

STEWARDS REPORT

Narromine Turf Club NARROMINE RACECOURSE

Sunday 13th August 2017

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

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

Supplementary Report:

Cowra – Saturday 15th July 2017

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

Stewards today continued their inquiries in J. Pracey-Holmes riding of *More Than Art* in the above-mentioned event, which had been adjourned since Saturday 15th July 2017 to allow Stewards to investigate wagering activity on the event, as well as the racing history of *More Than Art*. During that inquiry, evidence was taken from J. Pracey-Holmes and Trainer Mr. B. Thompson and a summation of that evidence that was presented in the Stewards report reads:

“when questioned, rider J. Pracey-Holmes stated he was instructed to ride his mount in a forward position in a race where there was 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 travelled truly. 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. 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 fourth or fifth. 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.”

Consideration was given to a report into the wagering activity of the event from Racing NSW Betting Steward, Mr L. Dalton, which advised that there were no integrity concerns relating to the betting. Stewards also viewed footage a number of *More Than Art's* race starts, where the gelding was inclined to race ungenerously when racing to the inside of runners, which corroborated J. Pracey-Holmes evidence that he presented at the inquiry on Saturday 15th July 2017. After consideration of all of the evidence at their avail, Stewards elected to not issue a charge against rider J. Pracey-Holmes and advised him that in their opinion, his ride on *More Than Art*, though not blameworthy, was ill advised.

Riding changes:

As B. El-Issa was indisposed, Stewards permitted the following rider substitutions. B. El-Issa will be interviewed.

Race 1:	A.Cavallo on <i>Dollar Thief</i> .
Race 5:	A.Cavallo on <i>Sweet Art</i> .
Race 6:	T. Wolfgram on <i>Annandale Lass</i> .

Race 1: 3YO Country Plate 1100m:

Coasting – rider G. Ryan accidentally dropped his near side rein near the 150m.

Dollar Thief – bumped with *Fleur de Force* on jumping; raced greenly in the straight; lost off fore plate in running.

Eiffel Tower – near the 200m, endeavoured to improve into a run between *Coasting* and *Dollar Thief*, however *Dollar Thief* shifted out and *Eiffel Tower* was disappointed for a run; was then shifted out to continue into clear running.

Fleur de Force – near the 200m, was steadied when momentarily tightened by *Dollar Thief*, which shifted in negligibly.

Something Shocking – overraced in the early stages.

Race 2: Maiden Handicap 800m:

Got Nothing – raced wide throughout.

A Martin Placepick – slow to begin.

Panuara – shifted out near the 200m and bumped heavily with *A Martin Placepick*; raced greenly over the final stages.

Lady Segolene – bumped near the 750m by *Girl Most Likely*.

Skiffle – raced wide throughout.

I'm a Gangster – checked near the 600m when *Mango Liston* laid in despite the efforts of its rider.

Mango Liston – slow to begin.

Infinite Advantage – jumped awkwardly and bumped *I'm a Gangster*.

Girl Most Likely – Trainer Mr. J. Stanley was fined \$50 (AR59A) for failing to produce the TIC for *Girl Most Likely*.

Race 3: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1600m:

Magic Archer – overraced in the early stages.

Mount Taishan – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the right fore leg. Trainer Mr. G. Lunn was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to *Mount Taishan* racing again.

Royal Abbey – slow to begin; had difficulty obtaining a fully unimpeded run in the early part of the straight.

More Than Alright – raced wide throughout the early stages and was ridden forward.

Our Tickets – began very awkwardly, shifted in and crowded *Cordon Rouge*, which was taken out onto *Pedro's Zariz* and *Victory Grand*; when questioned, rider T.

Wolfgram stated his mount was caught wide throughout the entirety of the event and despite his endeavours to obtain a position with cover, his mount was always caught wide and weakened from the 800m; a post-race veterinary examination revealed some abnormal pulmonary sounds; Stable representative Ms. S. Alexander was advised a veterinary certificate, inclusive of the results of an endoscopic examination would be required prior to *Our Tickets* racing again.

Ashrawi Gold – raced wide throughout.

My Little Soldier – held up approaching the home turn.

Oh Oh Sun – held up approaching the home turn.

Race 4: Class 1 Handicap 1200m:

Grundalina – slow to begin.

Bonsley – overraced in the early stages; raced greenly under pressure in the straight and was inclined to run out; near the 50m, ran out abruptly and was checked by its rider M. Cahill, who was badly unbalanced in the saddle; Trainer Mr. M. Lynch was advised *Bonsley* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Ceaseless – raced greenly under pressure in the straight; rider J. Pracey-Holmes was reminded of his obligations to ride his mounts out fully to the finishing line.

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

Bel Finale – slow to begin.

Dr Vandi – hung out rounding the home turn.

Flight Risk – overraced in the middle stages.

Slickster – hung out in the middle stages.

Race 5: Maiden Plate 1300m:

Buddabadah – overraced in the early stages; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Happens Nomore – when questioned, rider T. Wolfgram stated his mount found a beneficial position in running however weakened some distance from the finish and his mount was most disappointing and pulled up breathing heavily after the race; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Noel's Gift – bumped with *Tickets Ladies* near the 150m.

Rickatorio – raced wide throughout.

Beau Magic – bumped with *Tickets Ladies* on jumping; steadied near the 800m when tightened by *Mafia Padrona*, which laid in slightly; held up over the final 50m and was unable to improve.

La Piola – hampered on straightening when *Tickets Ladies* laid in abruptly.

