

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Monday 21 August 2017

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: True

STEWARDS: M. A. Holloway (Chairman), N. M. Daniels, D. R. Smith & W. M. Friend

General: As C. Schmidt was ill stewards permitted the following rider changes –

Race	Rider (Horse)
2	K. Matheson (Dansu)
4	R. Spokes (Bravo Uncle Billy)

RACE 1: F&M Class 1 Handicap 1006m:

Common People – Began awkwardly. Inclined to hang in from the entrance to the straight and 100m and proved difficult to ride with full vigour.

Dream Starlet – Bumped shortly after the start. Momentarily hampered approaching the 100m.

Hebrides Maneuver – Jockey S. Thurlow dropped his whip near the 200m.

Just Imagine – Began awkwardly. Raced wide in the early stages. Inclined to hang out in the middle stages.

Magic Happens – Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

Metazoa – Inclined to hang out rounding the home turn. Inclined to lay out down the straight and shifted out under pressure approaching the 100m.

Young Amazon – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it to be showing mild symptoms of tying up.

RACE 2: C,G&E Class 1 Handicap 1006m:

I Am You Are – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

Jakuta – Eased after improving onto heels near the 700m. Overraced for a short distance after.

Last Deal – Apprentice Ms C. Dougherty was cautioned for using her whip on a horse out of contention (AR137A(4)(c)).

Myambla – Began awkwardly. Inclined to lay out rounding the home turn. Approaching the 200m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve.

Porn Star Pete – Slow to begin and steadied when tightened for room shortly after. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages. Eased when tightened for room passing the 100m.

Riva Encore (NZ) – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Smoothie Two – Slow to begin. Bumped and unbalanced shortly after the start.

Super Cooper – Bumped on the hindquarter and unbalanced shortly after the start.

RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1106m:

Call the Coppers – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards, acting on veterinary advice, at 2.25pm after the gelding coughed on a number of occasions en route to the barriers and during a veterinary examination behind the barriers. Stewards ordered that all wagers on the gelding be refunded and that all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 2.25pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket, 55 cents the win and 33 cents the place for 1st (*Grey Piranha*), 33 cents the place for 2nd (*Magic's Charm*) and 32 cents the place for 3rd (*First Family*). A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed symptoms consistent with airway inflammation. Mr Dunn was advised that the gelding requires a veterinary certificate of fitness, including the results of an endoscopic examination, prior to its next race start.

Dragon's Esprit – Pulled in the early stages. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Faith in Beers – Slow to begin. Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages.

First Family – Began awkwardly. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages. Shifted out abruptly around heels passing the 300m to obtain clear running.

Mena's Choice – Slow to begin and eased when hampered shortly after. Approaching the 200m was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve.

Miss Shaniel – Began awkwardly.

Miss Vegas – Passing the 50m was carried out by, and momentarily eased from the heels of, *Mena's Choice* which shifted out under pressure. Jockey Ms T. Harrison was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

Single Image – Slow to begin. Inclined to hang out rounding the home turn. Unable to be tested over the concluding stages when inclined to hang out.

Solar Storm – Began awkwardly. Passing the 300m was obliged to ease and shift in around heels to continue to improve.

RACE 4: Maiden Handicap 1706m:

Bold Temptation - Bumped shortly after the start. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted in the early and middle stages, in particular opening up a sizeable lead and setting a genuine tempo, jockey Ms T. Harrison stated that her mount was up 300m in journey today and had blinkers applied for the first time. Ms Harrison stated she had been instructed to ride her mount with vigour early in an effort to have it establish a forward position and show more competitiveness than that of recent starts. Ms Harrison stated that she rode her mount along with vigour early and it only just mustered enough speed to lead the event near the 1400m. Ms Harrison stated she was confident the gelding would settle in the middle stages based on the effort she was required to ask of it to settle forward however when she attempted to restrain it, after obtaining the lead, it commenced to pull fiercely. Ms Harrison added the gelding continued to pull despite her best efforts to restrain it and approaching the 1000m she elected to allow the gelding to travel how comfortable as opposed to continuing to fight it which she felt was of little benefit to its chances. Ms Harrison's explanation was accepted.

Bravo Uncle Billy – Bumped and carried out shortly after the start. Bumped wide rounding the home turn. Eased out away from heels shortly after straightening.

Famed (NZ) – Bumped shortly after straightening.

Ferrara – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards, acting on veterinary advice, at 3.05pm after the gelding became momentarily fractious in the barriers and got its near hind leg caught up on the partition for an extended period. Stewards ordered that all wagers on the gelding be refunded and that all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 3.05pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket, 5 cents the win and 3 cents the place for 1st (*Yeppoon*), 8 cents the place for 2nd (*I Too Can Dance*) and 8 cents the place for 3rd (*Serbia*). Trainer Mr D. Schmidt was advised that a warning would be placed on the barrier manners of the gelding.

I Too Can Dance – Raced wide in the early stages. Bumped wide rounding the home turn.

