

STEWARDS' REPORT

Gosford Race Club GOSFORD RACECOURSE

Thursday 7 September 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (3)

Rail: Out 1.5m from 600m to 300m; remainder true

STEWARDS: J J Earl (Chairman), R W Livingstone, T A McDonald and cadets C K McIntosh,
T D North _____ (mkm)

RACE 1 – Hume Doors And Timber 4 Or More Maiden Plate 1200m

Sugarland Express – trainer J Roberts was fined \$100 under AR140B(2) for the late application of a tongue tie to the gelding's gear. Slow to begin. Near the 900m when overracing shifted out hampering *Savaneta* and then continued to race wide without cover for the majority of the race. Hung out rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Savaneta – hampered near the 900m when carried wider by *Sugarland Express*. Rider apprentice N Burrells was cautioned against the practice of raising the whip above shoulder height and her use of the whip when her mount is out of contention,

RACE 2 – Redeve Constructions Class 2 Handicap 1600m

Savapinski – was a late withdrawal at 12.10pm on veterinary advice after the mare, which shifted its near fore plate en route to the course, was found to be lame in that leg. The Waterhouse stable was advised that a veterinary clearance must be produced prior to **Savapinski** racing again.

Coulthard – hung out rounding the home turn and bumped *Gracious Grey*.

We're Smokin – laid out rounding the home turn.

RACE 3 – Boral Timber Maiden Handicap 1000m

Malaigo – after being loaded became cast for some time. Acting on veterinary advice **Malaigo** was a late withdrawal at 2.13pm. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Malaigo** be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers all successful wagers made prior to 2.13pm to be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st) *Thistledo* less 11c win and 11c place

2nd) *Ready For Love* less 16c place

3rd) *Oxford Bella* less 9c place

Stable representative G Thompson was advised that **Malaigo** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Hasty Heart – slow to begin and then shortly after the start was crowded for room between *Steet Idol* and *Victory Star* which shifted out.

Street Idol – slow to begin.

Ten Carat – was inclined to lay out in the straight.

Meteor Gal – When questioned J Parr explained that his mount raced greenly throughout and was disappointing in its failure to finish its race off. A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the near fore leg. Trainer G Portelli was advised that a veterinary clearance must be produced prior to **Meteor Gal's** next race start.

RACE 4 – Tasman KB 3 Or Less starts Maiden Plate 1200m

Muguruza – slow to begin. Trainer E Holland was advised that a warning for racing uncompetitively would be placed on the record of the mare which was beaten 22 lengths.

San Marco – shortly after the start was crowded between *Foxtrot Tango* and *He's Some Boy* both of which shifted ground.

The Avenger – was inclined to lay in in the early part of the straight and shifted ground under pressure over the concluding stages.

Problem Solver – shifted ground under pressure over the concluding stages.

RACE 5 – ITI (NSW) Maiden Handicap 1600m

Nothing Too Hard – slow to begin.

Cloudless Sky – raced keenly in the early stages. Hung out passing the 400m. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Vaulter – raced wide without cover throughout. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 38.5 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer R Bailey was advised that **Vaulter** would now be spelled. Notwithstanding this Mr Bailey was advised that **Vaulter** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Eight Over – When questioned G Schofield stated that his instructions were to have his mount midfield, however bearing in mind today's racing pattern, he anticipated racing more prominently. He said, however, after being slow to begin and being crowded by *Badge Of Gameness*, which shifted in shortly after the start, he was obliged to restrain and settle at the rear of the field. He said as the horse has an extravagant action, in an attempt to save ground he raced inside runners, in accordance with his instructions, and when the weakening *Iserlohn* shifted out near the 500m he was able to obtain a favourable trailing position on the back of the eventual winner *Badge Of Gameness*. He said **Eight Over** became unbalanced on the tighter track and whilst under pressure in the straight closed the race off only fairly. G Schofield added that in his view **Eight Over** is looking for further ground and would be better suited on bigger tracks.

