

**Stewards Report
Muswellbrook Race Club
Skellatar Park RACECOURSE**

Tuesday 22ND August 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (3)

Rail: True

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman), J Penfold, D Greer & D Carr.

Riding Changes:

Race 3: C Graham replaced C Baker (indisposed)

Race 7: C Van Der Werf replaced C Baker

Supplementary Report: Muswellbrook 4/7/17: Race 6:

a post mortem urine sample taken from Kestrel has been analysed with no banned substances detected.

Race 1: Maiden Plate 1500m

Latin Light – was hampered and carried wider passing the 1000m.

My Little Soldier – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight which placed its rider at a disadvantage.

Artella – had to be checked when the tempo reduced quickly.

Supercharged – when questioned in relation to her ride in the early stages, M Toms explained that after establishing the lead she attempted to ease her mount to reduce the speed at which she would lead and said that she applied too much pressure to steady at that time, which resulted in Supercharged throwing its head up and reducing speed rapidly. She said that she experienced difficulty for some distance after this due to her mount over racing and her continued effort to lead as slowly as possible. Trainer Mr. L Thomas said that if he were to continue with a racing preparation for Supercharged it would be nominated for the Non-Tab venue at Mendooran (2/9/17) and should it not improve at that venue it would be retired.

Race 2: Maiden Handicap 1280m

Yueldo – cast its off fore plate during the race.

Uncle Sam – began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

Bridie's Brook – hung out under pressure inside the 150m.

Fanny Chenal – crowded at the start.

She's Just Sayin' – raced greenly when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Race 3: Benchmark 60 Handicap 2300m

More than Aholiday – was crowded at the entrance to the home straight.

Unique Dream – was crowded and had to be eased for a short distance after entering the home straight. Trainer Mrs. T Wilkes was interviewed in relation to the gelding's racing program which resulted in Unique Dream having its 7th race start since 11/7/17, in races of further than 1600m. Mrs. Wilkes said that Unique Dream is housed in a large paddock and rested between starts and given mainly beach work to maintain its fitness without applying significant pressure to it. She said that it is her intention to retire the gelding in the near future. Mrs. Wilkes was advised that the gelding's future racing and condition would be monitored and more time between running in distance events, particularly those that include significant float travel would be desirable. Unique Dream was found to be in satisfactory condition in pre-and post-race veterinary examinations.

Race 4: Class 1 Handicap 1280m

Grundalina – trainer Mr. R Northam was fined \$200 (AR59) for failing to provide the mare's thoroughbred identity card. Further, Stable representative Mr. M Khan was advised that Grundalina will not be permitted to race again unless the thoroughbred identity card can be produced. Slow to begin, then had to be checked when racing in restricted room passing the 1000m. when questioned in relation to the performance, D Northey explained that although his mount was not possessed of early speed he had intended to be forward of midfield in the early stages, however after being slow away and then the incident at the 1000m he was further back than intended. He said that he attempted to improve from the 600m, but Grundalina was dour and in his opinion would be better suited in longer distance races. Stable representative Mr. M Khan said that the mare would not race for at least 14 days with the distance of its future engagements increasing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Our Tax Return - began awkwardly with its head up and raced ungenerously in the early stages.

Yatte Yattah – slow to begin.

Ramla Bay – began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly in the early stages.

Race 5: Class 1 Handicap 1000m

Floki – slow to begin, then raced in restricted room for some distance after entering the home straight. Then had to be steadied and shifted in after failing to obtain a narrow run between Oakfield Time and Final Frontier near the 250m. S Lisnyy (Oakfield Time) was found guilty of a charge of careless riding (AR137a), in that inside the 100m, he allowed his mount to shift in whilst riding it along when not clear of Floki, resulting in Floki being crowded onto the running rail, being checked, blundering and losing its rightful running. S Lisnyy's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence 1/9/17 and expire 9/9/17, on which day he may resume. The determined penalty of a suspension of 7 meetings was mitigated to allow for S Lisnyy's record and a 10% contribution applied to the racing manners of Floki, which displayed a level of reluctance to continue to improve quickly, when racing inside Oakfield Time.

Oakfield Time – hung out rounding the home turn.

Race 6: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1000m

Heidsieck – the rider J Adams viewed the patrol film prior to the declaration of correct weight, to determine if he felt there were grounds to lodge an objection against Nick On The Run being declared the winner, due to R Murray, the rider Of Nick On The run striking her mount with the whip on more occasions than allowed. Stewards also viewed the footage and declined to lodge any such objection.

Dayarma – slow to begin.

Loading – slow to begin.

Race 7: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1500m

High Call – was held up for a short distance at the entrance to the home straight.

Bold Street Cat – began awkwardly and was slow away. Hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Dashiel – had to be steadied when crowded between runners passing the 1100m.

Little May – raced fiercely for a short distance passing the 1100m.

Summary of whip use

Race 4: B Cray – Envision	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 7: J Adams – Anticipate	6 strikes prior to the 100m
P King – High Call	6 strikes prior to the 100m
A Cavallo – Bold Street Cat	7 strikes prior to the 100m

Considering the totality of use, no action was taken.

Race 6: J Adams – Heidsieck	9 strikes prior to the 100m. Fined \$300 Raised whip above shoulder height – reprimand
R Murray – Nick On The Run	10 strikes prior to the 100m. Fined \$400

Swabs: Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Supercharged, She’s Just Sayin, Fanny Chenal & Our Dilemma.**

SUMMARY

Fines	Race 4: R Northam - \$200 (AR59) Race 6: J Adams - \$300 – whip use R Murray - \$400 – whip use
Suspensions	Race 5: S Lisnyy – (AR137a) – 1/9/17 until 9/9/17 (can ride)
Reprimands	Race 6: J Adams – (AR137A (4) (b)) – whip height
Warnings	Nil
Trials	Nil
Cautions	Nil
Falls and Injury	Nil
Certificates	Nil
Bleeders	Nil

