

STEWARDS REPORT

Kempsey Race Club KEMPSEY RACECOURSE

Tuesday 10 January 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (5) upgraded to Good (4) at 12.15pm, Good (3) at 2.15pm.

Rail: True.

STEWARDS: D. R. Smith (Chairman), B. J. Kliese, W. S. Fanning.

RACE 1: Maiden Plate 1450m:

The Zoff- Began awkwardly and shifted out.

Mr Mile- Began awkwardly losing ground, and shortly after was checked when crowded.

Kaydence- Shortly after the start was checked when crowded.

Cowleigh's Choice- Began awkwardly and shifted in.

Queen Majesty- Began awkwardly.

Natural Predator- Overraced during the early stages and near the 1300m was steadied from the heels of Dark Elixir, which shifted in slightly when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry B. Hodder (Dark Elixir) was reprimanded (AR 137a) and advised in future to exercise greater care when shifting ground. On straightening was steadied when disappointed for a run, and from that point was unable to obtain fully clear running at any stage, and as a result went to the line without being fully tested.

Maputo Express- On straightening was disappointed for a run, and bumped heavily with Natural Predator. Approaching the 50m was checked when crowded for room between Mishani Istana, which shifted in slightly, and Chui, which shifted out when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry R. Agnew (Chui), pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR 137a), and his license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday 18 January 2017, and to expire on Monday 23 January 2017, on which day he may ride. When assessing penalty stewards took into account R. Agnew's good record in relation to careless riding. Post race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Following this event the track was upgraded to a Good (3) to retrospectively include this race.

RACE 2: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1450m:

Ebony Rein- Overraced during the early and middle stages.

Lady Corelli- Slow to begin. Overraced during the early stages and near the 1250m was steadied from the heels of Ebony Rein. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, A. Bullock could offer no explanation other than the mare was obliged to race three wide during the middle stages albeit with cover. A. Bullock added in his opinion the mare which was racing third up from a spell may not have come up this preparation. A post

race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities. Trainer Mr B. Smith will be contacted regarding the future race plans of the mare.

Laredo Hussler- Began awkwardly and threw its head up losing ground (2L). When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, J. Graham (a) stated the gelding failed to travel at any stage of the event and continually threw its head up during the middle stages proving difficult to ride. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding found a laceration to the off fore coronet band. Trainer Mr N. Godbolt advised stewards in his opinion the gelding resented the firm track conditions, and also may not have appreciated the five day back up between runs. Mr Godbolt added it was now the intention to freshen the gelding, and it would not race for a period of 2-3 weeks.

RACE 3: Open Handicap 1900m:

Clemmensen- Began awkwardly.

Nissile- Hampered on jumping. Overraced during the early and middle stages. Held up for clear running rounding the home turn. Rider C. Dwyer reported the saddle on the gelding slipped to the nearside passing the 800m placing him at a disadvantage for the remainder of the race.

Shadow Rein- Raced wide throughout the early and middle stages without cover. Inclined to lay in when placed under pressure in the straight, and for a short distance passing the 200m was awkwardly placed on the heels of Minute Silence.

Sandy Waters- Post race veterinary examination of the mare which weakened badly over the final 300m found it was suffering mild heat stress. Trainer Mr G. Woodward advised stewards the mare would now be spelled. Acting on that assurance no action was taken against the mare.

RACE 4: Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Blinkin Heavenly- M. Weir (a) replaced V. Bolozhinskyi (a) (transport difficulty) as the rider of the mare.

Dogoda Fury- Slow to begin (2L). Hung out during the middle stages and made contact with One Piece on a number of occasions passing the 500m, resulting in both runners becoming unbalanced.

Secret Dee- Began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly losing ground (2L).

RACE 5: Maiden Handicap 1250m:

Smile for Me Maude- Began awkwardly, brushed the off side barrier stall, and as a result lost ground (2L).

Mothers Presence- Overraced during the early stages.

RACE 6: Class 1 Handicap 1000m:

Mizuki- Trainer Mrs T. Wilkes was fined \$100 for failing to declare M. Bennett as the rider of the filly by the prescribed time (LR 35 (2)).

Thunder Cove- Slow to begin.

Fast Gary- Slow to begin.

Overgrown- Hung out rounding the turn at the 500m proving difficult to ride.

Gallant Dragon- Rounding the turn at the 500m was hampered and carried wider.

Roses Need Rain- Passing the 500m was steadied from heels.

Ready Zaim Fire- Held up for clear running rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

RACE 7: Class 2 Handicap 1450m:

Kay Bea's Lad- Slow to begin.

Ponzi- Slow to begin.

Just Good- Overraced during the early and middle stages and for some distance passing the 1100m raced in restricted room when awkwardly placed inside the heels of Clipaholic.

Sucker- P. Graham was reminded of his obligations in regard to riding his mounts out to the end of the race in at least a hands and heels manner wherever possible.

Forever Alone- When questioned regarding racing more forward, T. Treichel stated he was instructed to ride positively out of the barriers as the gelding had been warned at its previous start for being slow to begin, but he still anticipated settling in a position behind midfield. T. Treichel added after beginning well the gelding obtained a position outside the lead during the early stages without being pressured, and seemed to appreciate the step up in distance. T. Treichel's explanation was noted.

Navillus Rexted- Pre race veterinary examination of the gelding passed it fit to start. When questioned regarding the performance, M. Paget stated after beginning well the gelding became awkward in its action in front passing the 1200m, and when he became concerned for the welfare of the gelding during the middle stages elected to ease out of the event near the 800m. A post race veterinary examination found the gelding was lame in the near foreleg. Trainer Mr H. Dew advised stewards the gelding would now be retired from his stable. Notwithstanding that advice Mr Dew was advised if the gelding was to return to racing it would require a full veterinary clearance prior to barrier trialling to the satisfaction of stewards.

General:

Swab samples were obtained from **all** winners and **Tarboy**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 6- T. Wilkes- \$100 LR 35 (2) - Late rider.
Reprimands:	Race 1- B. Hodder- Careless riding (AR 137a)
Suspensions:	Race 1- R. Agnew- Careless riding (AR 137a).
Warnings:	
Bleeders:	
Trials:	Race 7- Navillus Rexted- Lame near foreleg- Retired from race.
Certificates:	Race 7- Navillus Rexted- Lame near foreleg.
Falls/Injuries:	
Tactic Changes:	