

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Coffs Harbour Racing Club COFFS HARBOUR RACECOURSE

Friday 13 October 2017

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (6)
Rail: True

STEWARDS: M. A. Holloway (Chairman), D. R. Smith, N. M. Daniels & W. M. Friend

RACE 1: Class 2 Handicap 800m

Ava Natalia – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Brandy Balloon – Bumped on jumping.

D'last Za – Bumped on jumping. Shifted in under pressure passing the 150m. When questioned regarding his riding of the gelding, in particular not crossing too lead on the fence, jockey K. Matheson advised that he was instructed to travel three to four horses off the fence as the geldings trainer Mr M. O'Neill was of the opinion that this was the better going. Mr M. O'Neill confirmed the instructions.

Mizar Alcor – Bounded on jumping.

Polskie Lady – Slow into stride.

Vixen Lass – Near the 600m was steadied from the heels of *D'last Za* which shifted in when insufficiently clear. Jockey K. Matheson was issued a reprimand (AR137(a)). Inclined to hang out rounding the home turn. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 2: Maiden Plate 1600m:

Bold Temptation – Began awkwardly. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Court Appeal – Near the 1400m was bumped on the hindquarter, and unbalanced, by *Shy Kiss* which was carried in by *Option Trader* which ran in abruptly. Jockey M. McGuren (*Taikun Prince*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding, under AR137(a), in that shortly after straightening he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Court Appeal** which was checked and lost its rightful running. M. McGuren's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 23rd October 2017 and to expire on Saturday 28th October 2017, on which day he may ride.

Glowing Feeling – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Mokin – Inclined to lay in under pressure down the straight.

Nutcracker – Hampered on jumping.

Option Trader – Shortly after straightening was bumped on the hindquarter and unbalanced.

Rest Assured – Slow to begin (3L).

Saint Element – Slow to begin.

Shy Kiss – A post race veterinary examination of the mare, which was beaten 35.87L, revealed it to be lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr E. Ensby was advised that the mare is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards and before such trial requires a veterinary certificate of fitness. Mr Ensby advised that the mare would be retired.

Time to Rock – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1300m:

Cuthbert Gold (NZ) – Slow to begin. Ran wide rounding the home turn.

Eva the Diva – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Carried wide rounding the home turn.

Glycine Max – Eased when racing in restricted room approaching the first turn. Inclined to overrace rounding the first turn. Steadied over the concluding stages when disappointed for a run.

Lothbrok – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Hey Hey My My – Slow to begin. Unable to improve between the 600m and 400m when held up on heels.

Montana Pines – Blundered shortly after the start. Carried wide rounding the home turn.

RACE 4: Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Baron Ikerrin – Hampered on two occasions shortly after the start.

D'great Beauty – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Dux Nutz – Near the 600m was steadied when momentarily tightened for room. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding jockey K. Matheson stated that he wanted to settle in a forward position however his mount began only fairly and settled handy. K. Matheson stated his mount was reluctant to travel in amongst horses and raced field shy. K. Matheson stated that his mount failed to respond to pressure on straightening and in his opinion, was reluctant to stretch out in the soft conditions. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Jess da Dash – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Lady of Light – Slow to begin. Approaching the 600m was steadied for a number of strides after laying out onto heels. Inclined to lay out from this point to the entrance to the straight.

Marokawa – Overraced fiercely in the middle stages.

Sawtell – Bumped outwards approaching the 700m. Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Hampered passing the 50m.

Secrets No More – Slow to begin. Raced very wide in the early and middle stages.

Shades of Italy – Began awkwardly.

RACE 5: Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Aslan's Mojo – Momentarily eased when awkwardly placed on heels at the entrance to the straight.

Adorato – Approaching the 200m was steadied when bumped inwards and became awkwardly placed on heels.

Danishki – Raced in restricted room from the entrance to the straight to near the 300m. Jockey Ms L. Cheshire pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding, under AR137(a), in that approaching the 200m she permitted her mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Danishki** which was checked and lost its rightful running. Ms Cheshire's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Friday 20 October 2017 and to expire on Sunday 29 October 2017, on which day she may ride.

Do Dar – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages.

