

STEWARDS' REPORT

Newcastle Jockey Club NEWCASTLE RACECOURSE

Thursday 20 April 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (5) – at 1.20pm Good (4)

Rail: True

STEWARDS: D L Carr (Chairman), R W Livingstone, D M Greer and cadet C K McIntosh

(mkm)

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As T Berry was unable to fulfil his engagements due to transport difficulties, the following rider substitutions were approved:

Race 3	J Taylor on <i>Base Camp</i>
Race 4	B Avdulla on <i>Isle Of Capri</i>
Race 6	P King on <i>Its Choux Tme</i>
Race 7	P King on <i>Sweet Chestnut</i>
Race 8	B Avdulla on <i>Nobody</i>

RACE 1 – Steel City FP Benchmark 65 Handicap 2300m

Destination Tucson – to be ridden more forward; led. Stable representative G Barnes was reminded of his obligation to notify Stewards of any change in tactics at least 30 minutes prior to the starting time of the race.

Sebring Magic – slow to begin.

Art Of Defence – rider J Taylor pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for striking her mount on 10 occasions prior to the 100m, five more than permitted under the rule. J Taylor was fined \$400. In assessing penalty Stewards mindful that J Taylor had won the race and, furthermore, took into consideration her very good race riding record in relation to this rule.

Advocacy – apprentice J Innes Jnr, rider of the mare placed fifth, was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out to the winning post. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 2 – Beat Cancer @ Work Maiden Plate 900m

Mr Schultz – slow to begin and then shortly after was hampered by *Remodify* which began awkwardly and shifted in.

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Moonlight Waltz – bumped on jumping. Shifted out abruptly passing the 150m and then over the final 100 metres was inclined to hang in and could not be fully tested.

Krilencu – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 3 – Hunter Charity Network Prov & Ctry Maiden Handicap 1300m

Waiheke Island – trainer J Lynch was fined \$50 under AR140A for presenting the gelding without its nearside bubble cheeker. When no bubble cheeker could be located, the horse was permitted to race without that gear.

Ballerina – was a late withdrawal at 1.53pm on veterinary advice after the filly became fractious in the barriers and reared over. Rider B Avdulla did not sustain any injury in the incident. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Ballerina** be refunded in full and with regard to

betting with bookmakers all successful wagers made prior to 1.53pm to be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st) *Base Camp* less 18c win and 7c place

2nd) *Android* less 31c place

3rd) *Explosive Prince* less 29c place

Trainer K Lees was advised that **Ballerina** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Base Camp – the gelding, which was drawn in the adjoining stall to *Ballerina* when it became fractious, underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

Teoraver - the mare, which was drawn in the adjoining stall to *Ballerina* when it became fractious, underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Slow to begin.

Explosive Prince – slow to begin. When questioned regarding her riding in the home straight, apprentice A Skerritt stated that after straightening her mount commenced to hang in placing her at some disadvantage in riding it out. She stated that after passing the 200m she pulled her whip through to her right hand, however the gelding continued to hang in. She added that over the final 50 metres her mount became awkwardly positioned close to the heels of *Base Camp* when continuing to hang in and for this reason she was obliged to steady out away from that runner's heels and as a consequence was unable to fully test her mount in the run to the winning post.

Princess Sophia – overraced in the early stages and for some distance after the 1000m was steadied away from the heels of *Android* (A Adkins) which shifted in when not clear. Apprentice A Adkins was advised to exercise more care. **Princess Sophia** then continued to overrace throughout the middle stages.

RACE 4 – The Hunter celebrant Maiden Plate 1300m

Hello Beauty – slow to begin.

Isle Of Capri – slow to begin.

Mount Panorama – When questioned T Clark explained that the gelding, which was resuming from a spell today, was able to take up a more prominent position than what its recent pattern suggests and in a small field he was able to settle just behind the speed. He added that **Mount Panorama** however travelled only moderately throughout the middle stages and from the 600m he was reluctant to make too much use of his mount bearing in mind it was resuming and for this reason he did not ride his mount aggressively approaching the home turn but rather allowed it to stride forward and improve its position without placing undue pressure on it. He added that prior to straightening he was in a position to take advantage of an opening, should it arise in front of him, however when *Hinchman*, which was a favoured runner in the race, did not continue to improve as he had expected he shifted away from that trailing position and endeavoured to improve into a run between that horse and *Weston* approaching the 350m. He added that when *Weston* then shifted back in he was disappointed for that run and was obliged to steady out around that horse's heels. When once clear near the 300m **Mount Panorama** finished its race off well. T Clark added that in his opinion **Mount Panorama** raced like a horse looking for additional ground.

Bull Rope – raced wide without cover throughout. Shortly after straightening when weakening was momentarily hampered by *Isle Of Capri* which shifted out.

Hinchman – When questioned J Parr stated that the gelding travelled well in the lead throughout the early and middle stages however when placed under pressure rounding the home turn failed to respond and then weakened noticeably over the final 150 metres. J Parr added that he recommended to connections that **Hinchman** be dropped back in distance. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Weston – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 5 – John Lodge Water BM 65 Handicap – Heat of the Rising Star 1200m

Drill Master – crowded on jumping between *Zroya* and *Feature* which shifted out. Passing the 200m was bumped on the hindquarter by *Wahng Wah*, became unbalanced and shifted in.

