

STEWARDS REPORT

Murrumbidgee Turf Club WAGGA WAGGA RACECOURSE

Tuesday July 18 2017

Weather: Overcast
Track: Heavy 9
Rail: +8m 1400m to Winning Post, True Remainder

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

(8u,2b)

Late Riding Changes:

As N Souquet was ill Stewards permitted the following rider changes.

Race 1	Non-Claiming Apprentice N Heywood (Flying Cyril)
Race 2	R Bensley (Nackers Magee)
Race 3	Non-Claiming Apprentice N Heywood (Thunder Road)
Race 4	Non-Claiming Apprentice N Heywood (Kruanui)
Race 5	R Bensley (Chaquinta)

RACE 1: CLASS 1 HANDICAP 1000m:

Kyzamba – Bumped shortly after jumping with *Flying Cyril*. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider B Ward explained that after being slow to begin settled a little bit further back than anticipated. He added the mare was not suited by the heavy track conditions. Trainer D McCarthy agreed with the views of the rider and undertook to report back in the days subsequent should anything come to his attention. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Certain Riches – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Treasure Boss – Badly held up from the 400m to the 100m. When questioned M Cahill explained that approaching the 400m he was to the inside of *Cheat'm* and was unable to improve. He added shortly after straightening he looked to come to the outside of *Flying Cyril* however there was insufficient room to improve which resulted him being further held up. Approaching the 200m M Cahill explained that a narrow run was developing when *Miss Morgana* had shifted out under pressure and he endeavoured to take that run but *Miss Morgana* had shifted back in which resulted in him having to come the outside to obtain clear running whereby his mount ran to the line strongly.

Flying Cyril – Bumped on jumping by *Aganippe*.

Aunty Porscher – Missed the start (2L) and was then slow to muster speed.

RACE 2: MAIDEN PLATE 1400m:

Bel Rosso – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils for the first occasion. Trainer Mr L Bryant was advised of the provisions of AR53A.

Graphite Joe – Layed out rounding the home turn. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider B Ward explained the gelding raced flat and added the gelding may have been feeling the effects of its tough first up run on a heavy track. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Nackers Magee – Slow to begin.

Cold Fact – Slow to begin.

Just Leave – Layed out rounding the home turn. Was inclined to lay out over the concluding stages.

Lady Rosamund – Apprentice H Grace accidentally dropped his whip near the 300m.

Sidonia Miss – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

RACE 3: OPEN RIVERINA CUP 3800m:

Sir Ottavio – When questioned regarding his riding in the early and middle stages apprentice P Scorse explained that he was instructed to race in a forward position however if the speed was quick to take a sit. He added that alternatively if the gelding was inclined to pull hard he was not to fight it. P Scorse explained he jumped well and came across and sat outside the leader *It Could Be You*, P Scorse explained whilst he anticipated this runner to take a sit, when this did not occur and when his mount was racing very keenly, bearing in mind his instructions he allowed the gelding to roll forward but then had to make some use of his mount to cross *It Could Be You* near the 800m on the first occasion when that runner maintained its position. He added after crossing *It Could Be You* and when the gelding was racing keenly he restrained his mount during the straight on the first lap in an endeavour to assist it to run out the journey. He added when runners went around him after the winning post on the first occasion his mount was reluctant to travel from that point on, weakened in the straight and further felt somewhat awkward in its action over the concluding stages and upon pulling up. Stewards advised P Scorse that he erred in restraining his mount to the degree in which he did which allowed runners to cross him. P Scorse agreed with the views of Stewards and conceded that his mount races better when it is allowed to lead. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have suffered a tendon injury to its off fore leg. Trainer Mr T Sutherland was advised a veterinary clearance must be submitted prior to the gelding trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards.

Mr Sommerville – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Platypus Duck – Slow to begin.

Duke of Staghurst – A pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding which was late arriving on course due to traffic delays found it suitable to race. Apprentice H Grace was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using his whip on 9 occasions prior to the 100m. Stewards considered the totality of whip use and the distance of the event.

RACE 4: MAIDEN HANDICAP 1200m:

Blue Valour – Layed out rounding the home turn.

Supplyzing – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Strezzl – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Explosive Sport – Apprentice J Richards was fined \$200 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using his whip on 10 occasions prior to the 100m and furthermore was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(i) for using the whip in consecutive strides prior to the 100m.

Where's Pippa – Approaching the 100m ran out abruptly across the heels of *Kruanui*.

