

**Stewards Report
Gunnedah Jockey Club
Riverside RACECOURSE**

Monday 21st August 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (3)

Rail: True

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman) & J Penfold

Riding Changes:

Race 3: C Ings replaced M Partridge (injured at track work)
T Wolfgram replaced S Lisnyy (indisposed)

Race 1: Maiden Handicap 1200m

Tipuana – hung out rounding the home turn.

Indigo Knight – began awkwardly and raced greenly in the early stages.

Caribbean Song – raced greenly throughout.

Darpra – raced greenly when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Derry Mary – raced intractably throughout, hung out and disadvantaged its rider. Stable representative Mr. J Wright was advised that a warning for hanging out would be placed on the mare's racing record.

Race 2: Maiden Plate 1400m

Big Sami – was passed fit by the club's veterinary officer after placing its near foreleg on the running board in its barrier stall. Began awkwardly with its head up.

Cherokee – broke through the barriers prior to a start being effected, however was quickly restrained and returned to the start and passed fit by the club's veterinary officer.

Schmizo – began awkwardly.

Race 3: Benchmark 49 Handicap 2050m

During the loading process a barrier stall malfunction occurred and the gates released prematurely. **Jeewan, Nightspun & Sportstar Samuel** which were rider less, escaped and completed two circuits of the course at high speed and were subsequently withdrawn at 2.45pm. **Below The Belt, Husonique & Leica Boot** were quickly restrained by their riders and returned to the start where they were passed fit to start by the club's veterinary officer. When correct weight was declared, it was ordered that all bets made on Jeewan, Nightspun & Sportstar Samuel, be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers placed prior to 2.45pm, be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1st Husonique – 32 cents Win & 26 cents Place

2nd Leica Boot – 31 cents Place

3rd Samikosho – 26 cents Place

Sandy Waters – was held up for some distance rounding the home turn and in the early part of the home straight, then had to be steadied for some distance approaching the 150m before being steadied and shifted wider to go forward.

Leica Boot – raced in restricted room rounding the home turn.

Nightspun – raced at Bathurst 18/8/17. Was inspected pre-race by the club's veterinary officer and passed to compete.

Race 4: Class 3 Handicap 1200m

Guilty As Sin – began awkwardly.

Mother's Presence – was withdrawn at 1.58pm after receiving treatment from the club's veterinary officer due to sustaining an injury to its near hind leg during the float trip to the course.

Armageddon On It – hung in when placed under pressure inside the 250m.

Red Danaseur – pulled hard during the early stages and raced wide without cover throughout.

Vision Retract – raced at Gilgandra 19/8/17. Was inspected pre-race by the club's veterinary officer and passed to compete.

Grandmaster Dash – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Race 5: Open Handicap 1600m

Dream Folk – when questioned in relation to the performance, G Ryan explained that after obtaining his expected position behind midfield in the early stages, his mount travelled relatively well, however he was concerned with the slow tempo during the middle stages and for this reason he obtained a position behind Present Sense passing the 800m as he felt that runner was a strong winning chance. He said that when Present Sense was checked in front of him near the 600m he was forced to shift wider to attempt to improve, however when placed under pressure from that point his mount only responded evenly and could not make significant ground due to the rapid acceleration of the field off a slow tempo to that point. He added that in his opinion, indicative of its racing history, Dream Folk is better suited to longer distance racing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Evangelist – missed the start (2L).

Present Sense – over raced during the middle stages due mainly to the slow tempo, then had to be checked passing the 600m when racing behind Safety Peg, which weakened from that point.

Husswick – brushed the running rail rounding the home turn and became unbalanced.

Testability – slow to begin.

Cocktail Time – pulled hard when racing in the lead in the early and middle stages.

Race 6: Class 1 Handicap 1400m

Rosella Amalfi – over raced during the middle stages. Bled during the race. Stable representative Mr. M Khan was advised of the provisions of AR53A.

Gold Drama – slow to begin. When questioned in relation to the performance C Baker explained, that she was instructed to place her mount in a rearward position in the early stages in accordance with its established pattern, however after being slow to begin the mare was affected by kick back from runners in front and was reluctant to travel. She said that she was able to improve under pressure passing the 600m and in accordance with her instructions she attempted to secure clear running along the running rail and when she achieved this her mount responded

and ran to the finish well. She added that in her opinion Gold Drama would be advantaged in longer distance races. Trainer Mr. C Clegg said that he intended to continue the preparation of Gold Drama with the distance of its races increased.

My Ladybug – slow to begin.

Trajectory – raced fiercely during the middle stages.

Wollumbin – raced at Talwood 19/8/17. Was inspected pre-race by the club's veterinary officer and passed to compete.

Race 7: Open Handicap 1000m

Crooked Blaze – was withdrawn at 1.45pm after the trainer Ms. M Dennett reported that the gelding had an elevated temperature.

So You Know – when questioned in relation to the performance, R Murray explained that her mount failed to travel at any stage, due in her opinion to the fast tempo of the race and added that in her opinion So You Know is best placed in longer distance events. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Polskie Prince – crowded at the start.

Michelle's Gift – raced in restricted room in the early part of the home straight and had to be steadied and shifted out to go forward near the 200m.

Yours Mine Ours – hung out during the middle stages, ran wide rounding the home turn and disadvantaged its rider. Trainer Mr. B Cavanough who said that he would experiment with gear to rectify this behavior, was advised that a warning for hanging out would be placed on the gelding's racing record.

Summary of whip use

Race 2: J Gibbons – All Political	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 4: A Banks – Minamahal	6 strikes prior to the 100m
T Wolfgram – Moonlight Spy	6 strikes prior to the 100m

Considering the totality of use, no action was taken.

Race 4: A Banks – Minamahal	2 consecutive strikes prior to the
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	100m – reprimand. Raise arm above shoulder height – reprimand.
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Swabs: Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Darpra & Nightspun.**

SUMMARY

Fines	Nil
Suspensions	Nil
Reprimands	Race 4: A Banks – (AR137A (4) (b) & (AR137A (5) (ii) – whip use
Warnings	Race 1: Derry Mary – hung out Race 7: Yours Mine Ours – hung out
Trials	Nil
Cautions	Nil
Falls and Injury	Nil
Certificates	Nil
Bleeders	Race 6: Rosella Amalfi – 1 st event (3 month ban)
Change of tactics	Nil