Bite The Media – raced wide without cover throughout. Approaching the 100m was steadied when crowded by *Exclamation* (R King) which shifted in when not clear. Apprentice R King was advised to exercise more care.

Exclamation – making the first turn was briefly crowded for room when *Bite The Media* shifted in.

Nick On the Run – hung in when placed under pressure in the straight.

Wahng Wah – near the 300m became awkwardly positioned on the heels of *Bite the Media* which shifted in slightly and as a consequence shifted in and made contact with *Drill Master*.

Feature – for some distance approaching the 200m rider apprentice K Holding dropped her nearside rein.

Banuelo – When questioned apprentice N Heywood stated that from his inside barrier he had anticipated racing just behind the leaders, however when the anticipated leader *Rocco In The House* settled to his outside in the early stages he was left racing in the lead. He stated that **Banuelo** travelled well throughout the early and middle stages however the filly, which was first up today, weakened over the final 200 metres. Apprentice Heywood added that in his opinion the filly would be better suited ridden with cover and would also derive benefit from today's first up run. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Aperta – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding, which hung out throughout the early and middle stages, did not reveal any abnormalities.

Zroya – Apprentice L Magorrian, rider of the mare placed ninth, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 145 in that he weighed in in excess of half a kilogram over his declared weight. Apprentice Magorrian was fined \$400.

RACE 6 – Fight Cancer Home Loans Maiden Plate 1850m

Prodigy – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace.

Saucy Lady – slow to begin.

It's Choux Time – slow to begin.

Arkwright – knuckled shortly after the start. Near the 1600m was steadied away from the heels of *Hold All Tickets* (R King) which shifted in when not clear. Apprentice R King was advised to exercise more care.

Pirellone – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

Gainsbourg – raced fiercely rounding the first turn and got its head up. Raced wide without cover for the majority of the event.

Staley Lord – held up rounding the home turn until near the 300m.

Raise An Army – When questioned J Parr stated that although he had to make some use of his mount to cross runners from his wide barrier, he was nevertheless disappointed in the manner in which his mount weakened from the 600m. A post race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Stable representative G Barnes was advised that prior to **Raise An Army** racing

again a veterinary certificate of fitness, including the results of an ECG, must be produced and the colt must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the stewards.

Shaolin Kungfu – rider B Avdulla advised that his mount was making an abnormal breathing noise and was coughing post race and as he became concerned with the horse in the straight he eased it down. A post race veterinary examination of the colt, which was beaten 73 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative G Barnes was advised that prior to **Shaolin Kungfu** being permitted to race again a veterinary certificate of fitness, including the results of an endoscopic examination, must be produced prior to the colt barrier trialing to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

RACE 7 – Cessnock Leagues Club F&M Class 1 Handicap 1400m

Sweet Chestnut – began awkwardly and lost ground.

Medaille – bumped on jumping by *Makfi Lass* which began awkwardly and shifted out.

Pretty Smart – raced wide without cover throughout the early and middle stages.

Allez Bien – had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight. B Shinn, rider of the fifth placegetter, was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out fully to the winning post. In not taking more direct action, Stewards were satisfied his actions had not affected his mount's finishing position.

Star Bright – laid in under pressure in the straight obliging its rider to stop riding and straighten near the 300m.

Makfi Lass – When questioned R Murray stated that the filly travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, however was somewhat one paced when asked for an effort in the straight. she added however she was not disappointed in the performance given the filly was up in both grade and distance. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 8 – Hotel Denman CG&E Class 1 Handicap 1400m

Quite Frankly – slow to begin.

Nobody – rider B Avdulla reported that his mount was inclined to hang out throughout the event and proved difficult to ride.

Bluetwentytwo – for some distance approaching the first turn was crowded between *Sunday Swindler* and *Nobody* which hung out despite the efforts of its rider

Level Eight – laid out under pressure over the final 200 metres.

Jack's Image – raced wide without cover throughout.

Lord Kingsley – When questioned T Clark stated that his mount travelled well in a rearward position as anticipated, however was disappointing in its failure to run on when in clear running shortly after straightening. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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

Race 1: Packen, Rembetica, Sebring Magic

Race 2: Remodify

Race 3: Android

Race 5: Exclamation

Race 6: Capeabeel, Saucy Lady, Gainsbourg

Race 7: Makfi Lass

SUMMARY

Fines:	Race 1: J Taylor, \$400 – strike mount 10 time prior to 100m [AR137A(5)(a)(ii)] Race 3: J Lynch, \$50 – present horse with other than approved gear (LR140A) Race 5: L Magorrian, \$400 – weighed in excess of half a kilogram (AR 145)
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 3: <i>Ballerina</i> – barrier manners (trainer K Lees) Race 6: <i>Raise An Army</i> – cardiac arrhythmia (trainer C Waller) <i>Shaolin Kungfu</i> – poor performance (trainer C Waller)
Certificates:	Race 6: <i>Raise An Army</i> – cardiac arrhythmia (trainer C Waller) <i>Shaolin Kungfu</i> – poor performance including endoscopic examination (trainer C Waller)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Race 6: <i>Shaolin Kungfu</i> – white cap.
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Nil