

## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

**CLUB:** DEVONPORT RACING CLUB  
**DATE:** SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018  
**STEWARDS:** S QUILL (CHAIRMAN), D TYSON, B FREE, C BRYDON, F BATES, J AINSCOW, J SMITH  
**VETERINARY SURGEON:** DR J McKENNA  
**MEDICAL OFFICER:** DR P PEARCE  
**TRACK:** SYNTHETIC  
**RAIL:** TRUE  
**WEATHER:** SHOWERS

### **Riding Changes / Jockey Information**

<b>Race</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>Replaced by</b>	<b>Reason</b>
2	Hollywood Chief		B Smith	Late Notification
4	Asyoudo		T Voorham	Emergency gained start
7	Arving	H McCarthy	C Newitt	Dual Engagement

### ***Comments / Explanations:***

Stewards accepted the explanation of trainer Mr V Poke for the late notification of his rider in race 2.

As H McCarthy was engaged on the first emergency in race 7 stewards permitted C Newitt to replace her in this race on **Arving**.

Georgie Catania submitted a medical clearance prior to riding at today's meeting.

### **RACE 1 – SIMONS DESIGN CENTRE BENCHMARK 84 HCP – 1150 METRES**

Correct weight was delayed when stewards wished to view the start of this race and in particular whether **Jacques** had gained an unfair advantage. After taking evidence from starter Mr D Crowden, assistant starter Mr A Emery and rider A Darmanin, stewards were satisfied that **Jacques** had not gained an unfair advantage at the start, and as such correct weight was declared.

**Killin Falls** (D Ganderton) – inconvenienced shortly after jumping by **Jacques** which shifted out. Rider D Ganderton stated that the gelding travelled well in the run however was one paced in the home straight.

**O'Ionh Star** (S Carr) – preformed below expectations. Rider S Carr could offer no explanation for the disappointing performance other than the gelding blew hard after the race and appeared agitated. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Underplay** (C Newitt) – laid in approaching the 100 metres and had to be straightened by its rider.

**Concentrate** (H McCarthy) – slow into stride.

### **RACE 2 – DRC AUGUST WINTER SERIES MAIDEN – 1150 METRES**

**Push Pause** (C Willis) – improved performance. Rider C Willis explained that she was instructed to be positive on the gelding which had been connections intentions last start, however after receiving interference early in that race settled further back than anticipated. Trainer L Gaffney stated that the gelding had increased fitness after its 2 most recent starts from a spell, and with the step up in distance Mrs Gaffney had expected a forward showing today. Mrs Gaffney further added that it would be her intention to step the gelding up in distance in future races. Shifted in under pressure over the concluding stages. Rider C Willis pleaded guilty to a charge under 137A(5)(a)(ii) in that she used her whip on 9 occasions prior to the 100 metres which is 4 more than permitted under this rule. Miss Willis was subsequently fined the sum of \$100. In determining penalty stewards took into consideration Miss Willis's good record and guilty plea.

**Gee Gee Satin** (T Baker) – rider T Baker could offer no explanation for the performance other than it was disappointing. Co-trainer Mr T Wells advised that the filly may not have been suited to today's 1150 metres and will be looking to step the filly up to a further distance in future.

**On Sunshine** (A Patis) – Severely checked shortly after jumping when **Shinvada** shifted in abruptly.

**Shinvada** (S Amano) – required to be re-saddled behind the barriers. Shifted in abruptly after jumping despite the efforts of its rider. Raced greenly. Trainer Miss N Luttrell was advised that the mare must trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again due to its race manner.

**Highveld** (S Carr) – required to be re-saddled behind the barriers.

**Blackberry Rose** (C Newitt) – bumped after jumping. Raced in restricted room over the concluding stages when **Push Pause** (C Willis) shifted in slightly and was unable to be ridden out fully to the line. C Willis was advised to exercise care.

**Mecardo** (C Graham) – rider C Graham reported that the filly laid out throughout.

**Mountain Music** (T Voorham) – raced three-wide without cover throughout.

### **RACE 3 – SKY RACING MAIDEN – 1150 METRES**

**Emmceeoh** (B Smith) – in the early part of the home straight shifted out slightly. Shifted in under pressure passing the 200 metres and had to be straightened by its rider.

**Holy Diamond** (C Newitt) – raced keenly in the middle stages, and approaching the 600 metres had to be steadied when improving up onto heels.

**Irish Jeff** (H McCarthy) – near the 600 metres momentarily tightened by **Emsgem** (A Patis) which shifted in. A Patis was advised to exercise care and ensure that she leaves sufficient room to runners to her inside. Approaching the 200 metres momentarily tightened for room between **Holy Diamond** and **Magic Waler** which was taken out by **Emmceeoh**.

**Swinley Forest** (B McCoull) – shortly after jumping was tightened for room between **Gee Gee Runaway** and **Gee Gees Daydream**.

