

STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club
KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE
Saturday 9 September 2017

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: True

STEWARDS: T. A. McDonald (Chairman), C. G. Polglase, T. J. Vassallo and Cadet T. D. North

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RACE 1: Spring Racing At Kembla Grange Maiden Plate 1000m:

Darhad – stumbled on jumping.

Equal Balance – bumped on jumping by *Smarty*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. Shifted ground under pressure in the straight. Trainer Mr K. Goldman was fined \$50 for failing to notify of the gelding of **Equal Balance**.

Yesteryear – slow to begin. Overraced in the early and middle stages.

Midnight Serenade – raced wide without cover throughout. Laid out rounding the home turn.

Sacher Torte – shifted ground under pressure in the straight.

Smarty – When questioned, App. D. Panya stated that after beginning awkwardly she was able to take up the lead, as instructed. She added that the filly raced greenly throughout the early and middle stages, and when *Darhad* improved to her outside on straightening **Smarty** was inclined to shift in and away from that runner. She added that the filly continued to race greenly in the straight, laid in and made contact with the rail on a number of occasions, and proved difficult to ride out. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 2: Darby Racing Class 1 Handicap 1000m:

Sikhing Glory – began awkwardly. On straightening made contact with *One For Bede* and became briefly unbalanced.

Bugeisha – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Lewinski – slow to begin.

Satirical Dame – slow to begin.

One For Bede – began awkwardly. Raced wide without cover throughout and, approaching the 700m, made contact with *Sikhing Glory* on a number of occasions when attempting to shift that runner inwards.

RACE 3: Deanne Panya Maiden Handicap 1200m:

Fruitful Warrior – raced keenly in the early stages. Raced wide without cover until approaching the 600m.

Babe In Boots – When questioned regarding his riding rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight, and specifically why the eventual winner *Cedarwood* was able to improve to his inside, App. B. Ryan stated that rounding the home turn his mount commenced to lay out and, despite his efforts, continued to lay out on straightening and shifted out slightly. He added that his mount was brushed by *Cedarwood* as it improved to his inside and as a result **Babe In Boots** shifted out further and continued to lay out in the straight.

Baby Back Shak – As K. Jennings was unable to make the weight, Stewards permitted the substitution of M. Bell as the rider of the colt. K. Jennings was reprimanded. Slow to begin.

Temprado – slow to begin.

Cedarwood – Change of tactics – to be ridden more forward: settled on pace.

Highway – Change of tactics – to be ridden more quietly: was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages and settled back.

Rapid Feet – began awkwardly and, shortly after, was crowded between *Fruitful Warrior* and *Usurp*, which was carried out by *Cedarwood*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. Approaching the 600m, when racing keenly, had to be steadied from the heels of *Fruitful Warrior* (J. Grisedale) when that runner shifted in when not sufficiently clear. J. Grisedale was advised to exercise more care. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Shirazzle – laid out in the straight.

RACE 4: She Will Reign Benchmark 68 Handicap 1200m:

Annatime – slow to begin.

Seasonal – bumped shortly after the start by *Annatime*, which shifted out.

Longreach – Acting on veterinary advice, the gelding was a late withdrawal at 9.46 a.m. after becoming fractious on the float en route to the course. Stable representative Mr J. Beirs was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing again.

Aanvoerder – Following the running of this race, R. Hutchings was examined by the Club's ambulance officers for an injury to his left knee. After receiving minor treatment, R. Hutchings was cleared to fulfil his remaining riding engagement.

El Dorado Mine – Change of tactics – to be ridden with cover: led. When questioned, rider M. Bell stated that after beginning on terms with the field, when *Sprinting To Win*, which was drawn to his outside, did not take up the lead, he was left in front and obliged to lead throughout.

Daytime Dancer – slow to begin.

RACE 5: Brooks Trezona Maiden Handicap 1400m:

Raise An Army – held up for clear running until the 200m when disappointed for a run between *Bon Warrior* and *Missed Out*, which shifted in slightly, and was again held up until passing the 150m.

Saint Denis – slow to begin.

Schwarber – overraced in the early stages while being restrained.

Krystal – slow to begin.