Bodice – Stood flatfooted and missed the start (10L). Trainer Mr G Colvin was advised the mare would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

South Africa – Was a late scratching acting on veterinary advice at 2.16pm after becoming fractious in the barriers and kicking out behind. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **South Africa** be refunded in full and with regards to betting with bookmakers all successful wagers made prior to 2.16pm to be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st) **Strezzl** less 15c win and 22c place

2nd) **Kruanui** less 13c place

3rd) **Explosive Sport** less 22c place

At a subsequent inquiry, Trainer Mr K Weir was advised an official warning would be placed on the geldings record for its barrier manners.

RACE 5: BENCHMARK 75 HANDICAP 1400m:

Gentleman Max – Slow to begin.

Smakatus – When questioned regarding the performance apprentice B McDougall could offer no explanation other than the gelding may be better suited by being able to race in a more forward position. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 6: BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP (Div 1) 1600m:

Oh What a Thief – When questioned regarding the performance rider A Chau explained that he attempted to ride the gelding more conservatively to allow the gelding to run out the distance of the event, however was of the view the gelding did not run out the distance of the event and would be better suited dropping back in distance at its next start. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Chew Toy – Held up for a short distance near the 400m.

Readabeel – Began awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early stages.

Laugharne – Raced wide throughout.

Behest – Raced wide throughout.

Damn Wicked Left – Near the 400m was steadied briefly when *Cod Rock* shifted out slightly. Apprentice M Taylor was advised to exercise more care.

Shamelessly – Near the 800m was checked away from the heels of *My Friend Albert* which rolled out slightly and **Shamelessly** improving into a run where there was doubtful room. In the circumstances, B Murphy was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 7: BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP (Div 2) 1600m:

Only in Red – Slow to begin.

Foxteller – COT: to be ridden quieter; settle handy and wide. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance R Bensley explained that in accordance with his instructions he attempted to find cover but was unable to do so and was obliged to race wide without cover which left his mount without a finishing effort. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

More Ransom – Checked passing the 250m. At a subsequent inquiry apprentice N Heywood was reprimanded under AR137(a) for careless riding.

Manussia – Slow to begin. Near the 800m when racing keenly was restrained away from the heels of *Szyslak*.

County Limerick – Hampered on jumping.

Plenary – When questioned regarding performance apprentice R Prest explained the filly travelled well in the early and middle stages but when placed under pressure did not respond and was not suited by the heavy track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr T Donnelly advised the filly would now be sent for a spell.

Zarina's Gold – Stood flatfooted and missed the start (6L). Trainer Mr M Sparrow was advised the mare would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

RACE 8: CLASS 2 HANDICAP 1300m:

Arena Queen – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Spare Ticket – Slow to begin. Raced greenly in the straight. Apprentice C Frater-Hill (placed 6th) was reprimanded under AR137(b) for failing to ride her mount fully out to the line.

Monsoon Charlie – Trainer C Heywood was fined \$50 under LR35 for the late declaration of apprentice M Taylor. Was inclined to lay in when placed under pressure.

Hennessy Red – Began awkwardly. Held up rounding the home turn.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted number of strikes with the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) but due to the totality of whip use no action was taken.

Race 1	Richard Bensley (Fire Stoker)	7 Strikes
Race 2	Adrian Layt (Astronomy)	8 Strikes
Race 3	Daniel Pitomac (Bel Rosso)	7 Strikes

General: Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: Flying Cyril

Race 2: Astronomy, Just Leave

Race 3: Thunder Road

Race 4: Strezzi

Race 5: Cha Cha King

Race 6: Chew Toy, Laugharne

Race 7: Willy White Socks

Race 8: Arena Queen

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 4: Apprentice J Richards (Explosive Sport) - \$200 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) Whip Use Race 8: C Heywood (Monsoon Charlie) \$50 under LR35, Late Declaration of Rider
Reprimands:	Race 3: Apprentice H Grace (Duke of Staghurst) under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) Whip Use Race 4: Apprentice J Richards (Explosive Sport) under AR137A(5)(a)(i) Consecutive Whip Use. Race 7: Apprentice N Heywood (Flying Fragments) under AR137(a) Careless Riding Race 8: Apprentice Ms C Frater-Hill (Spare Ticket) under AR137(b) Failed to ride mount out to the line.
Suspensions:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 4: South Africa (K Weir) – Barrier Manners
Bleeders:	Race 2: Bel Rosso (L Bryant) – Bled both nostrils
Trials:	Race 3: Sir Ottavio (T Sutherland) - Tendon injury Race 4: Bodice (G Colvin) - Stood Flatfooted and missed the start 10L Race 7: Zarina's Gold (M Sparrow) – Stood Flatfooted and missed the start 6L
Certificates:	Race 3: Sir Ottavio (T Sutherland) Tendon Injury off fore leg.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil