

STEWARDS' REPORT

**Newcastle Jockey Club
BROADMEADOW RACECOURSE
Beaumont Inner Track**

Saturday 7 January 2017

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +2.5m 800m to 400m; true remainder

STEWARDS: S Cullen (Chairman), D M Greer, T P Moxon and cadet C K McIntosh

Supplementary Report:

INVERELL – Sunday 1 January 2017

Race 7: Open Handicap 1400m

Kingston Time – was unable to obtain clear running inside the 200m and went to the finish without fully being tested.

RACE 1: The Advertiser Benchmark 70 Handicap (Class 3 & Above) 1350m

Benchi Pegasus – slow to begin.

Magic Dallas – raced fiercely throughout the early and middle stages.

RACE 2: Newcastle Weekly 2YO Maiden Plate 1150m

Danubian – began awkwardly and then was bumped shortly after the start by *Chain Of Fools*, which shifted in.

Huang Zhong – slow to begin. Raced greenly under pressure approaching the 200m.

Frolic – slow to begin. When placed under pressure in the early part of the home straight hung in and then was inclined to lay in in the run to the finish.

Chain Of Fools – rider P King reported that, although his intention was to ride his mount along, it failed to muster the necessary speed to lead and enjoyed an unimpeded run throughout to finish strongly without accelerating. P King was reprimanded under AR137A(4) for raising his arm above shoulder height when applying the whip in the home straight.

RACE 3: Hunter Sports Magazine Metro & Prov Maiden Plate 1300m

Island Breeze – slow to begin. Near the 1000m was steadied when briefly crowded by *Hancock*, which shifted in slightly.

Diva Lamore – slow to begin. OVERRACED in the middle stages.

Salsonic – bounded on jumping.

Naughty Thoughts – began awkwardly.

Comics – overraced in the early stages. Raced wide without cover until entering the home straight.

Dark Secret – overraced in the early stages. Rider R Hutchings was reprimanded under AR137(4) for raising his arm above shoulder height when applying the whip in the home straight.

Walk The Streets – inclined to lay in under pressure in the early part of the home straight.

Bur Oak – began to weaken from the 500m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame in the near-foreleg. Trainer Mr T Croft was advised that a veterinary clearance will be required prior to **Bur Oak** being permitted to race again. Mr Croft advised that he will also provide to Stewards the results of an endoscopic examination.

RACE 4: Intouch Magazine Class 2 Handicap 1350m

Hanover Square – when questioned in relation to the performance, rider M Bell explained that, although he travelled in a prominent position throughout, the gelding had to be ridden with more urgency than expected to obtain this position. M Bell stated that his mount felt, uneven in its action and did not respond to his urgings from the entrance to the straight and was reluctant to stretch out. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Ms L Wharekura could offer no explanation for the poor performance and said that **Hanover Square** would be routinely examined by the stable veterinarian tomorrow, 8 January 2017. Ms Wharekura undertook to report back on the progress of the gelding and the future race plans in the days subsequent.

RACE 5: Newcastlehunterhof.com.au Maiden Plate 1150m

Mirebeau – slow to begin and then was hampered shortly after the start and lost further ground when *Elusive Filly* shifted out.

Good Work – had to be steadied and raced with its head up for a short distance when crowded rounding the turn near the 1000m.

Miss Gigi – had to be steadied for some distance approaching the home turn when crowded by *Princess Posh* (A Gibbons), which shifted abruptly when not clear. A Gibbons was reprimanded under AR137(a).

RACE 6: Newcastle Herald Benchmark 60 Handicap 1200m

Vallegrande – slow to begin.

Sam's Oscar – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near-foreleg. Trainer Mr K Lees was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Sam's Oscar** racing again.

Kanguru – slow to begin. Raced ungenerously in the early stages.

Oakfield Costa – slow to begin. Raced wide without cover throughout the race.

Deny Allcharges – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the off-foreleg. Trainer Ms A Bennett was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Deny Allcharges** racing again.

RACE 7: NBN Television Maiden Handicap 1200m

Snippet Assured – as P King was indisposed following the running of race 5, Stewards permitted A Banks to be substituted as the rider of the gelding.

Dassault Mirage – began awkwardly.

Bribe The Witness – began awkwardly and lost ground.

Tirone Miss – slow to begin. Experienced difficulty for a short distance obtaining a clear run when improving approaching the 300m.

De Villiers – overraced in the early stages and approaching the 1000m had to be steadied away from the heels of *Libertine Miss*.

Libertine Miss – had to be steadied and became unbalanced rounding the turn near the 900m when crowded between *Danshari*, which hung out, and *Snippets Assured*, which shifted in when not quite clear.

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

Race 3: Dark Secret, Comics, Hancock, Island Breeze.

Race 6: Oakfield Costa.

Race 7: Snippet Assured.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	<p>Race 2: P King (Chain Of Fools) – use the whip above shoulder height (AR137A(4)).</p> <p>Race 3: R Hutchings (Dark Secret) – use the whip above shoulder height (AR137A(4)).</p> <p>Race 5: A Gibbons (Princess Posh) – careless riding (AR137(a)).</p>
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	<p>Race 3: Bur Oak (trainer T Croft) – lame near-foreleg.</p> <p>Race 6: Sam's Oscar (trainer K Lees) – lame near-foreleg.</p> <p>Deny Allcharges (trainer A Bennett) – lame off-foreleg.</p>
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Tactics:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 2: Danubian – club colours.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	<p>Race 3: Bur Oak (trainer T Croft) – poor performance.</p> <p>Race 4: Hanover Square (team Snowden) – poor performance.</p>