

STEWARDS' REPORT

Gosford Race Club GOSFORD RACECOURSE

Thursday 26 August 2010

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: True position
Penetrometer: N/A

STEWARDS: R W Livingstone (Chairman), C G Polglase, T P Moxon and cadet S P Fitzgerald
(mkm)

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As C Brown was stood down ill after riding in Race 2, the following rider substitutions were approved:

Race 4	B Shinn on Mariachis
Race 7	P Robl on Coco Kerringle

RACE 1 – Hyne Entires & Geldings Benchmark 67 Handicap 1100m

Ballymorrough was slow to begin.

RACE 2 – James Hardie Class 2 Handicap 1200m

Reigning Cash and **Akbar Mahal** were crowded at the start between **Our Jen** and **Yogi**, both of which shifted ground. **Katobar** shifted in at the start and made contact with **Admirah Belle**. **Akbar Mahal** did not obtain clear running until passing the 200m. Over the concluding stages **Admirah Belle** was hampered and unable to be fully tested when **Akbar Mahal** shifted out after improving into a narrow run between **Admirah Belle** and **Reigning Cash**. When questioned regarding the performance of **Yogi**, C Brown explained that he had been instructed to race with cover if possible however after the mare began particular well he was able to lead without placing undue pressure on his mount. He added that the mare had a tendency to race keenly whilst leading, however expressed disappointment in its failure to finish off its race when placed under pressure near the 400m. A post race veterinary examination of **Yogi** did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr C Karakatsanis concurred with the views of C Brown that the mare had been disappointing and undertook to report back to the stewards on the immediate racing future of **Yogi** in the days subsequent. After riding in this race C Brown was examined by the club's medical officer and stood down from his remaining engagements.

RACE 3 – Red Eye Constructions Entires & Geldings Maiden Handicap 1000m

As C Marshall was indisposed due to illness, permission was granted for G Buckley to be substituted as the rider of **Crimes Of Passion**. C Marshall was advised that he must produce a medical clearance prior to riding again. D Pitomac, who was dislodged from **Revolutionize** in the enclosure, was examined by the club's ambulance officers and passed fit to ride. After being placed in the barriers **Revolutionize** became fractious, reared and became cast. Acting on veterinary advice that **Revolutionize** was unfit to start, the gelding was a late withdrawal at 1.58pm. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Revolutionize** be refunded in full and made no other alteration to betting. **Another Office**, which was in the adjoining gate to **Revolutionize**, was examined by the club's veterinary surgeon and passed fit to start. At a subsequent inquiry trainer Mr F Cowell was advised that **Revolutionize** would be required to trial to the satisfaction of the stewards prior to being permitted to race again. **Crimes Of Passion** was slow to begin. **Prince Of Monaco** and **Wilyman** bumped on jumping. **Another Office** began awkwardly and was hampered shortly after between **Urbane Valour** and **Melanotis** which began awkwardly and shifted in. A short distance later **Steel Bullet** shifted in and brushed **Melanotis** resulting in **Steel Bullet** becoming unbalanced. Near the 900m **Melanotis** was tightened for room by **Steel Bullet** which hung in away from **Prince Of Monaco** (J Whipp) which shifted in when not quite clear. J Whipp was advised to exercise more care. **Prince Of Monaco** overraced in the early stages. **Set Go** hung out from the 600m to the 300m. On straightening **Steel Bullet** was momentarily tightened for room between **Braviano** and **Prince Of Monaco** which shifted

out slightly. J Whipp was advised to exercise more care. **Urbane Valour** raced greenly when under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride and near the 150m shifted out abruptly and hampered **Express Charge**. When questioned regarding the performance of **Steel Bullet**, J Ford explained that the horse never travelled comfortably at any stage and when placed under pressure rounding the home turn in his opinion shortened stride and as he became concerned with the horse's action thereafter, he did not place it under full pressure in the straight. A post race veterinary examination of **Steel Bullet** revealed the horse to be suffering thumps. Trainer Mr P Hood will be asked to report back on the progress of **Steel Bullet** in the days subsequent. A post race veterinary examination of **Hughesy** revealed the gelding to have sustained a laceration to the off hind stifle.

RACE 4 – Carter Holt Harvey Fillies & Mares Maiden Handicap 1000m

A Gibbons replaced J Ford (overweight) as the rider of **Mighty Mandi**. The explanation tendered by J Ford was accepted. **Paris 'N' Rio**, which had been fractious, broke away from the attendants behind the barriers, crashed through the running rail on two occasions and galloped a considerable distance. Stewards ordered the withdrawal of **Paris 'N' Rio** at 2.33pm and the start of the race was considerably delayed to enable repairs to the running rail at the 1100m and 1200m. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Paris 'N' Rio** be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers all successful wagers made prior to 2.33pm to be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket : win and traditional each way, 9 cents win and 10 cents place. At a subsequent inquiry stable representative Mrs J Moses was advised that due to **Paris 'N' Rio** previously having been sent back to retrial on three occasions because of its pre-race manners, the mare would now be required to trial on two consecutive occasions prior to being permitted to race again. A post race veterinary examination of **Paris 'N' Rio** revealed the mare to have sustained numerous lacerations to both fore legs, the nearside requiring treatment. **Is It Just Me** knuckled over on jumping. **Speedonice** began awkwardly. **Silver Sandals** began awkwardly, shifted out and hampered **Wears Red Feathers** which had been slow to begin. **Speedonice** was held up rounding the home turn and in the straight had a tendency to lay in. **Mariachis** had difficulty obtaining completely clear running in the straight.

