

STEWARDS' REPORT

Hawkesbury Race Club HAWKESBURY RACECOURSE

Sunday, 16 July 2017

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +3m 1300m-W/Post; True Remainder
Penetrometer: 4.87

STEWARDS: J J E Earl (Chairman), R W Livingstone, T J Vassallo, T A McDonald and cadet I H Grimes.

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Supplementary Report:

CANTERBURY PARK: Wednesday, 12 July 2017

RACE 3 – TAB.Com.Au Handicap 1250m

Young Huit – trainer Mr M Smith advised that he was pleased with the post race condition of **Young Huit** and that it was his intention to continue on with the horse's preparation.

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As T Angland was overweight, the Stewards permitted the following rider substitution:

Race 5	Roving Eye – G Buckley
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RACE 1 – Western Sydney Wanderers 2YO Maiden Handicap 1000m

Balearic – was slow to begin (2L). **Balearic** was held up for clear running in the early part of the straight and again near the 100m for a short distance and over the concluding stages was awkwardly placed inside the heels of **Stella Victoria** and as a consequence, was unable to be fully tested.

Marble – was slow to begin.

Stella Victoria – shortly after the start was steadied and shifted in across runners to obtain cover.

Songlike – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. **Songlike** was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight and did not obtain clear running until approaching the 200m.

Missed Out – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 2 – Prestige Racehorse Transport Benchmark 65 Handicap 1000m

Phoebe's Lass – was slow to begin (2L). **Phoebe's Lass** was inclined to hang in under pressure over the final 100m and proved difficult to ride out.

Bite The Media – the declaration of correct weight was delayed to allow the connections of **Bite The Media** to view the official video footage to ascertain whether the mare was afforded a fair start. Once satisfied there were insufficient grounds for such application and when Stewards similarly agreed, correct weight was declared. **Bite The Media** reared as the start was effected and lost ground (5L). Trainer Mr M Johnston was advised that the mare must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to its next race start.

Single And Free – near the winning post, **Phoebe's Lass** (App C Van Der Werf) shifted in and tightened the running of **Single And Free**, which was eased. App Van Der Werf was advised to exercise more care. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Sir Magic – when questioned, App B McDougall advised that after being held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight, he endeavoured to improve into a run between *Court Victory* and *Sonata Song* passing the 300m, however when *Court Victory* shifted out, he was disappointed for that run. He added that when *Court Victory* was corrected by its rider as he felt that it was going to then shift back towards the rail, he elected to again attempt to improve into a position between that horse and *Sonata Song*, however was again disappointed for that run inside the 100m when both runners shifted ground and consequently **Sir Magic** went to the line without being fully tested. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Sir Magic** to have sustained abrasions to both hocks.

RACE 3 – CBD Medico-Legal Consultants Maiden Plate 2000m

Happy Hustler – was slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination revealed a poor post race recovery.

Front View – was inclined to race keenly in the middle stages.

Jewel Of Honour – a post race veterinary examination revealed a poor post race recovery and respiratory distress. Trainer Mr W Slinkard was advised that a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination, be provided to the Stewards prior to racing again.

RACE 4 – Lynch Contractors Maiden Plate 1300m

Holt Street – raced wide and without cover and was inclined to race keenly for the majority of the race.

Damaging – was held up in the early part of the straight and had to shift out across the heels of *Miss Fortuitous* to obtain clear running near the 350m.

Miss Fortuitous – was inclined to lay out in the straight.

Expierroment – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Expierroment**, rider T Angland stated that after being slow to begin, his mount travelled well in the early and middle stages, but once placed under pressure, failed to run on. He added that in his opinion, the gelding would improve from today's race experience. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 5 – Sieders Truck Repairs Provincial & Country Maiden Handicap 1300m

Roving Eye – T Angland was fined the sum of \$100 under AR120(b) for accepting the ride on the gelding and was subsequently found to be overweight.

Swift Express – began awkwardly. Near the 900m, had to be checked when crowded for room to the inside of *Cool One*, which, when racing ungenerously, pulled its way up inside the heels of *Roving Eye* where there was insufficient room. As the Stewards were of the view that no rider was to blame, no action was taken.

