

STEWARDS' REPORT**Gosford Race Club
GOSFORD RACECOURSE****Tuesday 11 July 2017**

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: True

STEWARDS: T J Vassallo (Chairman), R W Livingstone, D L Carr and cadet T D North

RACE 1: Sydney Comedy Night @ TEG Class 1 & Maiden Plate 2100m

Stars And Stripes – slow to begin and then shortly after the start was momentarily steadied from the heels of *Taqareed*, which shifted out. Near the 2000m commenced to overrace and a short distance later, when awkwardly positioned on the heels of *Taqareed*, shifted out. **Stars And Stripes** continued to overrace when caught wide and as a result its rider J Collett allowed his mount to stride forward and ultimately obtain the lead near the 1400m. Jumped the crossing near the 1600m and became unbalanced.

Taqareed – laid out rounding the turn near the 1800m.

Unique Dream – laid in under pressure in the straight and passing the 150m was steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Stars And Stripes* and as a result had to be shifted out to continue into clear running.

RACE 2: Star 104.5 Live @ TEG Maiden Plate 1600m

Estafette – began awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have sustained speedy cuts to its off-hind leg.

Classic Thoughts – began awkwardly and shortly after was shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

Korodon – hung out rounding the home turn and when placed under pressure in the straight. When questioned regarding the gelding leading today, rider K McEvoy advised the Stewards the connections had asked him if possible to have **Korodon** ridden with cover as notified, however, when it began particularly well and no runner showed sufficient speed to lead him, as opposed to restraining his mount, he was able to allow his mount to lead without being pressured.

The Intern – rounding the home turn ran out and away from *Indy Showgirl*, which itself ran out and away from *Ultraman*.

Ultraman – held up from the 400m until approaching the 200m, where it had to be shifted out from behind the heels of *Estafette* to improve into clear running.

RACE 3: Club Troppo Reunion @ TEG 3YO Maiden Handicap 1100m

Derry Mary – began very awkwardly. Overraced badly throughout the early and middle stages and refused to settle. Approaching the 450m laid out and when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Pure Poison* was steadied.

Fleur – raced wide without cover throughout.

Pure Poison – near the 950m raced up onto the heels of *Ammate* and was steadied. Rider J Parr reported that his mount was inclined to hang in in the early and middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Manhattan Gambler – approaching the 400m was steadied to avoid the heels of *Pure Poison*, which shifted out slightly.

RACE 4: Christmas in July @ TEG 2YO Maiden Plate 1100m

Regimen – after becoming fractious in its preliminary, the filly, which reared and struck the enclosure fence, underwent a veterinary examination upon arrival at the barriers and was passed fit to start.

Byzantium – shortly after the start was steadied when crowded between *Inquiry*, which shifted in, and *Puppet Master*, which was taken out by *Regimen*. In the incident **Byzantium** made heavy contact with the hindquarter of *Inquiry*, resulting in that horse becoming badly unbalanced. Held up approaching and rounding the home turn and shortly after straightening had to shift to the outside of the heels of *Puppet Master* to improve into clear running.

Kristensen – shortly after the start was steadied and shifted in behind runners to obtain cover. Approaching the winning post had to be eased away from the heels of *Inquiry*, which shifted out slightly.

Sweet Bouquet – raced keenly in the middle stages. Hung out approaching and rounding the home turn.

Inquiry – hung out rounding the home turn.

RACE 5: Gosford City Farmers Market Class 2 Handicap 1600m

Tatoosh – a pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which competed at Grafton on Sunday, 9 July 2017, passed it fit to start.

Douro – slow to begin. Passing the 400m was awkwardly placed to the inside of *Tatoosh* when inclined to lay out.

Red Centre Ruby – began awkwardly and made contact with *Prince Coureuse*.

Bold Chloe – shortly after the start was bumped on the hindquarter by *Tatoosh*, which was taken out slightly by *Prince Coureuse*. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare, which raced wide for the majority of the race, did not reveal any abnormalities.

Prince Coureuse – approaching the 1400m had to be slightly steadied when tightened between *Douro* and *Tatoosh* (J Parr), which shifted in when not quite clear. J Parr was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground.

RACE 6: Christmas Party @ the EG Class 2Hp 1000m

Manhattan Chic – App. R King (nil claiming apprentice) replaced Mitchell Bell (ill) as the rider of the mare. Slow to begin.

Rode To Sundown – slow to begin.

