

## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Clarence River Jockey Club  
GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Thursday 21 September 2017

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

**STEWARDS:** M. A. Holloway (Chairman), N. M. Daniels & W. M. Friend

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### **RACE 1: Class 1 Handicap 1300m:**

**Cabeirian** – Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn.

**Dorawin** – Bumped on jumping. Inclined to overrace approaching and rounding the first turn and through the middle stages. When questioned regarding settling at the rear of the field apprentice Ms Graham stated that she had intended to settle behind the leaders however after being bumped early her mount failed to muster speed and the runners to her inside had it quickly covered. Ms Graham stated she eased her mount back to a position worse than midfield so as to not be caught wide without cover throughout the event. A post race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormality outside a small abrasion to the near hind fetlock.

**Hard Merchandise** – Bumped on jumping.

**Hot Mist** – Made and awkward stride near the 200m.

**My Cousin Bob** – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

**Myambla** – Bumped on jumping. Shortly after straightening was steadied after laying in onto the heels of *My Cousin Bob* which shifted out slightly at that point.

### **RACE 2: Maiden Plate 1200m:**

**Dramatic Moments** – Slow to begin.

**Dux Nutz** – Inclined to lay in under pressure down the straight.

**Fairlighting** - Slow to begin and hampered shortly after. Pulled rounding the first turn. Inclined to pull in the middle stages. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

**Fun For Me** – Passing the 200m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve.

**Interventions** – Bumped on jumping.

**Longtga** – Began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey C. Franklin stated he rode his mount along with vigour in the early stages in an effort to establish a forward position. C. Franklin stated that passing the 1000m his mount was caught three wide outside the leaders and he continued to ride it forward in an effort to cross them. C. Franklin stated his mount failed to muster sufficient speed to do so and near the 800m he eased it to take a sit three wide without cover. C. Franklin stated that, whilst wide without cover throughout the middle stages, his mount was disappointing down the straight when it failed to sprint and in his opinion raced flat. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Ms D. Cunningham advised that the gelding will be spelled immediately.

**Looks Like Elvis** – Slow to begin and hampered shortly after. Overraced in the early stages. Raced wide in the middle stages.

**So Help Me God** – A pre race veterinary examination of the mare, which was resuming after an extended time, passed it fit to race. Slow to begin.

### **RACE 3: Maiden Handicap 1400m:**

**Darlzee Miss** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Carried wide in the middle stages.

**I'm Antman** – Approaching the 600m was checked when tightened for room between *Darlzee Miss*, which shifted in slightly, and *Yeah the Boys* which hung out despite the efforts of its rider.

**Mudgee Road** – Slow to begin. Overraced approaching the 1200m. Steadied after improving onto heels approaching the 600m.

**Proposed** – Eased when tightened for room shortly after the start. Approaching the first turn was eased after improving onto heels.

**Skyreigns** – Slow to begin. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

**The Real Ronaldo** – Slow to begin.

**Washington Street** – The colts off side blinker was dislodged near the 150m. Hung out rounding the home turn and down the straight proving difficult to ride with full vigour. Trainer representative Mr A. Sadikaj was advised that a warning would be placed on the colts racing manners.

**Yeah the Boys** – Hung out in the middle stages and rounding the home turn. Trainer Mr L. Clapham was advised that a warning would be placed on the geldings racing manners. Jockey M. Paget was fined \$600 for yanking down down on the geldings off side rein on five occasions whilst pulling up (AR175(q)). Stewards ordered that \$300 of the penalty be stayed should M Paget not re offend under a conduct related charge for a period of 12 months. In assessing penalty stewards appreciated the fact Mr Paget was remorseful of his actions and brought the incident to the attention of stewards personally.

#### **RACE 4: Class 2 Handicap 1516m:**

**Gouldian** – Momentarily tightened for room at the entrance to the straight.

**Heroic Rock** – At the entrance to the straight was eased and shifted in when awkwardly placed on heels. Held up for a short distance after.

**Kirin's Lad** – Eased when tightened between runners on jumping. Inclined to overrace in the early stages.

**Knockoura** – Bumped and unbalanced on jumping. Bumped approaching the 50m.

**Malmoosa** – Bumped near the 50m.

**Martial Art** - Bumped approaching the 50m. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. McGuren stated that his mount settled outside *Knockoura* and when *Stella's Chance* pressured them for the lead he elected to ease and take the sit with the idea of allowing those two runners to work against each other. M. McGuren stated he eased his mount out approaching the home turn to allow it to work into a sprint however it sprinted only fairly down the straight. M. McGuren stated that as his mount is only a grinding type it may have been better served holding its position outside the leader so as to allow it to work into a sprint when it suited. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Ready For Danger** – Slow to begin. Ran wide rounding the home turn. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey R. Fradd stated that his mount was off the bit chasing the entire event and in his opinion showed a lack of interest in competing. R. Fradd stated that his mount only ground its way to the line from its rearward position. When questioned, trainer Mr M. Dunn was at a loss to explain the performance and advised that the gelding performed poorly first up this preparation as well for no apparent reason. Mr Dunn advised he would look to step the gelding up in distance next start in the hope it will travel on the bridle. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Road to the Bay (NZ)** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

#### **RACE 5: ROUSILLON 1516m:**

**Anne Bonny** – Bumped on jumping.

**Boncosta** – Bumped on jumping.

**Cashing Up** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. Cahill stated that, except for a small part in the middle stages, at no time did his mount feel comfortable throughout the event being inclined to dip and blunder throughout. M. Cahill stated that his mount failed to respond to pressure in the straight and passing the 200m again put in an awkward stride and weakened in

its run to the line. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Hope Island** – Inclined to overrace in the early stages. An inquiry into jockey K. Matheson's handling of the gelding from the 500m to passing the 200m was opened and adjourned to a date to be fixed.

