

STEWARDS' REPORT

Hawkesbury Race Club CLARENDON RACECOURSE

Saturday 4 September 2010

Weather: Overcast

Track: Slow (7) – at 12.48pm Heavy (8)

Rail: Out 3m 1200m to home turn, remainder true

STEWARDS: D A Dyson (Chairman), R W Livingstone, T P Moxon, S J Woolaston and
cadet B J Dougherty

(mkm)

Supplementary Reports:

NEWCASTLE: Saturday, 14 August 2010

RACE 7 – Port Container Services Class 2 Handicap 1400m – J Lee (**Kerilla**) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for striking his mount in a forehand manner on eight occasions prior to the 100m, three more than permitted under the rule. J Lee was fined \$200.

KEMBLA GRANGE: Saturday, 21 August 2010

RACE 4: Gwenda Markwell Handicap Class 2 1600m – A Cavallo (**Moorings Royal**) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for striking his mount in a forehand manner on six occasions prior to the 100m, one more than permitted under the rule. A Cavallo was reprimanded.

NEWCASTLE: Saturday, 28 August 2010

RACE 7 – Wormald Fire Suppression Products Maiden Handicap 1400m – P Murphy (**Digital Fortress**) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for striking his mount in a forehand manner on eight occasions prior to the 100m, three more than permitted under the rule. P Murphy was fined \$200.

RACE 1 – Westmead Medical Research Foundation Maiden Plate 1000m

Gallant Spur was slow to begin. Passing the 400m **Ransom Kid** was inclined to hang out and was steadied away from the heels of **Somepin Anypin**. When placed under pressure inside the final 200 metres **Monsieur Bruit** hung in. Apprentice J Whipp (**Third Man**) reported that the gelding in her opinion never handled the wet track conditions at any stage and was disappointing. When questioned regarding the performance of **Somepin Anypin**, M Newnham stated that the colt raced greenly throughout the event and in his opinion was disappointing. Post race veterinary examinations of **Somepin Anypin** and **Gallant Spur** did not reveal any abnormalities. Following the running of this race the track was downgraded at 12.48pm to Heavy (8) retrospectively to include this race.

RACE 2 – Hawkesbury Race Club Motel Maiden Plate 1000m

April In Venice, which was fractious in the barriers, was examined by the club's veterinary surgeon and passed fit to start. On jumping **Olivia Blue** shifted out abruptly resulting in **Empress Milly**, which had been slow to begin, having to be checked and taken out onto **Rock Cathedral** which was placed in restricted room and became badly unbalanced after **Magical Anna** shifted in on jumping. In the incident **Magical Anna** also became badly unbalanced. Shortly after the start **My Sabeel** had to be steadied when tightened for room by **Adularia** which shifted in. Approaching the 800m **Rock Cathedral** had to be steadied away from the heels of **Magical Anna**. **Adularia** blundered near the 450m. Approaching the 200m **Icy Mist** had to be momentarily steadied away from the heels of **April In Venice** which shifted out when placed under pressure. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **April In Venice**, M Newnham stated that the filly never handled today's heavy track conditions at any stage. A post race veterinary examination of **April In Venice** did not reveal any abnormalities. When questioned regarding the performance of **My Sabeel**, G Buckley stated that the filly, which had been agitated prior to the start, was slow to begin and hampered shortly after, never travelled at any stage and in his opinion was most disappointing. A post race veterinary examination of **My Sabeel** did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr G Rogerson will be contacted regarding the performance of **My Sabeel**. When questioned K O'Hara (**Olivia Blue**) stated that the filly, which had led in its trials leading into its first race start today, never travelled at any stage and in her opinion was not comfortable in the heavy going. A post race veterinary examination of **Olivia Blue** did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 3 – Smithfield RSL Maiden Handicap 1600m

Bint Piavonic and **Guessed** bumped on jumping. **Noonday** began awkwardly and struck the outside gate of its barrier on jumping. Shortly after the start **Sam I Am** had to be steadied when tightened for room by **Sashimi** which shifted in. Passing the 1400m **Steve's Gold** had to be momentarily steadied when crowded for room by **Bint Piavonic** which was taken in by **Ocorize** (M Beadman) which shifted in when not quite clear. Apprentice M Beadman was advised to exercise more care. When questioned regarding **Noonday** leading today, apprentice T Lovelock-Wiggins explained that he had been instructed to ride the gelding in a forward position and he rode his mount along early in an endeavour to comply with these instructions. He stated that after assuming the lead whilst he was aware the tempo of the race was solid, as he had been advised by the stable that the gelding has a tendency to switch off in its races, he was reluctant to ease the horse but rather he allowed the horse to continue to travel in the lead whilst it was comfortable. Stable representative Mr A Spitzer confirmed the instructions issued and that **Noonday** has a tendency to switch off in its races. He added that whilst he was of the view that apprentice T Lovelock-Wiggins could have steadied the tempo slightly in the middle stages, bearing in mind his instructions he was nonetheless satisfied with the ride of apprentice T Lovelock-Wiggins. Mr Spitzer was reminded of his obligation to notify stewards of any change in tactics in future. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Bint Piavonic**, K O'Hara stated that the filly never travelled comfortably at any stage and was disappointing in its failure to finish off its race. A post race veterinary examination of **Bint Piavonic** did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr D Payne will be contacted regarding the performance of **Bint Piavonic**.