Dorawin – Bumped on jumping. Shortly after straightening was eased when tightened for room. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare apprentice Ms C. Graham stated that her mount was obliged to race three wide without cover in the early and middle stages, failed to respond to pressure approaching and rounding the home turn and was disappointing in its run to the line. Ms Graham stated her mount failed to travel as strongly at any stage and in her opinion raced like a tired horse. Trainer Ms J. Hardy advised that the mare had reached the end of its preparation and would be spelled. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Magic Happens – Buffeted between runners near the 200m.

Metazoa – Ran wide rounding the home turn.

Our Boy Ben – Inclined to lay in under pressure down the straight.

Smart Ali (NZ) – Overraced rounding the first turn.

RACE 6: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1600m:

Absolute Gem – Inclined to overrace in the early stages. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it had bled from both nostrils for the first time. Trainer Ms D. Stoddart was advised that the mare will not incur the embargoes listed under AR53A.

Apocalyptic Fun – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding apprentice J. Murphy stated that his mount settled behind the leaders in the early stages and travelled fairly. J. Murphy stated that when the leaders commenced to quicken passing the 800m his mount was under pressure to hold its position and was very disappointing in its run to the line. When questioned, trainer Mr C. Prosser stated that the gelding had worked well leading into the event and he had expected a forward showing. Mr Prosser added the gelding is only a class 2 horse and was required to carry a heavy weight impost on soft track conditions, on which it has poor form. Mr Prosser undertook to provide the results of a blood test on the gelding in the coming days and advised he would experiment with a tongue tie prior to the geldings next race start. Mr Prosser was advised that a warning would be placed on the geldings poor performance. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Colour Purple – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Bumped passing the 200m.

My Boy Louie – Overraced in the early stages.

Surf Coast – Slow to begin. Overraced in the early and middle stages. Steadied after improving onto heels approaching the 800m. Raced in restricted room at the entrance to the straight. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding apprentice Ms C. Graham stated that she intended on settling in a handy position however her mount was slow to begin and settled midfield. Ms Graham stated that she did not have the opportunity to improve into the event from the 600m when held up on the heels of a weakening runner. Ms Graham added that passing the 300m she was obliged to check her mount when disappointed for a run and her mount was unable to make any ground on the leaders from this point under its heavy weight impost. Ms Graham added her mount would have benefitted from being able to work into a sprint from the 600m. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

With Every Bound – Bumped passing the 200m.

Wraith of Odin – Bumped shortly after the start. Inclined to overrace rounding the first turn.

Zuccherina – Hampered shortly after the start. Shortly after straightening was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve.

RACE 7: Open Handicap 1000m:

Bonne Cheval – Blundered passing the 600m. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Shortly after straightening became held up on heels and was unable to improve until shifting out passing the 300m.

Charlee Bear – Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Lost near hind plate in running.

Chilli Zaim – Apprentice Ms M. Nakao was cautioned for using her whip on a horse out of contention (AR137A(4)(c)).

Dreamalina – Raced wide in the early stages.

Duty Dude – Began awkwardly. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Pomme Petite – Passing the 800m was eased from the heels of *Bonne Cheval* which was carried in by *Charlee Bear*. Jockey Ms K. Stanley (*Charlee Bear*) was asked to exercise more care in similar circumstances. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

RACE 8: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1300m:

Fashion Model – Bounded on jumping.

Gold Beret – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Nothing Like Luca – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Oltre Finito (NZ) – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Power Receiver – Near the 250m was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve.

Splinter – Raced very 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)
6	J. Murphy (Apocalyptic Fun) – 1 additional

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

SWABS: Swab samples were taken from all winners and **Miss Shaniel**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 1: K. Matheson (AR137(a))
Suspensions:	Race 2: M. McGuren 23/10/17 – 28/10/17 (AR137(a)) Race 5: Ms L. Cheshire 20/10/2017 – 29/10/2017 (AR137(a))

Bleeders:	Race 6: Absolute Gem – bled first time (AR53A)
Certificates:	Race 2: Shy Kiss – lame near fore
Warnings:	Race 6: Apocalyptic Fun – poor performance
Trials:	Race 2: Shy Kiss - uncompetitive
Change of Tactics:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	Nil
Follow-up:	Nil