on jumping. Eased after improving onto heels approaching the 400m. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. McGuren stated that he intended on settling in a prominent position on the gelding however it he was caught wide in the early stages and he elected to ease back to find cover. M. McGuren added his mount did not travel as strongly as he expected and passing the 500m he was unable to improve into the event when held up behind runners. M. McGuren stated that upon obtaining clear running at the entrance to the straight his mount sprinted fairly however could not make any significant ground on the leaders. M. McGuren stated he believed his mount would be better suited around a larger racing circuit where it can improve into the event and would appreciate a step up in distance where it should be able to settle in a more prominent position. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Clang Again – Bumped on jumping. Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn.

Cloud Consort – When questioned regarding her riding in the middle stages, in particular between the 600m and 400m her failure to improve forward into ample racing room, apprentice Ms C. Graham stated she was instructed that her mount does not have a long sprint and to keep it travelling on the bit for as long as possible. Ms Graham stated when her mount obtained clear running on straightening it failed to sprint and was disappointing to the line. When questioned, trainer Mr S. Lee advised the gelding was fresh today and its form indicates it performs best when well into a preparation. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormality outside it making irregular coughs during the inspection.

Dashing Win – Raced very wide in the early stages. Shifted out under pressure over the final 100m.

Impregnable – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Nellie's Delight – Steadied when buffeted on jumping. Inclined to hang out passing the 400m. Blundered rounding the home turn.

Trainer's Pocket – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner.

Zenkali – Slow to begin. Ran wide rounding the home turn.

RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1250m:

Benicstress – Slow to begin. Inclined to lay out rounding the first turn. Passing the 1000m was steadied for a number of strides and lost its running when tightened for room by *Solitary March* which improved into restricted racing room inside *Middlebrook Miss* before shifting in. Ms C. Graham (*Solitary March*) was issued a severe reprimand (AR137(a)) and advised in similar circumstances she is to make more effort to prevent her mounts from improving into insufficient racing room and to take every measure available to relieve pressure to runners around her. Overraced between the 900m and 800m.

Bravo Uncle Billy – Slow to begin. Unable to improve between the 500m and 400m when held up on heels. Inclined to hang out passing the 400m.

Kawana Kylie – Slow to begin.

Middlebrook Miss – Carried wider rounding the first turn.

On a High – Hung out rounding the first turn. Near the 900m was checked after improving onto heels. Approaching the 800m was checked when awkwardly placed on heels.

Princess Devine – Rounding the home turn was eased when momentarily tightened for room whilst commencing to weaken.

Reef Knot – Carried wide rounding the first turn. Raced wide for the remainder of the event.

Solitary March – Approaching and passing the 800m was checked severely for a number of strides after improving onto heels. Apprentice Ms C. Graham (**Solitary March**) was advised that she must be more aware of the circumstances surrounding her in a race and make a greater effort to restrain her mounts prior to becoming awkwardly placed on heels. Laid in approaching the 100m.

RACE 4: Class 3 Handicap 1400m:

Chantilly Chateau – Ran wide rounding the home turn.

Jazzy Ruler – Pulled passing the 1100m.

Landmarks – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey Ms J. Worley stated that at no stage of the event did her mount feel comfortable on the soft track conditions, being inclined to blunder throughout. Ms Worley added she was required to constantly encourage her mount along and it felt reluctant to stretch on the soft track conditions. When questioned, trainer Mr S. Cummings stated he did not believe the gelding appreciated soft track conditions around a tight turning circuit. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Mexican Mountain – Raced very wide in the early stages. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Sunset Hills – Shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.

Taiyoshin – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Wig Wam Bam – Had its head turned as the start was effected and lost ground (~3L). After considering the manner in which the race was run and the gelding raced in a manner consistent with its normal racing pattern, stewards were of the opinion the incident had not materially prejudiced its chances of finishing first, second or third and correct weight was declared. Checked close to the finish line after improving onto heels.

RACE 5: Class 1 Handicap 1300m:

Alastriona – Passing the 500m was eased after improving onto heels. Inclined to lay out over the final 200m. Passing the 100m was momentarily eased after laying out onto the heels of *More Thunder* which shifted in at that point.

Donavia – Began awkwardly and hampered shortly after.

Halls Creek (NZ) – Began awkwardly. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

More Thunder - Eased when tightened for room shortly after the start. Steadied after improving onto heels near the 1100m. Passing the 800m was checked after improving onto heels.

Rocky Nugget – Eased when tightened for room rounding the home turn.

Son of Justice – Eased when tightened for room shortly after the start. Raced very wide in the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

They Call Me Rose (NZ) – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Tycoon Rossa – Hampered approaching the first turn. Overraced rounding the first turn. Steadied after improving onto heels approaching the 800m. Eased when tightened for room passing the 400m.

Wainui Gold (NZ) – Slow to begin.

RACE 6: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1250m:

Asti Chops – Overraced rounding the first turn.

Legal Counsel – Bumped shortly after the start. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Magic Quiver – Shifted out and bumped another runners shortly after the start.

Round Mountain Gem – Pulled approaching and rounding the first turn. Raced wide in the middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

She Tells Lies – Bumped shortly after the start. Near the 900m was eased when awkwardly placed on heels.

Snake Farley – Near the 100m was steadied after improving onto heels. Unable to be tested for the remainder of the event when held up on heels.

Sonador Fire – Bumped shortly after the start. Inclined to overrace approaching and rounding the first turn. Eased after improving onto heels rounding the home turn. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

Strawberrychampagne - Bumped shortly after the start.

The Independent – Began awkwardly and buffeted between runners shortly after. Inclined to lay in under pressure down the straight. Passing the 100m was checked after improving onto heels.

RACE 7: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1600m:

Champagne Rock – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Hampered approaching the 100m.

Chloride – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Eased when tightened for room rounding the home turn. Eased when awkwardly placed on heels near the 100m.

Destiny's General – Eased after improving onto heels passing the 800m. Raced in restricted room at the entrance to the straight.

High On You – As R. Plumb was ill stewards permitted B. Looker to replace him as the rider of the filly. R. Plumb was advised that he requires a doctors clearance prior to his next race ride. Slow to begin. When questioned regarding his failure to test his mount in any capacity over the final 100m jockey B. Looker stated that near the 100m *Toronto Flyer*, which was racing to his outside, shifted in and he was concerned that if he continued riding along to its inside he would be carried in onto the heels of *Legal Stature*. B. Looker added that *Toronto Flyer* shifted back out passing the 50m however his mount was well beaten at that stage. B. Lookers explanation was accepted.

Six Beat – Eased after improving onto heels approaching the 1400m. Inclined to hang out rounding the first turn.

Toronto Flyer – Inclined to overrace in the early stages. Eased after improving onto heels approaching the 700m.

Unicaja (NZ) – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

WHIP OFFENCES: Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii).

Race	Rider (Horse)
3	B. Stewart (On a High) – 1 additional

Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

SWABS: Swab samples were taken from all winners and

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 1: Mrs S. Pepper - \$300 (AR141A)
Reprimands:	Race 3: Ms C. Graham (severe) (AR137(a))
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 7: R. Plumb - ill
Warnings:	Race 1: My Cousin Meryl – difficult to load
Trials:	Race 1: Cameo Rose - uncompetitive
Change of Tactics:	Race 7: Early Opener – to settle forward, raced outside lead
Falls/Injuries:	Nil
Follow-up:	Nil