RACE 4 – Blacktown Workers Maiden Plate 1400m

Zastava and **Kurrajong Starfire** were slow to begin. **The Big Boy Sings** overraced in the early and middle stages and near the 1200m had to be steadied away from the heels of **Lynott** (R Brewer) which shifted in when not quite clear. R Brewer was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 5 – St Marys Rugby Leagues Club Class 2 Handicap 1000m

Wishwyn began awkwardly and struck the inside of its barrier resulting in apprentice T Lovelock-Wiggins losing the use of his offside iron for a short distance. When questioned regarding the improved performance of **Wishwyn**, trainer Mr G Hickman explained that following its disappointing performance at Gosford on 17th August 2010, a thorough veterinary examination of the gelding had not revealed any abnormalities, however an initial blood test had shown **Wishwyn** to have an elevated white cell count. He added that subsequent blood tests after treatment had revealed no abnormalities and this, coupled with the opposition in this race not being as strong as those met at the horse's most recent start, were the main reasons for the gelding's improved showing today. A post race veterinary examination of **Hello AI** did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 6 – Wenty Leagues Benchmark 65 Handicap 1800m

Shortly after the start **Full Metal Jacket** ran out abruptly. C O'Brien, the rider of **Heroically**, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that approaching the winning post he permitted his mount to shift in whilst riding it along when insufficiently clear of **Private Certifier** which lost its rightful running and had to be checked. C O'Brien's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Thursday 9 September 2010 and to expire on Friday 17 September 2010 on which day he may ride.

RACE 7 – Club Managers' Association Australia Class 2 Handicap 1400m

Volitilious bounded on jumping. **Draw**, which began awkwardly, overraced throughout the early and middle stages. When questioned regarding her riding of **More Than Words**, apprentice J Whipp explained that she had been instructed to either be outside the leader or with cover depending on the tempo of the race. She said after her mount began well and when **Summarise** and **Our Avalanche** both also began well to her inside, she immediately restrained and attempted to find a position one off the fence behind **Our Avalanche**, however **Draw**, after beginning awkwardly, improved quickly to her inside resulting in her being obliged to race three wide in the early stages. She said that whilst the tempo of the race was only moderate at that point, as she was of the view that **Our Avalanche** may not have relinquished its position outside the leader in the middle stages, she elected to restrain and race in a rearward position with cover nearer the rail. She added that she was momentarily held up

approaching the home turn, however from the 400m she was able to place **More Than Words** under full pressure where it ran home strongly. Trainer Mr M Connors confirmed the instructions issued to apprentice Whipp. Apprentice J Whipp agreed with stewards that in hindsight it would have been a better option for her to have pressed forward once she was obliged to race three wide and cross **Our Avalanche** in the middle stages which would have enabled her to race outside the leader and eventual winner **Summarise**.

RACE 8 – Westmead Medical Research Foundation Class 1 Handicap 1200m

Grandeur King began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with **Dashoff**. **Fresh Prince** overraced in the early and middle stages. Near the 1100m **Fresh Prince**, which was overracing, was steadied away from the heels of **Smart'N'Cute**. When questioned regarding the performance of **Reckons**, D McLellan stated that the colt never handled the heavy track conditions at any stage and was disappointing. A post race veterinary examination of **Reckons** did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr P Reid concurred with D McLellan that the colt did not handle the heavy track conditions and undertook to report back to the stewards on the progress of **Reckons** in the days subsequent.

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

Race 1: Ransom Kid

Race 3: Encasa, Fourinit, Ocorise.

Race 4: Kurrajong Starfire, Lynott, Forty Thirty.

Race 6: Narwee, Diatistic, Heroically

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Supplementary: J Lee, \$200 [AR137A(5)(a)(ii)] P Murphy, \$200 [AR137A(5)(a)(ii)]
Reprimands:	Supplementary: A Cavallo [AR137A(5)(a)(ii)]
Suspensions:	Race 6: C O'Brien [AR 137(a)] from 9/9/10 to 17/9/10 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Nil
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Race 1: Ogre pink with white cap. Race 2: Chomp white cap. Race 4: The Big Boy Sings club's colours. Race 5: Wishwyn red, gold diagonal stripes, blue sleeves, white cap.
Change of Gear	Race 7: Volitilious – gelded.
Follow up:	Race 2: My Sabeel (trainer G Rogerson) Race 3: Bint Piavonic (trainer D Payne) Race 8: Reckons (trainer P Snowden)