Love for Willow – steadied near the 200m when *Tickets Ladies* (M. Hackett) shifted out. M. Hackett was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

Penticipation – eased out of the event near the 800m; rider Ms. R. Murray reported her mount felt uncomfortable within itself and she became concerned, so she elected

to ease the horse out of the race; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormalities; Trainer Ms. C. Greig was advised *Penticipation* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Sweet Art – bumped with *La Piola* on jumping.

Love 'n' Desire – raced wide throughout.

Race 6: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1300m:

I'm Imogen – overraced outside the leader in the middle stages.

Annandale Lass – Trainer Mr. D. Jackson was fined \$50 (LR35) for the late declaration of rider T. Wolfgram. Trainer Mr. D. Jackson was fined \$50 (AR140B(2)) for the late application to remove the tongue tie from the approved racing gear of *Annandale Lass*.

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

Art 'n' Ollie – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr. D. Mirfin was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to Art 'n' Ollie racing again.

Top Magic – raced wide throughout; a post-race veterinary examination revealed an abnormal off side hind leg action; Trainer Mr. P. Nestor was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to *Top Magic* racing again.

Times Ticking – bumped the rail near the 700m.

Race 7: Narromine Cup 1600m:

Leucura – overraced when being restrained in the early stages.

Our Sarastro – when questioned, rider App. Ms. C. Baker stated her instructions were to lead and after beginning well she rode her mount to take up a forward position. She stated on entering the back straight, when *Cocktail Time* was racing to her inside, her mount overraced and proved difficult to restrain. She added whilst she was cognisant of how fast her mount and *Cocktail Time* were travelling, she was reluctant to over restrain her mount as she was of the opinion her mount may have resented it. She added in hindsight she should have made greater endeavour to restrain her mount; Trainer Ms. C. Greig stated she instructed App. Ms. C. Baker to ride *Our Sarastro* in a forward position. She added *Our Sarastro* may have been fresh this week after backing up from its most recent race start at Forbes on Monday 7th August. She added *Our Sarastro* generally performs best when ridden in the lead however has raced genuinely when ridden with cover. After consideration of the sectional times, Stewards adjourned the inquiry.

A Magic Zariz – laid in under pressure in the straight.

Crooked Stick – slow to begin.

Celtic Tiger – slow to begin.

Cocktail Time – when questioned, rider App. Ms. K. Kirkwood (in the presence of master Trainer Mr. P. Nestor) stated she was instructed to have *Cocktail Time* settle in a forward position. She added after beginning well, she didn't bustle her mount early and it took up a forward position as anticipated. She added her mount raced keenly when *Our Sarastro* improved to her outside and whilst she tried to restrain her mount, she was of the opinion she should have made greater endeavour to restrain her mount throughout the middle stages; Trainer Mr. P. Mills advised his instructions were to have the horse in a forward position, though he was surprised to see the

horse lead by as far as it did in the middle stages. After consideration of sectional times and previous race starts of *Cocktail Time*, Stewards adjourned the inquiry.

Race 8: Benchmark 65 Handicap 800m:

Joey's Destiny – the front barrier gates on the stall occupied by *Joey's Destiny* opened inadvertently, *Joey's Destiny* cantered a short distance, before returning to the barriers stalls and undergoing a successful veterinary examination; overraced in the early stages.

Blinkin Rockin – overraced in the early stages.

Emerton – late withdrawal at 5.17pm when the gelding reared in the barriers and struck its head. Stewards subsequently ordered all monies wagered on *Emerton* be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 5.17pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar in the face value of the ticket:

First: *Snippety Sip* less 0 cents win and 4 cents place;

Second: *Azzie's Ready* less 1 cent place; and

Third: *Joey's Destiny* less 3 cents place.

Trainer Mr. M. Denison was advised *Emerton* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Malverna – slow to begin.

General:

Trainer Mr. R. Northam (represented by M. Campbell) was fined \$100 (AR59A) for failing to produce the TIC for *Lady Segolene* and *Grundalina*. Furthermore, both runners are not permitted to start until the TIC's are in the possession of Trainer R. Northam.

App. Ms. K. Jenkinson was reprimanded (AR92(10)) for failing to produce her apprentice winning rides book.

An inquiry was opened and adjourned into Trainer Mr. G. Lunn's conduct towards licensed Veterinarian Dr. R. Pedrana in relation to his duties as the official race day veterinarian subsequent to race three in the race day tie up stall.

Samples were obtained from **all** winners and the following runners:

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: Trainer R. Northam - \$100 AR59A – failed to produce TIC. Race 2: Trainer J. Stanley - \$50 AR59A – failed to produce TIC. Race 6: Trainer D. Jackson - \$50 LR35 – late rider declaration. Race 6: Trainer D. Jackson - \$50 AR140B(2) – late gear application.
Reprimands:	General: App. K. Jenkinson – AR92(10) – failed to produce app book. Race 5: M. Hackett – AR137(a) – careless riding.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 3: <i>Mount Taishan</i> (Trainer G. Lunn) – lame off fore leg. Race 6: <i>Art 'n' Ollie</i> (Trainer D. Mirfin) – lame near fore leg. Race 6: <i>Top Magic</i> (Trainer P. Nestor) – off hind hock injury.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 4: <i>Bonsley</i> (Trainer M. Lynch) – racing manners. Race 5: <i>Penticipation</i> (Trainer C. Greig) – eased out of race. Race 8: <i>Emerton</i> (Trainer M. Denison) – fractious in barriers.
Change of tactics:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Gear Changes:	Race 6: Annandale Lass – tongue tie off.
Follow up:	Race 7: App. C. Baker and App. K. Kirkwood (tactics). General: Trainer G. Lunn (conduct).