STEWARDS REPORT

Murrumbidgee Turf Club WAGGA WAGGA RACECOURSE Sunday 13 August 2017

Weather: Fine Track: Heavy (8)

Rail: +4m 1400m to Winning Post. True remainder

STEWARDS: T.J.Davidson (Chairman), J.A.Shultz & D.R.McLean

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Supplementary Stewards Report Murrumbidgee Turf Club Tuesday 1st August 2017

Race 8: Open Handicap 1200m:

Trainer G. Duryea reported following a full veterinary examination of **Greipel** in the days following the event, the gelding was found to have bone chips in the near fore fetlock. Mr Duryea advised the horse had undergone surgery and will be sent for a spell. Mr Duryea was advised a veterinary clearance must be submitted before **Greipel** would be permitted to race again.

<u>General:</u> Stablehand rider Mr D. Mathieson was fined \$200 under AR87B for failing to wear an approved safety vest while riding track work at the Corowa racecourse on the morning of Tuesday 8 August 2017.

RACE 1: Maiden Plate 1600m:

Coloane- Bumped on jumping.

Mo's Symphony- Raced wide throughout. R. Bensley explained his mount, which was having its first race start, blundered throughout the event and as he was concerned with its action he did not pressure it in the run to the line. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

The Truck- Momentarily steadied near the 1400m when racing tight to the inside of *Zarizacrat*.

Zarizacrat- Dipped on straightening.

Lady Rosamund- Raced greenly in the straight.

Payday Princess- Bumped on jumping.

Sidonia Miss- Slow to begin.

RACE 2: Open Handicap 1000m:

Man of Peace- Bumped after the start. Bumped on several occasions between the 600m and 500m.

Baby Don't Cry- Slow to begin. Rider P. Scorse(a) stated he was instructed to be positive out of the barriers and hopefully settle in a forward position but to have the mare settle where comfortable. He added after being slow to begin his mount failed to show the necessary pace to take up forward position and after settling back in the field his mount ran on well in the straight. Trainer C. Widdison confirmed the instructions issued and added the mare has had a tendency to begin slowly and today with the very fast pace set by *Fox Tales* the mare was unable to go forward.

Lazyaxi- Withdrawn by Stewards acting on veterinary advice at 1.54pm when it was found to be lame in the off hind. Trainer T. Sutherland was advised a veterinary clearance must be submitted before the gelding would be permitted to race again. In regards to betting Stewards ordered all monies invested on **Lazyaxi** be refunded and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 1.54pm be paid less the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket.

1st: Fox Tales- 4 cents win, 4 cents place

2nd: Mitchell Road- 11 cents place

3rd: Baby Don't Cry- NTD

Ketchum- Bumped after the start. Hung outwards throughout and made contact with *Man of Peace* on several occasions between the 600m and 500m. Trainer C. Heywood, represented by T. Lorback was advised **Ketchum** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before racing again.

Levee Bank- Rider M. Taylor(a) stated although her mount had led at its most recent start, today being up in grade, and with anticipated pace in the event, she was instructed to take up a position in behind the lead. She added her mount could not go the early pace and as a result got much further back than anticipated before running on well in the straight.

RACE 3: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1200m:

Benno's Boy- Dipped on jumping.

Go Get 'em- Slow to begin.

Waitaha Prophecy- Bumped after the start. Momentarily steadied near the 600m while racing tight to the inside of *Hercule's Horse*.

Lighthouse- Trainer C. Heywood, represented by T. Lorback, was fined \$50 under AR140A for presenting the gelding to the mounting yard without blinkers. Held up for clear running in the early part of the straight.

Storm Approach- Bumped after the start.

Vee Eight- Laid inwards in the straight. Rider R. Dolan(a) stated last start the gelding was able to lead and dictate the speed of the event but today was not suited by the fast tempo. He added in his opinion the gelding was now looking for a longer distance. Trainer D. Williams agreed with the rider's comments and added it was now his intention to step the horse up in distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities. Apprentice Dolan, in the presence of trainer D. Williams pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he did use the whip on twelve (12) occasions prior to the 100m as the rider of **Vee Eight**. Apprentice Dolan's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 15 August 2017 and to expire on Tuesday 22 August 2017, on which day he may ride.

Hangin' With Willy- Slow to begin. Shifted out under pressure in the straight.

RACE 4: 3yo & Up Maiden Handicap 1200m:

Zarizzle- Made contact with the running rail on several occasions near the 900m.

Quetee Shoes- Held up for a short distance near the 600m.

Hay Boys- Change of tactics- To be ridden further back. Settled worse than midfield. Slipped behind on jumping.

Shadow Omen- Restrained near the 400m when awkwardly placed on heels.

Currawong- Raced wide throughout. Laid inwards over the concluding stages.

