

STEWARDS REPORT

Goulburn & District Racing Club GOULBURN RACECOURSE

Monday 24th July 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4)

Rail: Out 5m

STEWARDS: J D Walshe, C G Polglase, J A Shultz & J Turner

Race 1: Doyles On The Beach Maiden Handicap 1600m

Due to the delay in the ambulance arriving on course the first race was re-scheduled to 12:43pm. The remainder of the program remained unchanged.

Gone Fishing – Bumped on jumping.

Believer – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider J Collett stated that his mount travelled relaxed through the run however was under pressure from the 600m and did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Street Prince – An inquiry was opened concerning app B Ryan's riding of the gelding, particularly near the 500m when it was apparent that Gone Fishing improved to the outside of the gelding which held the gelding in a pocket behind Mateship. App B Ryan represented by Racing NSW Apprentice's Mentor Mr R Quinn advised that he had been instructed to allow his mount to settle where comfortable and because of the prevailing strong winds, strictly not to expose his mount until straightening. He added that passing the 500m whilst he was aware that Gone Fishing improved around him, bearing in mind his instructions he maintained his position following Mateship. He added that on straightening he subsequently became held up on the heels of Mozart's Work, when Mateship shifted out and thereafter was unable to obtain clear running until near the 200m where he was able to angle to the inside of Mozart's Work whereupon his mount initially laid in before finding the line well. Co-trainer Mr L Price confirmed the instructions and expressed satisfaction with the ride. After considering all of the evidence, Stewards accepted app B Ryan's explanation.

Race 2: Goulburn Carpet Court Benchmark 55 Handicap 1600m

Striking Lago – Slow to begin.

Save The Best – Held up for clear running in the early part of the straight and passing the 300m was shifted out to obtain clear running and in doing so came into contact with Mackellar.

Mackellar – Near the 1000m was taken three wide by Akiko Gold which shifted out after being crossed by County Limerick which resulted in the filly being obliged to race wide for the remainder of the event. Passing the 300m was contacted by Save The Best which shifted out to obtain clear running. Correct weight was delayed by Stewards to enable them to view a replay concerning this incident to ascertain whether there were grounds to lodge an objection on behalf of the connections of Mackellar against Save The Best which was placed second, however as they were of the view that that the grounds were not sufficient, correct weight was declared on the Judge's placings.

Race 3: Goulburn Express Freight 3YO Maiden Handicap 1200m

Nicochet – Slow to begin. B El-Issa (Devious), pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 1000m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of Nicochet which was checked. B El-Issa's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 30 July 2017 and to expire on Tuesday 8 August 2017, on which day he may ride.

Ottoman Warrior – Passing the 900m was restrained when tightened for room by Devious which laid in away from Mop The Floor.

Rain Trade – Ran out at the start and lost ground.

Charmaine's Time – Passing the 900m got its head up when racing ungenerously.

Race 4: JCF Contracting Benchmark 60 Handicap 1300m

Zooks – Trainer Mr T Robinson will be interviewed in relation to the late withdrawal of the gelding at 7:54am.

Singled Out – Tightened on jumping.

Peranto – After the 1100m was steadied from the heels of Distortion (Ms K Nisbet) which shifted in when not clear. Ms K Nisbet was reprimanded (AR137(a)). Held up for clear running from the 400m until the 200m.

Race 5: Wedding Event Specialist Maiden Plate 1300m

Whiskey'n'Diamonds – Slow to begin. Held up on the heels of Lady Eleanor over the concluding stages.

Chief Kidder – Slow to begin and was restrained from the heels of Smart Venture which shifted in soon after.

Knight's Honour – Over-raced in the middle stages. Passing the 1000m was steadied when taken in by Trbojevic (Ms J Taylor) which shifted in when not clear. Ms J Taylor was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

While We Can – Raced wide throughout.

Trust Who – Was held up for clear running from near the 200m until passing the 150m.

Race 6: Best Western Goulburn Benchmark 55 Handicap 2130m

Red Centre Ruby – Slow to begin. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

Her Highness – Slow to begin.

Irenic – Raced wide throughout.

Stars And Stripes – After the winning post on the first occasion got its head up and laid out. Passing the 950m got its head up when being restrained after improving onto the heels of One Touch.

Go One More – Passing the 100m brushed with Seething Drake due to both runners shifting slight ground.

Race 7: Goulburn Post Benchmark 55 Handicap 1400m

O'driscoll – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted, rider J Collett stated that as his mount was dropping back in distance he was instructed to position his mount in the first four, but not to lead. He added that after being a little slow to begin, his mount was obliged to race further back than intended.

Percussion – Rider J Penza was reminded of his obligations to ride his mount fully to the end of the race.

Smiling At Shadows – Could not be tested over the concluding stages when badly crowded between **O’driscoll** which was also tightened to the inside of Sweet Fella, and Alabasta Bay which was attempting to improve to the outside of Smoke Alarm (Ms K Adams) which shifted out under pressure. Ms K Adams was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

Alabasta Bay – Could not be tested over the concluding stages when tightened by Smoke Alarm which shifted out.

O’driscoll – Could not be tested over the concluding stages when tightened for room.

GENERAL:

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Cherry Brown, Mateship

Race 2: Striking Lago, Mackellar

Race 3: Nicochet, Devious

Race 6: Hello China

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 4: Ms K Nisbet (Distortion) – AR137(a) – Careless riding. Race 5: Ms J Taylor (Trbojevic) – AR137(a) – Careless riding. Race 7: Ms K Adams (Smoke Alarm) – AR137(a) – Careless riding.
Suspensions:	Race 3: B El-Issa (Devious) AR137(a) – Careless riding. Licence to ride in races suspended from 30/7/17 until 8/8/17 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Nil
Vet Certificates:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Race 1: Street Prince – Dark blue, white yolk, Racing NSW logo. Race 5: Trbojevic – Dark blue, white yolk, Racing NSW logo.
Follow Up:	Race 4: Trainer Mr T Robinson will be interviewed in relation to the late withdrawal of Zooks at 7:54am.