**Emsgem** (A Patis) – commenced awkwardly.

**Miss Tylly** (G Catania) – slow into stride.

**Gee Gee Runaway** (T Baker) – rider T Baker explained that his saddle slipped near the 1000 metres, placing him at a severe disadvantage and was unable to ride the gelding in his normal manner.

**Magic Waler** (C Graham) – trainer A Trinder was fined the sum of \$100 for the late gear request for the gelding to race without blinkers. Approaching the 200 metres shifted out to avoid the heels of **Emmceeoh** which had rolled out slightly.

**Gee Gees Daydream** (S Carr) – passing the 200 metres laid in and brushed the running rail.

### **RACE 4 – BIRDCAGE TACER BENCHMARK 58 HCP – 1150 METRES**

Correct weight was delayed when stewards viewed the film of the start in relation to **Farnor West** and whether that runner had been denied a fair start. After interviewing assistant starter Mr A Emery, starter Mr D Crowden, barrier attendant Mr T Yole, rider Mr B Muhcu and trainer Mr N Schuurings, stewards could not be satisfied that the mare had been denied a fair start and correct weight was declared.

**Newts** (B McCoull) – near the 100 metres restrained away from the heels of **Bedrock Dreams** (H McCarthy) which shifted out. H McCarthy was reprimanded and advised to ensure she is fully clear when shifting ground.

**Majestic Bow** (A Patis) – over raced in the early and middle stages. Near the 400 metres laid out towards the heels of Gee Gees Cricket and had to be restrained.

**Farnor West** (B Muhcu) – commenced awkwardly and lost ground. Checked off the heels of **Newts** shortly after the start, when that gelding was carried outwards by **Majestic Bow**.

**Asyoudo** (T Voorham) – commenced awkwardly and lost ground.

#### **RACE 5 – JIM CASSIDY 2019 CUP CLASS 2 HCP – 1150 METRES**

The start of this race was delayed several minutes due to **Meetony** and **Dothraki Princess** becoming fractious in the barrier and undergoing veterinary examinations.

**Braccenby** (S Carr) – change of tactics, trainer R Hamer advised that the gelding would be ridden further back. Settled just worse than midfield.

**Meetony** (H McCarthy) – after becoming fractious in the barrier was removed and underwent a veterinary examination and passed suitable to race. A warning was issued.

**Somerset** (C Newitt) – Slow into stride.

**Meteor Strike** (D Ganderton) – rider D Ganderton stated that he felt something may have been amiss with the gelding behind. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have abrasions on the outside of the left hock. When questioned in relation to the manner in which he rode the gelding out over the concluding stages D Ganderton stated that the gelding had peaked on its run and was commencing to give ground at the 100 metres and as he also felt something may have been amiss he elected not to ride Meteor Strike out to the finish.

**George's Gamble** (T Voorham) – laid in in the home straight.

**Astrobelle** (B Muhcu) – required to have its bridle adjusted after being loaded into the barriers.

**Kenfromthebar** (B Smith) – raced three-wide without cover throughout. Near the 400 metres bumped by **Life's Quest**. Laid in, under pressure near the 150 metres. Approaching the winning post laid in under pressure.

**Dothraki Princess** (A Darmanin) - after becoming fractious in the barrier was removed and underwent a veterinary examination and passed suitable to race. A warning was issued. Bounded in the air on jumping away and lost ground.

**Gee Gee Royal Miss** (T Baker) – passing the 200 metres was held up when disappointed to the inside of **George's Gamble** which was laying in and was unable to be fully tested to the finish.

**Life's Quest** (D Schmitt) – shifted out near the 400 metres and brushed with **Kenfromthebar**.

#### **RACE 6 – JOHN DEACON BENCHMARK 64 HCP – 1640 METRES**

**Aventador** (T Voorham) – raced three-wide without cover in the middle stages.

**Into The Night** (C Willis) – rider C Willis stated that the gelding hung out throughout the run. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Perun NZ** (A Darmanin) – passing the 200 metres was carried wider on the track by **Pelagia**.

**Big Pegg** (T Baker) – raced three-wide without cover from the 800 metres. Rider T Baker stated that the mare laid out throughout the run.

**Purple Rider** (H McCarthy) – slow into stride. Near the 200 metres shifted wider on the track to avoid the heels of **Perun NZ** which had been carried out by **Pelagia**.

**Pelagia** (D Schmitt) – shifted out under pressure passing the 200 metres.

**Strathalbyn** (C Graham) – was fractious in the barrier. Attempted to buck shortly after the start. A warning has been placed on the gelding.

#### **RACE 7 – LENDING4U CLASS 1 HCP – 1350 METRES**

**Beautiful Boy** (C Graham) – over raced in the early and middle stages.

**Epidexio's** (A Darmanin) – tightened for room on jumping away and restrained.

**He's Tough Enough** (B Smith) – raced three-wide without cover throughout. Eased out of the event in the early part of the home straight. Rider B Smith stated that after entering the home straight she felt something amiss with the gelding and eased down. A veterinary examination revealed a fractured right fore cannon bone and the gelding was subsequently euthanised.

