

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Thursday 14 September 2017

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

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

RACE 1: Class 3 Handicap 1410m:

Accord – Slow to begin (2L). Approaching the 200m was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve.

Bronzed Venom – Inclined to overrace rounding the first turn. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. McGuren stated that his mount enjoyed a moderate tempo outside the leader in the early and middle stages however when asked to improve near the 500m it responded only fairly and ground its way to the line. M. McGuren added his mount was second up today after a first up run over 1350m and in his opinion raced flat. M. McGuren stated he is of the opinion the gelding would appreciate a step up in distance. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Cantillate – Bumped approaching the 1300m.

Cilla (NZ) – Buffeted heavily on jumping.

Cool Prince – Began awkwardly. Shifted out under pressure approaching and passing the 100m.

Hope Island – Hampered shortly after the start. Eased when awkwardly placed on heels passing the 900m. Unable to be fully tested from the entrance to the straight to approaching the 200m whilst being continually directed out into clear running.

No Qualm – Inclined to overrace and hang out between the 1200m and 600m.

Pajados – Slow to begin. Bumped approaching the 1300m.

Pat's Destiny – Bumped shortly after the start.

Raucous – Bumped on jumping. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

With Every Bound – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner. Inclined to hang out between the 700m and 400m.

RACE 2: C,G&E Maiden Handicap 1106m:

Aimalac Bulsa – Slow to begin.

Blue Monte – Bumped and unbalanced shortly after the start. Approaching the 1000m commenced to overrace and continued throughout the middle stages.

Duke of Frederick – Bumped shortly after the start. Overraced in the middle stages.

Flim Flan Man – Began awkwardly. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Freedom Park – Slow to begin and steadied when tightened between runners shortly after. Steadied after improving onto heels passing the 1000m.

Giggling Whispers – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards at 1.24pm after the geldings shifted its off hind plate in the enclosure and would not allow the raceday farrier to rectify the issue within the available time frame. Stewards ordered that all wagers on the gelding be refunded and that all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 1.24pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket, 0 cents the win and 1 cent the place for 1st (*Camillo*), 1 cent the place for 2nd (*Duke of Frederick*) and 1 cent the place for 3rd (*Nic and Run*).

Iggy's Boy – Trainer Mr E. Ensby was advised that a warning would be placed on the competitiveness of the gelding which was beaten 22.29L. Mr Ensby advised that a decision on the geldings racing future would be made in the coming days.

Lord Morpheus – Began awkwardly and became unbalanced after bumping heavily with another runner. Eased from heels passing the 1000m.

Nic And Run – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Tough One – Trainer Mr S. Lee was fined \$100 for failing to remove the cross over nose band and tongue tie from the geldings gear by the required time (AR140B). Bumped and blundered badly shortly after the start. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding Mr Lee stated it was the geldings first start for the stable and its work had pleased. Mr Lee stated that the geldings form suggests it appreciates a longer journey than today and in his opinion it would take benefit from todays event. Mr Lee added he would add the tongue tie back to the geldings official race gear prior to its next race start. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality outside a small laceration to the off hind cannon.

Tusker Time – Slow to begin.

RACE 3: C,G&E Maiden Handicap 1106m:

First Family – Passing the 800m was steadied after racing up onto heels.

Harmony Breeze – Began awkwardly.

Hidden Storm – Began awkwardly. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Jack's Point – Slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 21.29L, did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Ms J. Hardy was advised that a warning would be placed on the geldings competitiveness. Trainer Ms J. Hardy advised that the gelding would be retired.

Sapper Tom – Buffeted between runners on jumping.

Smoothie Two – Bumped on jumping.

Star of Harada – Inclined to hang out between the 600m and entrance to the straight.

RACE 4: F&M Maiden Handicap 1106m:

Adorata – Blundered on jumping and bumped shortly after. Approaching the 1000m **Adorata** shifted in can carried *Oakland Actress* in slightly before that runner continued to lay in and became unbalanced after bumping heavily with *Jess da Dash* which shifted in and hampered *Silver Swiss*. Jockey C. Franklin (*Adorata*) was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

Alamaru (NZ) – Slow to begin and eased from heels shortly after.

Jess da Dash – Bumped heavily near the 1000m.

My Cousin Meryl – Travelled keenly in the early and middle stages.

Natural Image – Inclined to hang out in the middle stages. Momentarily eased from heels passing the 300m. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Oakland Actress – Approaching the 1000m became unbalanced after laying in and bumping heavily with another runner.

Red All Day – Began awkwardly.

Shy Kiss – Slow to begin.

Silver Swiss – Hampered near the 1000m.

Snuggle Bug – Bumped shortly after the start.

Woodditton – Hampered approaching the 200m.

RACE 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1106m:

Cinda Blue – Began awkwardly.

Classroom Destiny – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

Col's Tiger – Slow to begin. Commenced to overrace approaching the first turn and continued throughout the middle stages.

Pure Whisper – Approaching the 200m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve.

Ready Zaim Fire – Commenced to overrace approaching the first turn and continued throughout the middle stages.

