

STEWARDS REPORT

Albury Racing Club
ALBURY RACECOURSE
Saturday 14 October 2017

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (5). Good (4) at 2.10pm
Rail: +1m entire circumference

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

(11u)

General: L. King(a) was fined \$100 under AR92(10) for failing to lodge his winning rides book with Stewards prior to weighing out.

G. Cartwright(a) was fined \$100 under LR68 for failing to present a letter of authority from her master.

N. Souquet was fined \$100 under AR175(p) for smoking in the vicinity of the jockey's room.

RACE 1: Maiden Handicap 1175m:

Boipelo- Momentarily steadied and taken outwards near the 800m when crowded to the inside of *Grandes. Troubadour* and *Miss Sundance*, which were following, were hampered in consequence.

Bay Lane- Got its head up while racing keenly in the early and middle stages. Steadied near the 700m when *Grandes* (G. Cartwright(a)) shifted in when not quite clear. Apprentice Cartwright was advised to exercise more care.

Comeonin- Slow to begin (3L).

Music Writer- Returned shin sore in the off fore leg. Trainer K. Davison advised the mare would now be sent for a spell.

O' So Hazy- Held up in the early part of the straight. Shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.

Little Boomer- Slow to begin and then hampered shortly after.

Troubadour- Hampered near the 800m. Laid inwards under pressure in the straight.

Miss Sundance- Hampered near the 800m.

RACE 2: Maiden Plate 1400m:

Big Haz- When questioned regarding today's improved performance, Trainer G. Worsnop stated the only explanation he could offer was the gelding had matured during its recent spell and had appreciated the addition of blinkers. His comments were noted.

Kapover- Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Rider R. Prest was fined \$300 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using her whip on nine (9) occasions prior to the 100m.

Snake Cavern- Was withdrawn by Stewards at 2.37pm when it was unable to be loaded into the barriers. Trainer J. Thompson was advised an official warning would be placed on the gelding's barrier manners. In regards to betting Stewards ordered all monies invested on **Snake Cavern** be refunded and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 2.37pm be paid less the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket.

1st: *Big Haz*- 5 cents win, 11 cents place

2nd: *Wilt the Stilt*- 3 cents place

3rd: *Hajduk*- 8 cents place

Kylara- Showed no early pace.

Ruby Skye- Slow to begin.

Rocky High- Raced wide throughout and proved difficult to settle in the early and middle stages.

RACE 3: Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Certain Riches- Fractious in the mounting yard and underwent a veterinary examination behind the barriers where it was found fit to race.

Hoffski- Began awkwardly.

Kopaonik- Checked near the 1300m when *Just Leave* (C. Quilty) shifted in when not quite clear. C. Quilty was reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a).

Bravado Lass- Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Black Cartel- Raced wide throughout.

Emerald Ice- Slow to begin.

RACE 4: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1400m:

His Spirit- Bumped on jumping and hampered shortly after when *Captain Planet* shifted out.

Captain Planet- Began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

Esprit Warrior- Returned with a laceration to the near side hip.

I'm Peter- Rider C. Hall stated she was instructed to take up a position behind the lead but when her mount began well she settled in the lead. She added the gelding travelled well throughout but disappointed with its failure to respond to her riding in the straight.

Bondo- When questioned regarding today's improved performance Trainer K. Weir stated that two starts back as instanced in the Stewards report the gelding struck severe interference before last start where the horse failed to handle the tight turning track at Cootamundra and ran wide on the home turn. He added from a good draw the gelding was suited by being able to take up a forward position.

Why Me Lord- B. Murphy replaced R. Bensley (overweight) as the rider of the gelding. R. Bensley was fined \$200 under AR120(b).

RACE 5: Class 3 Handicap 1600m:

Financial Miss- As no suitable replacements riders were available, Stewards gave permission for B. Loy to ride ½ kilogram overweight. B. Loy was fined \$150 under AR120(b).