RACE 6 – Broadwater Insurance Brokers Benchmark 62 Handicap 2100m

Bonus Spin – slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Arrows Destiny – blundered on jumping.

Mozart's Work – began awkwardly, shifted out and bumped *Lucky Ima Cugat*. A post race veterinary examination. Did not reveal any abnormalities.

Lucky Ima Cugat – bumped on jumping. Was inclined to lay in in the straight.

Curata Princess – shied passing the winning post on the first occasion and raced keenly in the early stages.

Crimson Halo – raced keenly in the early stages.

RACE 7 – Weathertex Benchmark 65 Handicap 1000m

Ironheart – acting on a confirmed phone call with trainer J Sharah that due to transport difficulties the gelding would not arrive on course, it was a late withdrawal at 2.30pm.

Pinot Gris – began awkwardly.

Ruling Queen – slow to begin.

Kamehameha – crowded on jumping by *Demerara* and *Sir Magic*, both of which shifted ground. Lost its near fore plate shortly after the start.

Table Two – began awkwardly.

Tickling – was steadied when disappointed for a run shortly after straightening when *Sir Magic* shifted out. A short distance later had to be steadied when crowded for room by *Sir Magic* (B McDougall) which laid in under pressure. As a result **Tickling** did not obtain clear running in the straight and consequently was not tested. At a subsequent inquiry apprentice B McDougall was reprimanded and advised that notwithstanding his mount was proving difficult to ride he must ensure he makes every effort to prevent his mount from shifting ground in future. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Solar Patch – When questioned T Clark stated that he was instructed to attempt to position his mount outside the leader if possible, however when his mount did not show speed in a fast run race, he elected to restrain and obtain cover. He added that **Solar Patch** laid out in the middle stages and became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Tickling*. He further said on straightening he was held up for a short distance however when able to obtain clear running the gelding finished the race off well. He added that in his opinion **Solar Patch** would appreciate races over a longer journey.

RACE 8 – Walker Bros Timber & Building Supplies Class 2 Handicap 1200m

Prince High – as declared rider apprentice J Innes Jnr was indisposed due to illness, permission was granted for apprentice A Skerritt to be substituted.

Eagle Magic – as declared rider C Reith was overweight, permission was granted for P King to be substituted. C Reith was fined \$150 under AR120(b).

Skilled Magic – slow to begin.

Osborne Bulls – laid out under pressure in the straight.

Dylan's Dynasty – When questioned apprentice B McDougall stated that he was instructed to find cover however when runners to his inside held their positions he was left racing wide without cover. He added that his mount was inclined to lay out rounding the home turn and therefore the gelding, which was first up from a spell today, tired in the straight.

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

Oxford Magic – A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near fore leg. Trainer K Waugh was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness must be produced prior to **Oxford Magic'** next race start.

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

Race 2: Coulthard

Race 3: Ready For Love

Race 4: Problem solver

Race 5: Underground, Nothing Too Hard

Race 6: Bella Galeano, Lucky Ima Cugat, Crimson Halo, Curata Princess

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 1: J Roberts, \$100 – late application of tongue tie [AR140B(2)] Race 8: C Reith, \$150 – overweight [AR 120(b)]
Reprimands:	Race 7: B McDougall – shifting in [AR 137(a)].
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil

Warnings:	Race 4: <i>Muguruza</i> – uncompetitive (trainer E Holland)
Trials:	Race 3 <i>Malaigo</i> – barrier manners (trainer D Pfeiffer) Race 5: <i>Vaulter</i> – uncompetitive (trainer R Bailey)
Certificates:	Race 2: Savapinski – lame near fore leg (Co-trainers Waterhouse & Bott) Race 3: <i>Meteor Gal</i> – lame near fore leg (trainer G Portelli) Race 8: <i>Oxford Magic</i> – lame near fore leg (trainer K Waugh)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Race 1: <i>Sugarland Express</i> – tongue tie on.
Follow up:	Nil