Spirit of Husson – Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels. An inquiry into K. Matheson's handling of the gelding down the straight was opened and adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Supreme Willy – Slow to begin. Raced in restricted room over the concluding stages.

Traconi – Slow to begin. Passing the 600m became held up on heels and was unable to improve until the entrance to the straight. Approaching the 100m was momentarily tightened for room.

RACE 6: Benchmark 55 Handicap 2220m:

Famed (NZ) – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare jockey B. Looker stated that his mount settled in a forward position throughout the event and in his opinion enjoyed moderate sectionals. B. Looker stated his mount commenced to weaken noticeably from the 800m and he did not test it down the straight as he was of the opinion something was amiss. When questioned, trainer Mr J. Shelton advised the mare has raced fairly this preparation and has given every indication it would appreciate the distance today however it appears not to be the case. J. Shelton added the mare is a maiden competing out of its grade and he would spell it immediately. A post race veterinary examination of the mare, which was beaten 33.34L, did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr J. Shelton was advised that the mare is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

Husonique – Bumped and unbalanced on jumping. Inclined to lay in under pressure over the final 200m. Apprentice H. Lee will be interviewed regarding his whip use prior to the 100m at a date to be fixed.

Jimmy Hoffa (NZ) – Raced wide in the middle stages.

Miss Zodiac – Passing the 600m was obliged to ease and shift out around the heels of a weakening runner.

Prince Albert – Continually steadied when held up on the heels of a weakening runner between the 700m and 600m.

Sound World – Steadied when buffeted between runners on jumping.

Zamirhe – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare apprentice Ms C. Dougherty stated that from a wide barrier her mount was able to lead the event with minimal effort. Ms Dougherty stated that her mount was inclined to pull

in the early stages and middle stages and she felt this was to its detriment over the final 700m when it weakened noticeably. Ms Dougherty added that it was her mounts first attempt over the 2220m journey. Mr T. Fletcher advised that the mare would be retired from his stable. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr T. Fletcher was advised that the mare, which was beaten 37.35L, is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

RACE 7: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1710m:

Blake Street – Steadied after improving onto heels passing the 1200m. Bumped near the 150m.

El Teniente – Bumped near the 150m.

Glowing Feeling – Blundered on jumping. Passing the 1400m was eased when buffeted on to the running rail. Steadied after improving onto heels rounding the turn near the 1200m.

Metre Eater – Overraced and ran out rounding the turn near the 1200m. Continued to overrace throughout the middle stages. Laid out and bumped another runner on two occasions at the entrance to the straight.

Mister Hootabell – Passing the 600m became held up on heels and was unable to be fully tested until shortly after straightening.

Nutcracker – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Bumped on two occasions at the entrance to the straight.

Pangolin – Began awkwardly.

Shark Creek – Steadied after improving onto heels passing 1200m. Inclined to overrace from this point throughout the middle stages. Hung out rounding the home turn.

Silom Road – Near the 1400m was steadied from the heels of *Blake Street* which shifted in abruptly when awkwardly placed inside the heels of *El Teniente*. Raced wide in the middle stages.

The Skrill – Passing the 300m was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve.

RACE 8: Class 1 Handicap 1206m:

Bearly Thinking – Overraced in the middle stages.

Grey Piranha – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey A. Allen stated that his mount led the event and travelled strongly in the early and middle stages however when asked to sprint at the entrance to the straight it failed to respond strongly and was disappointing in its run to the line. A. Allen added that at its last start maiden win, over a shorter distance, he allowed the gelding to run along at a quicker tempo and in hindsight

his efforts to hold the gelding today to ensure it ran out the distance may have been to its detriment and it may have been better suited being able to travel at a more genuine tempo in the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Just Imagine – Unable to be fully tested approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Apprentice J. Murphy was dislodged from his mount following the event and suffered no apparent injury.

Magic Happens – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Metazoa – Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

Moogem – Slow to begin.

Moringa's Odyssey – Slow to begin and hampered shortly after. Passing the 600m was eased when disappointed for a run.

Swift Response – Eased when tightened for room approaching the 50m.

Syrah – Shortly after straightening was obliged to ease and shift in around heels to continue to improve.

Tilly Dancer – Trainer representative Mr T. Higgins was advised that the mare, which was beaten 18.2L, is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start to prove its competitiveness. Mr Higgins advised that the mare would be retired.

SWABS: Swab samples were taken from all winners.

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	R. Agnew (Superior Offer) – 2 additional Ms M. Nakao (Harmony Breeze) – 2 additional

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

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 2: S. Lee - \$100 (AR140B)
Reprimands:	Race 4: C. Franklin (AR137(a))
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Certificates:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 2: Iggy's Boy – uncompetitive Race 3: Jack's Point - uncompetitive
Trials:	Race 6: Famed – uncompetitive Race 6: Zamirhe – uncompetitive Race 8: Tilly Dancer - uncompetitive
Change of Tactics:	Nil

Falls/Injuries:	Race 8: J. Murphy – no apparent injury
Follow-up:	Race 5: K. Matheson (<i>Spirit of Husson</i>) – handling Race 6: H. Lee – whip use