**On Demand** – Passing the 200m shifted out and bumped another runner whilst obtaining clear running. Bumped approaching the 100m.

**Power Receiver** – Bumped approaching the 100m.

#### **RACE 6: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1400m:**

**Field of Fire** – Inclined to overrace in the early stages. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey K. Matheson stated that his mount travelled well in a handy position in the early and middle stages however when the leaders sprinted approaching the home turn his mount was unable to go with them and weakened in its run to the line. K. Matheson added that his mount was making an abnormal respiratory noise over the concluding stages and whilst pulling up. Trainer Mr D. Bowen confirmed the gelding was making an abnormal respiratory noise on return to scale and he undertook to provide the results of an endoscopic examination on the gelding in the coming days.

**Galiano** – Blundered on jumping.

**Loch Maree** – Began awkwardly.

**Ramatuelle** – Blundered shortly after the start. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Approaching the 200m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve.

**Royal Roulette** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Unable to improve rounding the home turn and entrance to the straight when held up on heels.

**Schopenhauer (NZ)** – Bumped on jumping. Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. Unable to be fully tested between the 250m and 100m when racing in restricted room.

**Teo Torriate** – Bumped on jumping. Inclined to overrace in the early stages. Approaching the 200m was steadied when disappointed for a run. Unable to improve approaching and passing the 100m when held up on heels.

**Water Boy** – Slow to begin and hampered shortly after.

#### **RACE 7: UNTAMED 1200m:**

**Bonne Cheval** – Rounding the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to be fully tested until shifting out in to clear running approaching the 200m. Shifted out under pressure over the final 50m.

**Kareem's Edge** – Began awkwardly. Hampered near the 150m.

**Media Maid** – Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn. Bumped rounding the first turn.

**More Than Money** – Passing the 500m was steadied when buffeted between *Redwolf* and *Nakanai* which hung out at that point.

**Ms Ba Bella** – Rounding the first turn became unbalanced after being carried in by *Profiler* and bumping *Media Maid*. Apprentice Ms C. Graham (*Profiler*) was issued a reprimand (AR137(a)). Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Nakanai** – Overraced rounding the first turn. Overraced and inclined to hang out in the middle stages.

**Oltre Finito (NZ)** – Slow to begin.

**Redwolf** – Bumped and unbalanced passing the 500m.

**Selfie** – Rounding the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to improve until passing the 300m. Near the 150m was obliged to ease and shift out around heels to continue to improve. Bumped near the 100m.

**Sorority Sister** – Unable to improve when held up on heels approaching the home turn. Unable to be fully tested between the 250m and 150m when awkwardly placed inside heels.

**Tyrannize (NZ)** – Slow to begin. Bumped outwards near the 150m. Bumped near the 100m.

#### **RACE 8: LISMORE CUP 2100m:**

**Collaboration (GB)** – Raced wide in the middle stages.

**Explosive One** – Rounding the first turn was steadied after laying out across heels.

**My Cousin Jackie** – Began awkwardly and eased when buffeted between runners shortly after. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

**Outstrip** – Slow to begin and steadied when tightened between runners shortly after. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

**Scotti Be Gotti** – Buffeted shortly after the start.

**Skytrek** – Jockey M. Cahill will be interviewed regarding his whip use prior to the 100m at a date to be fixed.

**Splendid Stryker** – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted in the early stages, in particular not attempting to lead the event after his mount began well but easing it to a position worse than midfield, jockey R. Fradd stated that he was instructed to have his mount settle were comfortable and not use it up in an effort

to lead. R. Fradd stated that after his mount began well other riders commence to ride their mounts along and he eased his mount into a position with cover midfield. R. Fradd stated that after obtaining this position with cover runners kept improving around the field and shuffled his mount further back. Trainer Mr B. Herne confirmed the instructions and advised that the gelding only leads when the tempo of the event is slow and can not be ridden with vigour early to contest the lead as it does not finish off the race. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Time's Up** – Steadied when tightened between runners shortly after the start. Raced wide in the middle stages.

**SWABS:** Swab samples were taken from all winners, **The Real Ronaldo, Letter of Charm, Ready for Danger, Knockoura, Collaboration (NZ), Meteorologist,** and **Scotti Be Gotti**.

SUMMARY	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 3: M. Paget - \$600 (AR175(q)) (\$300 stayed)
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 7: Ms C. Graham (AR137(a))
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 6: <b>Field of Fire</b> – respiratory noise
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 3: <b>Yeah the Boys</b> – hung out Race 3: <b>Washington Street</b> – hung out
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	Race 8: <b>Skytrek</b> – to be ridden further forward, settled midfield
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Follow-up:</b>	Race 5: <b>Hope Island</b> - handling Race 8: M. Cahill – whip use