

STEWARDS REPORT

Bathurst Thoroughbred Racing TYERS PARK RACECOURSE, BATHURST

Tuesday 19th September 2017

Weather: Fine.
Track: Good (3).
Rail: +2m 1200m to 350m, where cutaway applies.
Penetrometer: 4.03.

STEWARDS: T.W. Smith (Chairman), S.P. Fitzgerald & C.G. Polglase.

Race 1: 3YO Maiden Plate 1108m:

Ikaba – overraced in the early stages.

Rickaby – slow to begin; rider Ms. W. Costin accidentally dropped her whip near the 250m.

Ibanez – hung out rounding the home turn; laid in under pressure in the straight; laid in under pressure between the 150m and 100m.

Taqueda – crowded shortly after the start between *Ibanez* and *See for Yourself*.

Race 2: Maiden Plate 1208m:

Sun And Heir – overraced in the early stages.

Tangarra Express – near the 500m, steadied when tightened to the inside of *Emancia*, which was taken in by *Burden of Proof* (Ms. J. Taylor), which shifted in. Ms. J. Taylor was advised to exercise greater care.

Bells Creek – checked on jumping when *Emancia* jumped awkwardly and shifted out; raced ungenerously in the early stages.

Lugard Road – on return to scale, an objection was lodged by G. Ryan rider of *Cappella Magna* against *Lugard Road* being declared the winner, alleging interference over the final 100m. After viewing the official patrol footage and taking evidence from all parties concerned, it was established that near the 150m, *Lugard Road* commenced to lay out and took *Cappella Magna* wider on the track and on two occasions over the final 50m made contact with *Cappella Magna* and took that runner wider again. Bearing in mind the margin of a half neck and the degree of interference, Stewards were satisfied had the interference not occurred, *Cappella Magna* would have finished ahead of *Lugard Road* and the objection was upheld. Stewards amended the placings to the following:

First: *Cappella Magna*;
Second: *Lugard Road*;
Third: *Burden of Proof*; and
Fourth: *Sun And Heir*.

Jumped awkwardly shifted out and hampered Cappella Magna and Burden of Proof.

Burden of Proof – hampered over the final stages by *Capella Magna*, which was taken out by *Lugard Road* (J. Pracey-Holmes). J Pracey-Holmes was severely reprimanded AR137(a).

Race 3: Maiden Handicap 1408m:

Diamond White – slow to begin.

Invincible Light – over the final stages, was steadied when laying in close to the heels of *Cosmologist*, which laid out; lost both front plates in running.

Race 4: Class 1 Handicap 1808m:

Royal Abbey – slow to begin.

More Than Alright – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Solid Power – jumped awkwardly, shifted out and hampered *Moralto* and *Nightspun*; raced wide in the early stages; near the 700m, commenced to weaken, resulting in *Biscuit* and *More Than Alright* being checked when both runners improved onto heels.

Race 5: Class 1 Handicap 1108m:

Anne's Gift – raced wide throughout.

Free Way – when questioned, rider G. Ryan stated his instructions were to have his mount settle in a handy position. He added his mount was fractious in the barriers and reared on a number of occasions, so he called for attendants to assist by holding the horses head and tail. He added his mount began awkwardly and lost some ground at the start and ultimately settled further back than intended. He added his mount overraced in the early stages and near the 700m, hung out and had to be restrained. He added thereafter his mount was obliged to race wide and found a clear run to the outside of the field on straightening, where it responded well to his riding however ultimately, its run ended near the 100m. He added today, his mount was not benefitted by the 2.5 kilogram increase in weight from its last start win in maiden grade and was unable to match the early speed shown by other runners, despite his riding in the early stages. He further added in his opinion *Free Way* is also not suited on tight turning tracks, which was evidenced by the fact it hung out badly near the 700m today and similarly it hung out badly rounding the home turn at Bathurst when it won on 25th May 2017; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Elite Hong Kong – slow to begin; hampered near the 100m when *Sward* laid out.

Lewinski – slow to begin; steadied near the 150m when improving into a tight run between *Miss Morgana* and *Mi Estilo*, both of which shifted ground negligibly.

Dynamite Dan – ran out under pressure near the 100m.

Miss Morgana – raced wide throughout.

Heeby Frenly – overraced in the early stages and hung out near the 700m.

Race 6: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1208m:

One Son – raced wide throughout.

Lifeline Princess – ran out under pressure in the straight and near the 200m, hampered *Majaska*. G. Ryan (*Lifeline Princess*) was advised to stop riding and straighten as soon as his mounts shift ground.

Solo Gypsy – raced ungenerously throughout the early and middle stages; hung out from the 700m to the 500m.

Repentant – Began awkwardly and app J Gibbons lost his iron placing him at a disadvantage for a short distance; overraced in the middle stages; steadied near the 250m when *Flying By* (App. Ms. C. Ings), shifted in. App. Ms. C. Ings was advised to exercise greater care.

Flying By – overraced in the middle stages; held up approaching home turn.

Race 7: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1408m:

I'm Away – overraced in the early stages.

Sunday Swindler – overraced in the middle stages.

Kingtantes – held up approaching the home turn.

Bold Street Cat – fractious in the barriers; underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was withdrawn at 5.30pm. Stewards subsequently ordered all monies wagered on *Bold Street Cat* be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 5.30pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

First: *Living Choice* less 13 cents win and 16 cents place;

Second: *Cheeky Bella* less 13 cents place; and

Third: *Fiscal Policy* less 15 cents place.

Trainer Mr. M. Milton was advised *Bold Street Cat* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Fiscal Policy – bumped with the enclosure gate when leaving the mounting yard, underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start; laid out under pressure over the final 100m.

Hollywood Nell – raced wide throughout.

Billesse – raced wide throughout; pulled hard in the middle stages.

Sebring Magic – near the 100m, improved onto the heels of *Fiscal Policy* and was steadied.

General:

Samples were obtained from **all** winners and the following runners:

Race 1: *Foxy Queen*

Race 2: *Emancia, Lugard Road x2*

Race 4: *Gacela, Dark Force.*

Race 5: *Anne's Gift, Free Way.*

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | Nil |
| Reprimands: | Race 2: J Pracey-Holmes – AR137a |
| Suspensions: | Nil |
| Bleeders: | Nil |
| Certificates: | Nil |
| Warnings: | Nil |
| Trials: | Race 7: Bold Street Cat – fractious in barriers |
| Change of tactics: | Nil |
| Falls/Injuries: | Nil |
| Gear Changes: | Nil |
| Follow up: | Nil |