

STEWARDS REPORT

Corowa Race Club COROWA RACECOURSE

Friday September 15 2017

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

STEWARDS: T J Davidson (Chairman), J A Shultz & D R McLean

(9u2b)

General: Following an unannounced Stewards inspection at the Berrigan racecourse on Tuesday 12 September 2017, licensed stable hand track rider M, Milford was fined \$400 under AR87C in that he did ride track work without wearing an approved safety vest. In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration that M. Milford had previously been penalised under this rule.

When B. Loy was reported injured, Stewards permitted the following rider substitutions. B. Loy was advised a medical clearance must be submitted before he would be permitted to rode again.

Race 1	J. Duffy on Tycoon Dreaming
Race 2	L. Grace on Zafina
Race 4	B. Murphy on Explosive Sport
Race 6	R. Bensley on White Lie

RACE 1: MAIDEN HANDICAP 900m:

Tycoon Dreaming – Steadied near the 100m when *Hard Wood Harry* rolled outwards. Rider J. Duffy explained after beginning well he had tried to go forward but his mount failed to display the necessary pace to do so. He added the gelding was off the bit throughout and in his opinion would be better suited over a longer distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Hard Wood Harry – Slow to begin. Raced very greenly in the straight.

Miss Forbidden – Laid inwards in the straight.

Blue Oamaru – Raced ungenerously in the early stages.

Gens Miss – When questioned regarding today's improved performance Stable Foreman J. Fitzgerald stated following the mares only previous start it had returned to the stables shin sore and was immediately sent for a spell, He added this time in the horses had worked well and trialled particularly well at Tatura on 22 August 2017. He further stated the stable had expected a forward showing from **Gens Miss** today. His explanations were noted.

Rubber Stamp – Bumped on jumping.

Skiffle – Steadied near the 800m when *Gens Miss* (R. Prest(a)) shifted in when not quite clear. Apprentice Prest was reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a).

A Princess – Bumped on jumping. Restrained for some distance near the 600m when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *How One Knows*.

Aunty Sue – Raced wide throughout.

Don't Call Me Vince – Slow to begin.

RACE 2: MAIDEN PLATE 1200m:

Triple Shot – Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early stages. Hung out passing the 1000m.

Bravado Lass – Checked near the 200m and taken outwards when *Triple Shot* (J. Duffy) shifted out when not quite clear. J. Duffy was reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a).

Purple Perfection – Slow to begin and then showed no early pace.

Rockintheriver – Severely checked, clipped heels and blundered near the 900m. At a subsequent inquiry, B. Murphy was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that approaching the 900m he did permit *Bravado Lass* to shift inwards when insufficiently clear of **Rockintheriver**, which was severely checked, clipped heels and blundered. B. Murphy's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 17 September 2017 and to expire on Saturday 23 September 2017, on which day he may ride.

RACE 3: OPEN HANDICAP 1600m:

Gentleman Max – Raced keenly in the early stages.

Willy White Socks – Slow to begin.

Kinselmac Manner – Rider R. Bensley explained he had anticipated taking up a position outside the leader but his mount failed to show the necessary pace to do so. He added the gelding failed to travel throughout, was off the bit before the home turn and failed to respond to his riding in the straight. Trainer G. Osborne advised Stewards the gelding would now be retired from racing. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

RACE 4: MAIDEN HANDICAP 1400m:

Heavenly Storm – Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Liberty Boy – Was obliged to race wide without cover throughout. Rider B. Clark stated after being trapped wide throughout his mount weakened from the 500m and did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Arellano – Steadied near the 300m when disappointed for a run. Rider B. Ward was reprimanded under AR137A(4)(b) for using the whip in an action that raised his arm above shoulder height.

Explosive Sport – Held up for a short distance near the 100m.

Smokin Coni – Slow to begin.

C'mon Honey – Steadied and became unbalanced passing the 100m when crowded between Rocky High and French Politician, both of which shifted ground. As a result of this crowding rider B. Sweeney was unable to ride her mount right out to the line.

RACE 5: CLASS 1 HANDICAP 1400m:

Bromach – Held up and unable to improve between the 300m and 100m.

Bennelong Dancer – Raced wide throughout. Rider B. McDougall was dislodged on pulling up but suffered no injury in this incident.

Crisalli – Hampered near the 700m.

Ramaadi Bullet – Checked near the 50m. At a subsequent inquiry, C. Quilty pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that approaching the 50m he did permit *Just Leave* to shift out, whilst riding it along, when insufficiently clear of **Ramaadi Bullet**, which was checked. C. Quilty's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday 20 September and to expire on Saturday 30 September 2017, on which day he may ride.

Josie's Cruiser – Bumped on jumping.

Just Leave – Bumped on jumping.

Aunty Porscher – Approaching the 900m was steadied off the heels of *Josie's Cruiser* while racing keenly. Continually steadied off heels between the 800m and 600m.

Rockybeel – Slow to begin and then showed no early pace despite the urgings of its rider.

Tuscan Paddy – Steadied approaching the 200m when crowded between *Bromach* (R. Bensley), which shifted out and *Josie's Cruiser*, which was carried in by *Bennelong Dancer* (B. McDougall). Both R. Bensley and Apprentice McDougall were reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a).

RACE 6: BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP 1400m:

Grassini – Began awkwardly and shifted outwards abruptly. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Financial Miss – Raced wide throughout.

Honor the Moment – Proved difficult to settle in the early and middle stages.

Tarot – Raced wide throughout. Rider L. Grace stated after beginning well his mount commenced to race keenly and from an awkward barrier was obliged to race wide throughout. He added his mount did not really travel well and as he became concerned with its action in the straight he did not pressure it over the concluding stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

White Lies – Proved difficult to settle in the early and middle stages.

Streaky Bay – Slow to begin and then crowded shortly after.

Hargy – Proved difficult to settle in the early and middle stages. Checked approaching the 100m. At a subsequent inquiry, R. Bensley pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that approaching the 100m he did permit *White Lies* to shift out when insufficiently clear of **Hargy**, which was checked. R. Bensley's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Saturday 23 September 2017 and to expire on Saturday 30 September 2017, on which day he may ride.

RACE 7: BENCHMARK 65 HANDICAP 1200m:

Tumult – Began awkwardly and lost ground (2L).

Benno's Boy – Raced wide throughout. Steadied near the 1000m when *Rich Widow* (B. McDougall) shifted in when not quite clear. Apprentice McDougall was advised to exercise more care. Bumped approaching the winning post.

Reine Happy – Bumped on jumping. Raced keenly in the early stages.

Captain Planet – Change of tactics. To be ridden more forward. Settled handy. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Arena Queen – Shifted out under pressure in the straight.

Esprit Warrior – Bumped on jumping. Laid inwards under pressure in the straight. Bumped approaching the winning post.

Rich Widow – Returned with an injury to the near fore suspensory ligament. Trainer T. Grace advised Stewards the mare would now be retired.

RACE 8: CLASS 2 HANDICAP 1200m:

Sweettalkingwilly – Slow to begin and then crowded after the start. Hung out in the middle stages and again on the home turn. Rider L. King(a) stated he was instructed to go forward but after jumping away awkwardly he was obliged to settle further back than anticipated. He added the gelding hung out throughout and was off the bit prior to the home turn. He further stated his mount failed to respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Ariel Miss – Slow to begin and then showed no early pace despite the urgings of its rider.

Xian's Pride – Shifted outwards shortly after the start.

Firespark – Hampered after the start when *Xian's Pride* shifted out.

General: Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: Tycoon Dreaming, Miss Forbidden, Don't Call Me Vince, Gens Miss

Race 2: Zafina

Race 3: Marchello

Race 4: Arellano

Race 5: Lawton Joseph

Race 6: Saint Aquilina

Race 7: Reine Happy

Race 8: I'm Peter

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

Race 4	R. Bensley (Rocky High)	7 strikes
Race 6	B. Sweeney(a) (Financial Miss)	8 strikes
Race 6	S. Metcalfe(a) (Honor The Moment)	8 strikes

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

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: M. Milford- \$400- Ride trackwork without safety vest. AR87C.
Reprimands:	Race 1: R. Prest(a)- Careless riding on Gens Miss . AR137(a). Race 2: J. Duffy- Careless riding on Triple Shot . AR137(a). Race 4: B. Ward- Use whip in action that raised arm above shoulder on Arellano . AR137A(4)(b).
Suspensions:	Race 2: B. Murphy- Suspended 17/9/17-23/9/17. Careless riding on Bravado Lass . AR137(a). Race 5: C. Quilty- Suspended 20/9/17- 30/9/17. Careless riding on Just Leave . AR137(a). Race 6: R. Bensley- Suspended 23/9/17- 30/9/17. Careless riding on White Lies . AR137(a).
Warnings:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	B. Loy- Medical clearance.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 5: B. McDougall- Dislodged on pulling up. No injuries.
Change of Tactics:	Race 7: Captain Planet- To be ridden further forward. Settled handy.