Timeless Melody – began awkwardly. Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight, and had to be shifted to the outside of the heels of *Missed Out* passing the 100m to continue into clear running.

First Courier – raced wide without cover throughout.

Stand Alert – raced wide without cover throughout.

Royal Stamp – began awkwardly.

Tiomo – approaching the 200m was disappointed for a run between *Stand Alert* and *Miss Delago Rose*, and was then held up until inside the 50m.

Flying – Passing the 1200m had to be steadied when *Raise An Army* (R Kozaki) shifted in when not clear. R Kozaki was reprimanded. Held up on straightening and did not obtain completely clear running until inside the 100m.

RACE 6: Frenchy's Bucks Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Addicted – slow to begin.

Tirone Miss – raced wide without cover throughout.

Catesby – hung out for some distance passing the 600m.

All Day – slow to begin. Overraced when being restrained and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Disperse – slow to begin.

Dancers – got its head up in the early stages when being restrained and shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier.

Stays All Day – Raced very greenly in the early stages and passing the 1200m got its head up when being restrained and refused to settle for some distance thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Princess Kalli – began awkwardly.

RACE 7: Gary Portelli Maiden Plate 1600m:

Hillview Lad – When questioned, rider App. N. Heywood stated that leaving the 650m the gelding commenced to hang out, and continued to do so rounding the home turn and in the straight, proving difficult to ride. Trainer Mr C. Connors will be advised that a warning will be placed on the gelding's record regarding its racing manners. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 20 lengths, did not reveal any abnormality.

Manhattan Drive – overraced in the early and middle stages.

Selinora – laid in in the straight.

Arms Race – bumped on jumping by *Milanese Girl*, which began awkwardly and shifted out.

Chipotle – When questioned, R. Hutchings stated that, after beginning well and taking up a forward position as instructed, his mount travelled well throughout the running, however, passing the 600m when *Tsunami Alert* improved to his outside, the gelding was reluctant to hold its position to the inside of that runner and weakened badly thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 30.8 lengths, did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr L. Curtis was advised that the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

Tsunami Alert – raced wide without cover throughout.

Milanese Girl – Change of tactics – to be ridden more forward: led.

Tavisfaction – bumped on jumping.

RACE 8: Ben Melham Benchmark 65 Handicap 1600m:

Midnight Ride – overraced in the early stages when being restrained to find cover. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality. App. B. Ryan reported that, in his opinion, the horse failed to run out the 1600 metres and did not appreciate today's firm track surface.

Dinky Di Dora – sustained minor lacerations to both hips en route to the course, underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to race.

Dashley Dubh – laid out under pressure in the straight.

GENERAL:

Stablehand Mr J. Calvert was fined the sum of \$200 under AR175(q) for improper conduct when leading a horse back to its stable via the outside of the course proper.

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

Race 1: Darhad

Race 2: Dynamic Bid

Race 4: Aanvoerder, El Dorado Mine

Race 5: Raise An Army

Race 6: Stays All Day, Princess Kalli

Race 7: Look First

Race 8: Dinky Di Dora

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted that the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race 3	J. Grisedale on Fruitful Warrior (6 strikes)
Race 4	App. R. Dolan on Annatime (6 strikes)
Race 6	K. Jennings on Mission Tycoon (6 strikes)
Race 8	W. Costin on Dashley Dubh (6 strikes) K. Latham on Bolord (6 strikes) J. Grisedale on Viva Lavino (7 strikes)

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 1: Trainer Mr K. Goldman fined \$50 for failure to notify of gelding of Equal Balance (AR53C). General: Licensed stablehand J. Calvert fined \$200 – improper conduct (AR175(q)).
Reprimands:	Race 3: K. Jennings (Baby Back Shak) – overweight (AR120(b)). Race 5: R. Kozaki (Raise An Army) – careless riding (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 7: Hillview Lad (Trainer Mr C. Conners) – racing manners.
Trials:	Race 7: Chipotle (Trainer Mr L. Curtis) – barrier trial.
Certificates:	Race 4: Longreach (Co-trainers Peter and Paul Snowden) – fractious en route to course - veterinary clearance.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 4: R. Hutchings (Aanvoerder) – left knee.
Follow-up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.