RACE 5 – Tasman KB Maiden Plate 1600m

Wave Dancing was slow to begin. **Zenith** overraced in the early and middle stages. Near the 450m **Pease Commands** shifted out in order to improve and made contact with **Wave Dancing**. Apprentice N Berry (**Tromped**) was reprimanded for permitting his mount to shift in near the 650m when not clear of **Maharagi Belle** which had to be steadied. Near the 300m **Pease Commands** (R Quinn) commenced to improve into a narrow run to the outside of **Tromped** and in doing so made contact with the hindquarter of **Queen Of Peace** causing that mare to become unbalanced and shift in tightening the ground of **Pease Commands**. As a result of this **Pease Commands** was checked and was obliged to shift ground to continue into clear running. R Quinn was cautioned and advised to ensure there is sufficient room to improve before he does so in future. When questioned regarding **Princess Katya** racing further back in the field, G Buckley explained that he had been instructed to have the filly in a forward position however after beginning only moderately **Princess Katya**, which was racing without blinkers today, did not muster sufficient speed so rather than press forward and be caught wide he elected to restrain and race with cover. When questioned regarding the performance of **Tromped**, apprentice N Berry explained that whilst the gelding travelled wide for some distance in the race, it felt awkward in its action when placed under pressure and for this reason he did not fully ride the gelding out when it was tiring in the straight. A post race veterinary examination of **Tromped** did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Ms A Turner was asked to report back on the progress of **Tromped** in the days subsequent and was advised prior to **Tromped** racing again a veterinary certificate of fitness must be produced. Apprentice B Vassallo was reprimanded for failing to weigh in when placed fifth (AR144). In not issuing a monetary penalty stewards were mindful that this was apprentice Vassallo's first offence under this rule.

RACE 6 – Peter Walker Memorial Class 1 Handicap 1600m

Central Act was crowded at the start between **Sweet Smile** and **Fareeda** which shifted out. **Fareeda** overraced in the early stages. Rounding the home turn **Dreamerino** raced in restricted room between **Central Act** and **El Tegra** which shifted out in order to improve. When questioned regarding **Sweet**

Smile racing back in the field, T Clark explained that he had been instructed to ride the gelding quietly in the early stages before making his run from the 600m. Trainer Mr C Waller will be interviewed. Post race veterinary examinations of **Renaka** and **Without Doubt** did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 7 – National Frame & Truss Fillies & Mares Benchmark 65 Handicap 1100m

My Mojo's Back was slow to begin. **Hot Rocks** began awkwardly. Post race veterinary examinations of **Putheron** and **Hot Rocks** did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 8 – ITI (Australia) Maiden Plate 1200m

Kerchings was slow to begin. **Just Honey** and **Smoke Over Tacoma** both began awkwardly. **Calciata** had difficulty obtaining clear running in the straight. **Tagurit** did not obtain clear running until passing the 100m. **Thorned** shifted out under pressure in the straight. **Smoke Over Tacoma** hung out under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride. After passing the winning post **Venus's Dream** shifted out abruptly and almost dislodged its rider B Shinn. **Thorned**, which was racing to the outside of **Venus's Dream** was severely checked. The racing manners of **Venus's Dream** was brought to the attention of trainer Mr G Walter.

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

Race 1: Ezerico

Race 3: Braviano

Race 5: Adorer, Maharagi Belle, Queen Of Peace, Zenith.

Race 6: El Tegra, Central Act, Dreamerino

Race 7: Champagne Dynamite

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 5: B Vassallo – not weigh in on 5 th placegetter (AR144) Race 5: N Berry – shifting in [AR 137(a)]
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 3: Revolutionize (trainer F Cowell) Race 4: Paris 'N' Rio – 2 consecutive occasions (trainer K Moses)
Certificates:	Race 5: Tromped (Trainers A Turner & M Poletti)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 1: Ballymorrough to be ridden further back; settled last. Race 3: Hughesy to be ridden more forward; led. Race 5: Zenith to be ridden more forward; settled handy.
Change of Colours:	Race 8: Tracko – green and light blue halves.
Change of Gear	Race 5: Krasna – offside blinker added on.
Follow up:	Race 2: Yogi (trainer C Karakatsanis) Race 3: Steel Bullet (trainer P Hood) Race 5: Tromped (Trainers A Turner & M Poletti) Race 6: Sweet Smile (trainer C Waller)