STEWARDS REPORT

Forbes Jockey Club FORBES RACECOURSE

Saturday 14th October 2017

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

STEWARDS: S.P. Fitzgerald (Chairman) & C.N. Pringle.

Race 1: Benchmark 59 Handicap 1600m:

Security Code – when questioned, rider K. Nestor stated his mount overraced throughout the event and weakened in the straight. He added he attributed this to the gelding having five weeks between runs; a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying a poor post-race recovery.

Anytime Baby – when questioned, rider Ms. E. Webster-Hawes stated she was instructed to lead on her mount and after beginning well, she made little endeavour to lead in the early stages as her mount obtained that position with ease. She added in her opinion her mount was travelling well within itself throughout the early and middle stages and bearing this in mind she was unaware of the faster than average tempo she had set throughout these stages of the race. She added near the 600m when her mount struck a softer section of the track, it dipped on a number of occasions and ceased travelling thereafter.

Skygge – overraced in the early stages.

Royal Abbey – slow to begin.

Race 2: Class 2 Handicap 1400m:

Miss Emily – Ms. L. Henry replaced A. Cavallo (ill); when questioned, rider Ms. L. Henry stated her mount travelled comfortably throughout the early and middle stages however when it struck a softer section of the track between the 800m and home turn, it floundered and ceased travelling. She added on straightening, her mount regained balance and found the line well and she was of the opinion *Miss Emily* prefers firmer tracks and was not suited on the rain affected going.

Café Terrace – buffeted on jumping.

Northern Myth – M. Cahill replaced K. Nestor (overweight). K. Nestor was reprimanded (AR120(b)) as this was his first offence under this rule in over 12 months; raced wide throughout.

Miss Hassletoff – slow to begin (4L); Trainer Mr. B. Thompson was advised a warning would be recorded against *Miss Hassletoff*, which was slow to begin and was beaten 25.63 lengths.

Destiny Hasselhoff – buffeted on jumping; overraced in the early stages.

Race 3: Maiden Handicap (Colts, Geldings & Entires) 1200m:

Northern Moonlight – near the 100m, was steadied when *Tallyman* was taken in by *Our Enemy* (App. Ms. A. Skerritt). App. Ms. A. Skerritt was advised to exercise more care; rider Ms. T. Jeffries was reminded of her obligations to ride her mounts out fully to the finishing line.

Cranfield – began very awkwardly and ran in abruptly; rider A. Banks stated his saddle shifted badly in the early stages and his mount hung throughout, placing him at a severe disadvantage. Trainer Mr. D. Bush was advised a warning would be recorded against *Cranfield*.

Stravali – near the 200m, *Our Enemy* (App. Ms. A. Skerritt) shifted in, taking *Tallyman* in, which resulted in *Stravali* being steadied when disappointed for a run. App. Ms. A. Skerritt was advised to exercise more care. *Stravali* was then shifted out to continue into clear running.

Supreme Kid – checked when crowded on jumping between *The Scotsman* and *Stravali.*

Race 4: Maiden Handicap (Fillies & Mares) 1200m:

Sally's Spirit – bumped with *She's a Scallywag* on jumping.

Geotech Miss – steadied shortly after the start when crowded between *Sally's Spirit* and *Milady's Jam* (J. Pracey-Holmes), which shifted in when not clear. J. Pracey-Holmes was advised to exercise more care; raced wide throughout.

Milady's Jam – overraced in the early stages.

Race 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap (Colts, Geldings & Entires) 1100m:

Raynes Park – when questioned, rider K. Nestor stated his mount was unable to match the early speed of other runners and he allowed those runners to cross and sit in behind the speed. He added once crossed, his mount resented racing to the inside of runners, laid in and struck the running rail on two occasions and failed to respond to his urgings to hold its position. He added in his opinion his mount was very disappointing; a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying a poor post-race recovery.

Attalea – bumped with *Stato* near the 900m.

Wide Eyed – slow to begin; near the 500m, was steadied after improving onto the heels of *Billy Bent Ear*.

Billy Bent Ear – held up for clear running in the early part of the straight.

Lakota Sioux – Ms. L. Henry replaced A. Cavallo (ill).

Golden Twist – slow to begin.

Race 6: Benchmark 55 Handicap (Fillies & Mares 1100m):

Hu Hit Hu - near the 200m, shifted in and bumped heavily with Alone With You.

Strategy Right – Ms. E. Webster-Hawes replaced A. Cavallo (ill); raced wide throughout; near the 100m, laid in across the heels of *Squared* and was steadied and as a consequence, was held up and unable to improve over the final 100m.

Squared – overraced in the early stages; held up approaching the home turn; rider K. Nestor reported his mount travelled fairly throughout in a handy position however it weakened in the straight and was most disappointing; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

General:

K. Nestor (*Muffled Power*) was dislodged enroute to the barriers for the official barrier trial when his mount bucked. K. Nestor was uninjured.

Samples were obtained from **all** winners.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Race 2: K. Nestor – AR120(b) – overweight.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Certificates:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 2: Miss Hassletoff (Trainer B. Thompson) – slow to begin.
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	Race 3: Cranfield (Trainer D. Bush) – racing manners.
Trials:	Nil.
Change of tactics:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.