Cockles – when questioned regarding his riding of the gelding, J Parr stated he was instructed to ride his mount quiet with cover and not to place his mount under pressure in the early stages, as it has a tendency to race keenly. He added, after his mount began well from a wide barrier, he elected to restrain his mount in order to comply with his instructions. He said he continued to endeavour to find cover in the early stages of the race and ultimately found a trailing position behind *Manhattan Chic* leaving the 700m. J Parr added approaching the 500m he then commenced to place his mount under pressure, whereby **Cockles** finished its race off well. Trainer Mr A Denham confirmed the instructions were to have the gelding ridden with cover and not to make use of his mount in the early stages. Stewards advised J Parr that in their opinion, notwithstanding the instructions, he should have been more positive in the early stages after his mount began on terms with the field, which would have enabled him to obtain a more prominent position in advance of *House Of Tudor*. Furthermore, the Stewards advised J Parr that again whilst he may have been trying to ride to instructions, in their view to continue to endeavour to get cover in the middle stages, bearing in mind the margin the leaders had on the main body of the field at this particular point, it would have been more advantageous for him to try and push forward and cross *House Of Tudor*, which commenced to give ground from the 600m.

Biscuit Time – laid in badly under pressure rounding the home turn and in the straight. When questioned regarding her riding in the early stages and whether or not there was an opportunity to obtain cover behind the leader *Goldfinch*, App. L Day stated that her instructions were to lead or, alternatively, to take a sit. She added, after beginning well, she elected to ride forward and contest the lead, however, with *Goldfinch* drawn to her inside and when that horse showed superior speed to herself, she elected to restrain slightly and settle to the outside of the hindquarter of that runner. App. Day further stated she was aware of the strong early tempo and, as she was unaware of where the other runners were positioned behind her, rather than steady and take cover behind *Goldfinch*, she elected to allow her mount to stay positioned outside of *Goldfinch*. Stewards advised App. Day she had erred in the early stages in not restraining her mount and electing to find cover behind *Goldfinch*, particularly when the tempo of the race was run so quickly. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding had bled from both nostrils for the first time. Stable representative Mr C Swan was advised that **Biscuit Time** would now incur the mandatory three month ban from racing under AR53A.

RACE 7: 150 Lashes Colts, Geldings & Entires Benchmark 60 Handicap 1200m

Tabrobane – trainer Mr B Smith was fined \$50 under LR35(2) for failing to declare App. R Hunt as the rider of the gelding by the prescribed time. When the pace slackened near the 600m raced up onto the heels of *Pure Rebel* and was steadied. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Lien – slow to begin and hampered shortly after by *Pure Rebel*, which was taken out by *Incubus*.

Aberration – laid out rounding the home turn.

RACE 8: Tooheys New Fillies & Mares Benchmark 60 Handicap 1200m

Sizzling Gaze – began awkwardly and shortly afterwards was bumped by *Chicquita*.

Survey's Legacy – raced wide without cover throughout. Lost its near-fore plate in running.

Unbridled Power – badly held up rounding the home turn and was unable to improve until near the 200m.

Balmain Girl – App. J Murphy advised that the mare was unable to muster speed in the early and middle stages despite being ridden along.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Unique Dream, Misty Mountain Hop (2), Crimson Halo.

Race 2: Korodon (2), Classic Thoughts, The Intern, Ultraman, Indy Showgirl.

Race 3: Manhattan Gambler, Dynamic Bid, Fleur (2).

Race 4: Inquiry, Maui Princess, Poetic Diva, Sweet Bouquet.

Race 5: Tatoosh, Coys (2), Douro, Prince Coureuse.

Race 6: Cockles, Biscuit Time, Manhattan Chic, Rode To Sundown, Za I'm Youthful,

Race 7: Aberration, Tabrobane, Incubus, Lien.

Race 8: Balmain Girl, Survey's Legacy, Darbies Blugirl, Pandeia (2), Sizzling Gaze, Unbridled Power.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 7: Trainer B Smith (Tabrobane) \$50 – fail to declare rider by prescribed time (LR35(2)).
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Race 6: Biscuit Time (trainer K Lees) – 3 month ban (AR53A).
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Nil.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Tactics:	Race 2: Korodon – preference to be ridden with cover; led. Race 6: Rode To Sundown – to be ridden further forward; settled behind the leaders.
Change of Colours:	Race 3: Dynamic Bid – red cap.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.