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Re: The Toe Stoppers Report

I have been using the Universal track work Toe Stoppers on all of my mounts, under all circumstances. It doesn't matter if the horses are galloping, going steady or doing barrier trials; whether they be inexperienced two year olds or seasoned gallopers, I will not ride without them. I believe they should be made compulsory. The first time I used Toe Stoppers in a race I felt confident, secure and well balanced when riding my mount to the line, and coincidentally won the race.

Whether it be jumping out of the barrier or during the race, the Toe Stoppers make you feel confident that you won't lose your iron if your horse knuckles over or receives interference and jumps sideways. This is a problem that happens to many riders. The support the Toe Stoppers give you, make you feel secure and safe on all types of horses, in all situations.

These days jockeys are naturally getting heavier and will continue to struggle with making the correct weight on race day. To allow all jockeys to benefit from the safety advantages of using Toe Stoppers, they will definitely need a weight allowance to use these on all of their mounts.

I have ridden horses for 10 years; both competitively and for pleasure and I wish I had Toe Stoppers from the beginning. I have been an apprentice jockey for 2 years and have ridden 151 winners. I am currently leading the apprentice premiership in Queensland and I strongly recommend to all riders, to not ride without Toe Stoppers.

No matter what safety precautions are taken when riding, and no matter what type of riding you are doing, accidents can happen. To be dragged would be a terrifying experience, and by using Toe Stoppers I feel the risk of this happening to me is eliminated completely.

Yours Truly

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