

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Gosford Race Club GOSFORD RACECOURSE

Sunday 14 February 2010

Weather: Showery  
Track: Heavy 8  
Rail: True position

**STEWARDS:** D A Dyson (Chairman), G T Rudolph, R W Livingstone and cadet T J Vassallo  
(mkm)

#### **RACE 1 – Sky Racing Star Stable 3yo Maiden Plate 1600m**

**Blue Berry**, which had been fractious in the barriers, jumped very awkwardly, veered out abruptly shortly after the start and lost considerable ground (5L). A post race veterinary examination of **Blue Berry** revealed the filly to have blood in its mouth. Trainer Mr G Lee was advised that **Blue Berry** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the stewards prior to racing again. Mr Lee indicated that **Blue Berry** will now be leaving his stable. Passing the 1200m **Ceviche** commenced to overrace and got its head up. **Sir Gwynn** lost its near fore plate in running.

#### **RACE 2 – Sky Racing Benchmark 60 Handicap 1600m**

Rounding the home turn **Renediym** laid out across the heels of **Full Power** and had to be steadied momentarily. When questioned regarding **Survival** leading today, J Parr stated that he had been instructed to ride the filly where comfortable and if at all possible with cover. He said when the pace steadied passing the 1300m, rather than being trapped three wide he allowed **Survival** to stride forward and assume the lead.

#### **RACE 3 – tab.com.au Apprentices Class 2 Handicap 2100m**

As apprentice L Cumberland was unable to claim down to his declared riding weight, stewards permitted him to claim only one of his two kilogram allowance on **Convair**. Apprentice L Cumberland was fined \$200 under LR70. **Columbian Strike** was slow to begin. Stewards inquired into an incident passing the 1400m whereby **Cinderella Girl** (J Whipp) and **November Dreaming** (B Spriggs) made contact when **Cinderella Girl** attempted to establish a position to the outside of the heels of the leader **Zafaaf**. In particular, the stewards questioned apprentice B Spriggs relative to an apparent transfer of his body weight to the offside and as to whether there was contact between himself and apprentice J Whipp. The stewards were satisfied on the evidence that there was no contact between the riders, however apprentice B Spriggs was advised to exercise more care when attempting to hold his position. Apprentice J Whipp was reminded of her obligations to ensure that there is sufficient room to shift ground without causing unnecessary interference.

#### **RACE 4 – gosfordracing.com.au Entires & Geldings Maiden Plate 1100m**

Trainer Mr J Bester was fined \$50 under AR53C for failing to notify the gelding of **Coeur De Hero**. Shortly after the start was effected the starter (Mr S Scollard) notified the stewards that the towel, which was being used on **Golden Dive** by apprentice T Berry, the rider of that colt, had become entangled in the gear of apprentice Berry resulting in **Golden Dive** carrying the towel for the duration of the race. After taking evidence from apprentice Berry and Mr Scollard, the stewards were satisfied that the incident was not the fault of any party and no further was taken. **Hail To Tara** was slow to begin.

#### **RACE 5 – xxxx Gold Benchmark 70 Handicap 1000m**

**Handout** began awkwardly. **Swiftus** hung out rounding the home turn. When questioned H Bowman (**Double Shot**) stated that he had been instructed to ride the gelding where comfortable and envisaged settling in the first three. He stated that when **Handout** and **Thwarted** both went forward to his inside, he elected to take a trail behind those runners where the gelding travelled well until placed under pressure rounding the home turn. He stated that from this point **Double Shot** ran to the line in a disappointing fashion. He added that in his opinion **Double Shot** would be better suited over further

ground where it could take up a more forward position. A post race veterinary examination of **Double Shot** did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### **RACE 6 – Tooheys New Fillies & Mares Maiden Plate 1100m**

**Autumn Reflections** and **Dareweish** bumped shortly after the start. Passing the 600m whilst being restrained from the heels of **Tracko**, **Forbidden Princess** made contact with the running rail. Shortly after straightening **Little Evie** had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Tracko** which endeavoured to shift out around the heels of **Dareweish**. Apprentice J Whipp was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground. Approaching the 200m **Is It Just Me** had to be steadied away from the heels of **Forbidden Princess** (A Threadwell) which shifted out. A short distance later **Is It Just Me** again had to be steadied away from **Forbidden Princess** when that mare continued to shift out. Apprentice A Threadwell was reprimanded and advised she must make more effort to prevent her mounts from shifting ground and that, further, given her recent record in relation to similar offences, she would be referred to the Riders Advisory Panel. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Little Evie**, apprentice K Nestor explained that he was able to take up a forward position throughout the early and middle stages and travelled well until passing the 600m. He stated that when runners improved to his outside the filly was unable to quicken and from this point weakened. He added that although hampered shortly after rounding the home turn **Little Evie** was nevertheless disappointing in the manner in which it finished off its race. A post race veterinary examination of **Little Evie** revealed the filly was displaying a case of thumps. Trainer Mrs G Waterhouse will be interviewed.

