

**Stewards Report
Quirindi Jockey Club
QUIRINDI RACECOURSE**

Monday 14th August 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4) - (3) 1.35pm.

Rail: True

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman) & J Penfold.

Riding Changes:

Race 1: C Baker (no senior rider available) replaced K Dunbar (transport difficulties)

Race 1: 3YO + Maiden Handicap 1100m

Fashion Ticket, Play Now & Little Red Mondo all dislodged their riders during the parade to the barrier. Fashion Ticket ran off the course and took considerable time to recapture, Little Red Mondo galloped rider less for some time and Play Now went out of supervision whilst rider less. All runners were withdrawn at 12.48pm. When correct weight was declared, it was ordered that all bets made on Fashion Ticket, Little Red Mondo & Play Now be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers placed prior to 12.48pm, be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1st Kabelo – 38 cents Win & 31 cents Place

2nd Advantage – 27 cents Place

3rd Shiver Me Timbers – 34 cents

Advantage – raced fiercely during the middle stages.

Perfect Times – raced greenly and hung in, in the early part of the home straight. The rider R Murray reported that she was disadvantaged by the racing manners of Perfect Times and the mare felt awkward in its action inside the 350m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Axel Bling – hung out during the middle stages and rounding the home turn.

Hallucinate – slow to begin.

Artillery – slow to begin.

Race 2: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1000m

Blinkin Fast – missed the start (2L).

Fioravanti – raced ungenerously rounding the home turn then blundered passing the 300m.

Accessory Diva – was bumped and became unbalanced when momentarily crowded passing the 700m. Trainer Mr. G Andrews said that the mare would be spelled.

Race 3: Maiden Plate 1600m

Sorry I'm Awesome – when questioned in relation to the performance C Van Der Werf explained that she had intended to obtain a position forward of midfield in the early stages however her mount which was significantly down in distance from its most recent start was unable to muster any speed after the start and was further back than anticipated. She said that she attempted to go forward during the downhill section of the track however was forced very wide rounding the home turn and covered extra ground. A post-race veterinary examination revealed Sorry I'm Awesome to have cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer B Thompson was advised that prior to racing again the gelding must undergo a veterinary examination inclusive of an ECG, before competing satisfactorily in an official barrier trial and being passed by the attending veterinary officer immediately thereafter.

Direct Quote – (placed second), the rider R Murray lodged an objection against Prospect Road (N Burrells), being declared the winner, alleging interference passing the 1200m. In dismissing the objection, it was conceded that rounding the turn near the 1200m, Direct quote had to be steadied when crowded momentarily by Augusta In April, which was taken in by Prospect Road, which shifted in when establishing the lead when not quite clear. After this Direct Quote enjoyed an unimpeded run behind the lead and was placed under full uninterrupted pressure from the entrance to the home straight and considering the manner both horses ran to the finish, the material extent of the interference caused to Direct Quote, it was determined that had the incident not occurred Prospect Road would still have finished ahead of Direct Quote. N Burrells was subsequently advised to ensure she was sufficiently clear of other runners when shifting ground.

Ophaeo Rose – was crowded at the start.

Rodeo Destiny – began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

Race 4: Benchmark 59 Handicap 1600m

Rena's Lad – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Samikosho – hung out and ran wide under pressure during the concluding stages.

Rembetica – underwent mandatory pre-race veterinary examination for 12-year-old runners (passed). Slow to begin. Underwent mandatory post-race veterinary examination for 12-year-old runners (satisfactory recovery).

Race 5: Class 3 Handicap 1450m

Free Ticket – when questioned in relation to the performance, G Ryan explained that his mount travelled relatively well on the rail during the early and middle stages, however when he attempted to shift wider passing the 700m to improve in a 3-wide position which he felt was the best part of the track he was unable to maneuver Bunny Bad Girl wider and raced in restricted room inside that runner for some distance. He said that when he obtained clear running after this at the entrance to the home straight, Free Ticket only responded moderately, hung out under pressure inside the 200m and was slightly disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Face Like Thunder – began awkwardly, shifted in abruptly and was slow away.

Race 6: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1200m

Little Shocker – began awkwardly, was hampered when attempting to secure clear running near the 300m, then raced ungenerously and hung in.

Exotic Art – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare displayed a poor recovery. Trainer Mrs. S Grills said consideration would be given to exotic Art being retired. Regardless, Mrs. Grills was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on the mare's racing record.

Race 7: Class 1 Handicap 1200m

Dynamite Dan – was mildly fractious in the barrier, lashed out behind and sustained an abrasion to its hind leg when it was caught between the back gates on its barrier stall. After being declared unfit by the club's veterinary officer Dynamite Dan was withdrawn at 4.34pm and when correct weight was declared it was ordered that all bets made on Dynamite Dan be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful

wagers placed prior to 4.34pm be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1st Ledecky – 7 cents Win & 6 cents Place

2nd Invincible Bot – 7 cents Place

3rd Baker's Image – 8 cents Place

Trainer Mr. M Milton was advised that a warning for being fractious in the barrier would be placed on the racing record of **Dynamite Dan**.

Squared – slow to begin, then was crowded approaching the 700m.

No Angel Here – raced ungenerously for some distance in the early stages.

My Ladybug – slow to begin.

Summary of whip use

Race 4: B Cray – Moment To Test	6 strikes prior to the 100m
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Considering the totality of use, no action was taken.

Race 6: T Wolfgram – Rubymay	10 strikes prior to the 100m – fined \$300
R Murray – Bergdorf	10 strikes prior to the 100m including 3 in succession – fined \$300 (10 strikes) – reprimanded (successive use)

General: Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Sasogenes, Axel Bling, Accessory Diva, Ophaeo Rose & Jardine.**

SUMMARY

Suspensions	Nil
Reprimands	Race 6: R Murray – (AR137A (5) (i)) whip use
Warnings	Race 6: Exotic Art – poor performance Race 7: Dynamite Dan – fractious in the barriers
Trials	Race 3: Sorry I'm Awesome – cardiac arrhythmia
Bleeders	Nil

Falls and Injury	Race 1: A Gibbons, G Ryan & C Baker – uninjured
Certificates	Race 3: Sorry I'm Awesome – cardiac arrhythmia
Fines	Race 6: T Wolfgram - \$300 (AR137A (5) (ii)) whip use R Murray - \$300 (AR137A (5) (ii)) whip use