**Aspirate** (D Ganderton) – slow into stride. Shortly after blundered and lost ground. Near the 200 metres was checked when improved to the inside of **Outdone** when that gelding commenced to give ground.

**Outdone** (I Toker) – near the 200 metres when giving ground was checked by **Aspirate** which had improved to its inside.

**Platinum Magic** (T Voorham) – underwent a veterinary examination behind the barrier, which revealed a minor amount of blood in its mouth from a tooth, however was deemed suitable to take its place in the field.

**Om Nom** (A Patis) – near the 300 metres had to be severely checked to avoid the heels **He's Tough Enough**, which lost ground sharply.

**Mosh Opera** (S Carr) – held up rounding the home turn and had difficulty obtaining clear running in the home straight when racing in behind **Beautiful Boy** (C Graham) which was shifting ground. C Graham was advised to exercise care and straighten his mounts quicker when shifting ground.

Stewards inquired into the reasons for **Aspirate** (D Ganderton) and **Outdone** (I Toker) being checked near the 200 metres. After taking evidence from both riders it was established that upon entering the home straight a tight run had presented for **Aspirate** when **Outdone** had shifted out off the rail, however after D Ganderton had elected to pursue that run, **Outdone** shifted back toward the rail when clear to do so and commenced to give ground, at the same time **Aspirate** which was travelling strongly and despite the effort of D Ganderton improved up on the inside of **Outdone**.

#### **RACE 8 – GREAT NORTHER BENCHMARK 70 KCP – 1350 METRES**

**Kanji** (C Willis) – raced wide without cover throughout. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have minor lameness to the right fore leg and a veterinary clearance will be required prior to racing again.

**Magwitch** (B McCoull) – inclined to lay in, in the home straight.

**Christopher Mac** (D Schmitt) – slow into stride. Over raced in the middle stages. Raced three-wide without cover throughout. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have a small abrasion to the left fore cannon.

**D'inzeo** (A Darmanin) – near the 150 metres was tightened for room between **Magwitch** which was inclined to lay in and **Westerly Haze** (B Muhcu) which shifted out. B Muhcu was advised to exercise care when allowing his mounts to shift ground.

#### **RACE 9 – LEAPING GOAT COFFEE CO MAIDEN – 1650 METRES**

**Barusti** (C Willis) – passing the winning post on the first occasion restrained off the heels of **Race The Wind** (A Darmanin) which shifted in. A Darmanin was reprimanded and advised to ensure he is fully clear when shifting ground.

**Race The Wind** (A Darmanin) – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Rider A Darmanin reported that on pulling up he felt that something may have been amiss with the geldings action. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Tough Rubble** (C Newitt) – commenced awkwardly.

**Aislinn NZ** (B Muhcu) – rider B Muhcu reported that the filly hung in, in the home straight. B Muhcu pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using his whip on 9 occasion prior to the 100 metres which is 4 more than permitted under this rule. B Muhcu was subsequently fined the sum of \$100. In determining penalty stewards took into account B Muhcu's very good record in relation to this rule and his guilty plea.

**Leicester Rocket** (C Graham) - late scratching at 4:14pm on veterinary advise after the filly was found to be lame in the right fore leg and will require a veterinary clearance prior to racing again.

### **SWAB SAMPLES**

**Pre-race blood samples:** R1 – O'lohn Star  
R2 – Words In Motion  
R3 – Gee Gee Runaway  
R4 – Font Magica  
R5 – Kenfromthebar  
R6 – Aventador  
R7 – Beautiful Boy  
R9 – Barusti, Leister Rocket

**Post-race samples:** R2 – Gee Gees Saint Nik, Push Pause (3<sup>rd</sup> place)  
R3 – Magic Waler  
R4 – Bedrock Dreams  
R5 – Century Arrow  
R7 – Epidexios, He's Tough Enough (unplaced)  
R9 – Mississippi Grind

### **RACEDAY SUMMARY**

**LATE SCRATCHINGS:** R9 – Leicester Rocket

**REPRIMANDS:** R4 – H McCarthy – AR137(a) – careless riding  
R9 – A Darmanin – AR137(a) – careless riding

**FINES:** R2 – C Willis – AR137(5)(a)(ii) – \$100 - whip in excess of 5 times prior to 100 metres  
R3 – A Trinder – \$100 - LR 7.5 – late gear change  
R9 – B Muhcu – AR137(5)(a)(ii) – \$100 - whip in excess of 5 times prior to 100 metres

**HORSE ACTIONS:** R2 – Shinvada – racing manners – satisfactory trial  
R5 – Meetony – fractious in barrier – warning  
R5 – Dothraki Princess – fractious in barrier – warning  
R6 – Strathalbyn – fractious in barrier and attempted to buck – warning  
R8 – Leicester Rocket – lame right fore – veterinary certificate  
R8 – Kanji – lame right fore – veterinary certificate

**CHANGE OF TACTICS:** R5 – Braccenby – further back