Mustaknown – Bumped shortly after straightening. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. Paget stated that his mount was up 400m in journey today and attempting the 1700m journey for the first time. M. Paget stated he had anticipated leading the event and he had hoped to enjoy moderate sectionals in the early and middle stages before asking his mount to sprint. M. Paget stated his mount was obliged to work harder than anticipated in the early stages when challenged for the lead, of which he relinquished, and obliged to set faster sectionals than he had wished with a genuine tempo set by the leader. M. Paget stated his mount responded only fairly when asked to sprint at the entrance to the straight and weakened over the final 200m. M. Paget

added that his mount was inclined to change legs throughout the event and in his opinion did not travel comfortably on the firm conditions. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Ms D. Cunningham reported in the days subsequent that the gelding was showing symptoms of having jarred up and was favouring its off fore leg. Ms Cunningham was advised that the gelding requires a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to its next race start.

Option Trader – Bumped shortly after the start. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding which was inclined to hang in throughout the event did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr D. Edwards was advised that the gelding is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

Serbia – Blundered on the crossing at the 1400m.

Yeppoon – Slow to begin and eased when tightened for room shortly after.

RACE 5: Class 3 Handicap 1706m:

Bold Looker – Inclined to hang out down the straight and proved difficult to ride with full vigour. Eased after hanging out onto heels near the 150m. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Calm Under Fire – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 24.18L, revealed it to have a poor recovery rate. Trainer Mr T. Higgins was advised that the gelding is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

Cantillate – Bumped on jumping.

Central Witness – Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

Melted Moments – Bumped on jumping. Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. Inclined to hang out between the 600m and entrance to straight.

RACE 6: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1406m:

Clunes Rocket – Eased after improving onto heels approaching the 1000m.

Field of Fire – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages.

Heroic Rock – Approaching the 200m was obliged to ease and shift out around heels to continue to improve.

Not Wanted – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Prince Manitou – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. McGuren stated that he rode his mount with cover throughout the event in the hope it would run out the 1400m journey. M. McGuren stated that, whilst his mount was inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages, it travelled strongly and he was confident in the running. M. McGuren stated that he presented his mount with clear running from the 500m to provide it the

opportunity to work into a sprint however it did not let down strongly when doing so and in his opinion did not appreciate the heavy weight impost and firm track conditions. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Prince of the Turf – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. Shifted out under pressure over the final 150m.

Scenic Road – Commenced to pull passing the 1200m and was steadied after improving onto heels approaching the 1000m.

RACE 7: Benchmark 56 Handicap 1206m:

Col's Tiger – Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn.

Eddy Would Go – Overraced rounding the first turn.

Flinders Beach – Raced wide in the early stages.

Harvard Graduate – Began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey L. Rolls stated that his mount settled back as expected and was off the bit, chasing the entire event. L. Rolls stated that his mount failed to sprint strongly down the straight and in his opinion was reluctant to stretch out under the heavy weight impost on the firm track conditions. L. Rolls added that in his opinion his mount would appreciate a step up in distance where it is able to travel comfortably in the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to have speedy cuts to its off hind pastern.

Ilia – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Newcastle Dancer – Unable to improve at the entrance to the straight when held up on heels.

Pat Kash (NZ) – Began awkwardly. Inclined to overrace rounding the first turn and throughout the middle stages. Rounding the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to improve until approaching the 200m. Bumped on the hindquarter and unbalanced near 100m. When questioned regarding his riding approaching the 50m, in particular why he eased his mount out around the heels of *Flinders Beach* before continuing to ride forward when there appeared to be ample galloping room for him to improve into inside *Flinders Beach* at that time, B. Looker stated that after being held up in the early part of the straight he was intent on shifting out to obtain clear, uninterrupted, running to the line. B. Looker stated that after viewing the film he had overcommitted himself to these tactics and approaching the 50m he should have continued to improve into ample racing room available between *Passion to Win* and *Flinders Beach*, rather than easing and shifting out around that runners heels. In determining not to proceed with any action under the rules of racing, stewards accepted B. Lookers actions had no material effect on the geldings placing however advised B. Looker his mounts are better served being ridden in a manner applicable to the circumstances they are in, not anticipated.

Supreme Willy – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding, which raced wide throughout the early and middle stages, revealed it to have a mildly poor recovery rate and to cough on one occasion during the inspection.

SWABS: Swab samples were taken from all winners, **Common People**, **Jakuta**, **Last Deal**, **Mustaknown**, **Serbia**, **More Thunder**, **Central Witness**, **Joueur**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 3: T. Harrison (AR137(a))
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 3: Call the Coppers – coughing. Endoscope required. Race 4: Mustaknown – lame off fore leg.
Warnings:	Race 4: Ferrara – barrier manners
Trials:	Race 4: Option Trader – hung in and uncompetitive Race 5: Calm Under Fire - uncompetitive
Change of Tactics:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	Nil
Follow-up:	Nil