#### **RACE 7 – Hahn Super Dry Class 1 Handicap 1200m**

Stewards considered an objection lodged by P Ferris, the rider of second placegetter **Grandeur King**, against **Sequaceed** being declared the winner, alleging interference over the final 100 metres. On the evidence it was established that inside the 200m **Grandeur King** was inclined to lay in under pressure and shortly after near the 100m **Sequaceed** improved to that runner's outside and made contact with **Grandeur King**. **Grandeur King** then shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages resulting in both horses making further contact. The stewards were not of the opinion that the initial contact between **Sequaceed** and **Grandeur King** had of any material effect in their respective finishing positions and the objection was dismissed. As **Grandeur King** shifted out, P Ferris became restricted in his use of the whip on the gelding over the concluding stages. **Matilda's Rose**, which was slow to begin, was hampered shortly after the start when crowded between **Secret Fortune** and **Sequaceed**, which shifted in. Inside the final 100 metres **Causing Havoc** had to be steadied and shifted to the outside of the heels of **Grandeur King** and **Sequaceed** when both runners shifted in. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Savoia**, apprentice T Berry stated that the filly in his opinion did not handle the heavy track conditions. He added that **Savoia** hung out badly rounding the home turn and proved difficult to ride. Trainer P Messara stated that **Savoia** is still somewhat immature and although it wears blinkers it has a tendency not to be genuine when racing amongst horses. He added that **Savoia** had pleased the stable leading into today's race and undertook to report back on the progress of the filly this week.

#### **RACE 8 – Tooheys Extra Dry Maiden Handicap 1200m**

As apprentice K Nestor was stood down ill after riding in Race 6, apprentice B Spriggs was substituted as the rider of **Cryptic Spade**. Apprentice K Nestor was advised that he must produce a medical clearance prior to riding again. After being loaded **Tortipaw** became fractious and reared and struck its head. **Tortipaw** was a late withdrawal at 5.31pm. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Tortipaw** be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers all successful wagers made prior to 5.31pm to be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket: win and traditional each way, 12 cents win and 11 cents place. Trainer Mr G Walter was advised that **Tortipaw** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the stewards prior to racing again. Mr Walter indicated that **Tortipaw** will now be leaving his stable. **Cryptic Spade** was slow to begin. **Mr Versace** was slow to begin and shortly after was crowded when **Premium Victory** shifted in. **Summer Duck Wood** overraced throughout the early stages. Approaching the winning post **Summer Duck Wood** shifted out abruptly. Approaching the winning post **Whoswhointhetoo** shifted out and hampered **Premium Victory**. When questioned apprentice T Berry stated that in his opinion **Backwardsforwards** did not handle the heavy track conditions. Trainer Mr S Farley concurred with

apprentice Berry's opinion but nonetheless undertook to report back if anything should become apparent which led to today's substandard performance. A post race veterinary examination of **Backwardsforwards** did not reveal any abnormalities. A post race veterinary examination of **Whoswhointhezoo** revealed the gelding to have been galloped on on the off fore leg.

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

Race 1: Check It Out, Family Matters, Ceviche

Race 2: Survival, Renediym

Race 3: Columbian Strike (2), Cinderella Girl

Race 5: Swiftus, Handout

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 3: L Cumberland, \$200 (LR70) Race 4: J Bester, \$50 (AR53C)
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 6: A Threadwell – shifting out [AR 137(a)]
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 1: <b>Blue Berry</b> (Trainers G & J Lee) Race 8: <b>Tortipaw</b> (trainer G Walter)
<b>Certificates:</b>	Nil
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	Race 7: <b>Causing Havoc</b> to lead if possible; settled handy fence.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Race 1: <b>Check It Out</b> – club's colours Race 6: <b>Tracko</b> – club's colours
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	Race 6: <b>Little Evie</b> (trainer G Waterhouse) Race 7: <b>Savoia</b> (trainer P Messara) Race 8: <b>Backwardsforwards</b> (trainer S Farley)