Nicotic- Raced wide throughout. Rider S. Miller stated after being caught wide he elected to go back and try and obtain cover. He stated his mount did not respond to his riding in the straight and he added he had suggested to connections the gelding may benefit with the addition of blinkers. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Prince of Prussia- Steadied near the 1000m when *Bravado Lass* (N. Souquet) shifted in when not quite clear. N. Souquet was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 5: Class 3 Handicap 1600m:

Miss Chaparral- Rider L. Grace explained his mount travelled well in an advantageous position but disappointed in its failure to respond to his riding in the straight. Co-Trainer J. Ledger could offer no tangible explanation for what he described as a poor performance adding **Miss Chaparral** appeared to have every chance during the race. He stated the mare has in the past put in unexplained poor performances adding the horse had pulled up well following the race. He further stated the stable was considering the future racing plans for the mare and he undertook to report back to Stewards once a decision had been made regarding the racing future of the mare. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Way Too Easy- Severely crowded on jumping.

Adizero- Change of tactics- To be ridden further forward. Settled back. Began very awkwardly and shifted outwards abruptly.

Chew Toy- Raced wide throughout.

Zarina's Gold- Severely crowded on jumping. Raced wide throughout. Checked near the 50m. At a subsequent inquiry, B. Vale pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 50m he did permit *Chew Toy* to shift out whilst riding it along when insufficiently clear of **Zarina's Gold**, which was checked. B. Vale's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday 16 August 2017 and to expire on Tuesday 22 August 2017, on which day he may ride.

Szyslak- Rider R. Prest(a), in the presence of Trainer S. Spackman, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that she did use the whip on thirteen (13) occasions prior to the 100m as the rider of **Szyslak.** Apprentice Prest's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to

commence on Sunday 20 August 2017 and to expire on Saturday 26 August 2016, on which day she may ride.

Coral Downs- Held up and unable to improve between the 250m and 100m and steadied while racing in restricted room approaching the winning post.

RACE 6: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1400m:

Boy Scout- Slow to begin.

Ramaadi Bullet- Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Why Me Lord- Raced wide throughout.

My Friend Albert- Slow to begin.

Weekend Getaway- Returned having bled from both nostrils for the first time. Trainer K. Weir was advised of the provisions of AR53A(4). Mr Weir advised the gelding would now be retired.

RACE 7: Class 1 Handicap 1200m:

Imitation Game- A pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which struck its off hind leg enroute to the course, found it suitable to race. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Rider C. Frater-Hill(a) stated she was instructed to settle where comfortable and despite her mount racing keenly in the early stages it had travelled well until straightening. She added after initially responding her mount commenced to give ground from the 200m and raced like a horse that had come to the end of its preparation. Trainer D. Gorrel advised the gelding would now be sent for a spell, A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

South Africa- Shifted out under pressure in the straight.

Kappy Cino- Began awkwardly and lost ground. Steadied near the 500m when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Run Adam*, which was giving ground.

Quirimbas- Slow to begin. Steadied shortly after the start when Run Adam shifted out.

Run Adam- A pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which had not raced for 1008 days, found it suitable to race. Raced wide throughout. A post-race veterinary did not detect any abnormalities.

Aunty Porscher- Slow to begin (2L).

Stewards noted the following rider exceeded the permissible strikes with the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii)

Race 1 R. Prest(a) (Lady Rosamund)	6 strikes
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Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

<u>General:</u> Seven (7) urine samples were collected from riders with engagements at today's meeting to be sent to the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory for testing for substances banned under the Rules of Racing.

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Race 2: Fox Tales, Ketchum, Baby Don't Cry

Race 3: Hangin' With Willy

Race 4: Kruanui Race 5: Szyslak

Race 6: Cherokee Warrior Race 7: Allez Troienne

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: D. Mathieson- \$200- Failed to wear safety vest when mounted at trackwork. AR87B. Race 3: C. Heywood- \$50- Present Lighthouse without blinkers. AR140A.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 3: R. Dolan(a)- Suspended 15/8/17-22/8/17. Use whip 12 times prior to 100m on Vee Eight. AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Race 5: B. Vale- Suspended 16/8/17-22/8/17. Careless riding on Chew Toy. AR137(a). Race 5: R. Prest(a)- Suspended 20/8/17-26/8/17. Use whip 13 times prior to 100m on Szyslak. AR137A(5)(a)(ii).
Warnings:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Race 6: Weekend Getaway. Bled first time.
Trials:	Race 2: Ketchum- Hung out.
Certificates:	General: Greipel- Vet certificate. Bone chips removed from near fore fetlock. Race 2: LazyaxI- Vet certificate. Lame off hind.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Tactics:	Race 4: Hay Boys- To be ridden further back. Settled worse than midfield. Race 5: Adizero- To be ridden further forward. Settled back.