Robusta- Held up in the early part of the straight.

Fiefdom- Crowded on jumping and then showed no early pace. Rider T. Hope(a) stated her mount was bumped on jumping and travelled for a few strides before it changed legs. She added when she became concerned with its action passing the 700m she did not unduly pressure it in the run to the line. A post-race veterinary examination found the mare to have injured its right fore tendon. Trainer's representative B. Stein advised the mare would now be retired from racing. Mr Stein was told that should plans change **Fiefdom** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards after first submitting a full veterinary clearance.

RACE 6: Benchmark 69 Handicap 1000m:

Gasworx- Rider N. Souquet stated after being slightly slow to begin and with abundant pace to his inside he elected to go back and obtain cover rather than be caught wide. He added he was under pressure throughout and found the line only fairly in the straight. He further stated in his opinion the gelding was now looking for a longer distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Hydro Force- Checked near the 600m when crowded between *Gens Miss* (R. Prest(a)), which hung out despite the efforts of its rider and *Wednesday Warrior* (S. Metcalfe(a)), which shifted in slightly. Both riders were advised to exercise more care.

Grey Strike- Laid inwards in the straight. Checked approaching the 200m when *Lock the Doors* (R. Bensley) shifted out under pressure. R. Bensley was reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a). Checked near the 150m. At a subsequent inquiry R. Bensley pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 150m he did permit *Lock the Doors* to shift out, whilst riding it along when insufficiently clear of **Grey Strike** which checked. R. Bensley's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 22 October 2017 and to expire on Sunday 29 October 2017, on which day he may ride.

Gens Miss- Blundered on jumping. Rider R. Prest stated her mount slipped behind on jumping, hung out throughout and did not feel comfortable in its action. A post-race veterinary examination found the mare to be mildly lame in the near fore. Trainer A. Fitzgerald reported **Gens Miss** would now be sent for a spell.

RACE 7: Class 1 Handicap 900m:

Newrons- Slow to begin. Held up and unable to improve between the 400m and 200m. Hampered near the 250m when *Lots of 'Em* shifted out under pressure.

Rapid Ronda- Slow to begin.

The Wonderful Cat- Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Time of Her Life- Blundered on jumping. Raced wide throughout. Got its head up near the 600m while being restrained.

Visualised- Raced wide throughout.

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

Race 7	G. Cartwright(a) (Western Prussia)	6 strikes
Race 7	R. Prest(a) (Rapid Ronda)	7 strikes
Race 7	R. Bensley (I Dunno)	6 strikes

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

General: Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: O' So Hazy, Bay Lane, Music Writer, Troubadour

Race 2: Big Haz, Just Gets'em

Race 3: Bennelong Dancer

Race 4: Bondo

Race 5: Supply Money

Race 6: Vinnie Vega

Race 7: I Dunno

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: L. King(a)- \$100- Failed to lodge winning rides book. AR92(10). General: G. Cartwright- \$100- No letter of authority from master. LR68. General: N. Souquet- \$100- Smoking in vicinity of jockeys room. AR175(p). Race 2: R. Prest(a)- \$300- Use whip 9 times before 100m on Kapover . AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Race 4: R. Bensley- \$200- Unable to make weight on Why Me Lord . AR120(b). Race 5: B. Loy- \$150- Unable to make weight on Financial Miss . AR120(b).
Reprimands:	Race 3: C. Quilty- Careless riding on Just Leave . AR137(a). Race 6: R. Bensley- Careless riding on Lock the Doors . AR137(a).
Suspensions:	Race 6: R. Bensley- Suspended 22/10/17- 29/10/17. Careless riding on Lock the Doors . AR137(a).
Warnings:	Race 2: Snake Cavern- Unable to load.
Bleeders:	Nil
Trials:	Race 5: Fiefdom- Uncompetitive.
Certificates:	Race 5: Fiefdom- Injured right fore tendon.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Nil