Zedge – was slow to begin.

Coloane – was slow to begin.

Jaxim – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Shortly after straightening, **Jaxim** shifted out to endeavour to improve into a run between *Rickatoria* and *Lugard Road*, however was disappointed for that run when *Lugard Road* shifted in. As a consequence, **Jaxim** had to shift back to the inside of *Rickatoria* to continue into clear running.

Pretty 'N' Perfect – after being slow to begin was hampered by *Roving Eye*, which shifted in.

Bell Swiper – after being slow to begin, was crowded for room between *Swift Express* and *Cool One*, which shifted in. **Bell Swiper** raced keenly in the middle stages and near the 900m, had to shift out to avoid the heels of *Cool One* and continued to overrace thereafter.

RACE 6 – Beards Of Hope Cup Class 1 Handicap 1300m

Florence Hill – change of tactics to be ridden quieter; settled off pace. Trainer Mr R Collett was reminded of his obligations to inform the Stewards of any change in tactics at least 30 minutes prior to the race.

Stormy Benz – shortly after the start was crowded for room between *Florence Hill* and *Anne's Gift*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. **Stormy Benz** raced wide and without cover throughout and then was inclined to lay in in the straight and proved difficult to ride out.

Lily's Little Girl – was slow to begin.

Street Pursuit – overraced in the middle stages. J Collett was cautioned regarding the manner he shifted his mount out to secure clear running approaching the 200m.

Sugar Dance – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Sugar Dance** to have sustained a laceration to the off fore cannon that required treatment.

RACE 7 – Mr Taxman Class 1 Handicap 1500m

Base Camp – change of tactics to be ridden quieter; settled midfield. **Base Camp** had difficulty obtaining completely clear running until passing the 200m and then near the 50m, was steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Deer Mountain* when taken out by *Common Purpose*, which shifted out under pressure. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Orpentina – was slow to begin (2L).

Letter To Juliette – began awkwardly.

Eightyeight Carat – raced wide and without cover throughout and raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Common Purpose – when questioned regarding **Common Purpose** leading today, K McEvoy advised that he was under no specific instructions, however after **Common Purpose** began particularly well, when no other runner showed intent to lead, he allowed the gelding to stride forward and assume the lead without being pressured.

RACE 8 – Nor-West Jets AFC Benchmark 70 Handicap 1800m

Kent – was slow to begin and overraced in the early stages.

Charlie Royale – was slow to begin.

Manhattan Son – was steadied shortly after the start and shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

Calypso Bay – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider A Gibbons stated that his mount travelled well throughout but once placed under pressure, from the 500m his mount failed to run on and in his opinion, was disappointing. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Oakfield Monarch – overraced in the early and middle stages and was held up for clear running until near the 200m.

Something Borrowed – laid in in the straight and proved difficult to ride.

Balius – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider C Reith stated that his mount travelled well in the early and middle stages, but once placed under pressure, failed to run on and was disappointing. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Concubine – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the mare, rider C Brown stated that his mount travelled well in the early and middle stages, but once placed under pressure prior to straightening, his mount failed to respond to his riding and in his opinion, did not appreciate today's firmer surface. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

GENERAL:

Summary of whip use

The Stewards noted the following rider exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii):

Race 1	K Latham (Stella Victoria)	6 strikes
Race 2	App C Van Der Werf (Phoebe's Lass)	6 strikes
Race 4	K Latham (Addicted)	7 strikes
Race 4	S Guymmer (Celebris)	7 strikes
Race 4	M Bell (Our Barty)	6 strikes
Race 4	A Robinson (Miss Fortuitous)	6 strikes
Race 5	C Brown (Cool One)	6 strikes
Race 7	C Brown (Letter To Juliette)	6 strikes
Race 8	App C Van Der Werf (Something Borrowed)	7 strikes

Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

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

Race 1: Songlike.

Race 3: Front View, Chilli Beauty, Jewel Of Honour, Lucky Tiger.

Race 4: Our Barty.

Race 5: Lugard Road.

Race 8: Charlie Royale, Manhattan Son, Concubine.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 5: T Angland (Roving Eye) – \$100 [AR120(b)] – overweight.
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 2: Bite The Media (trainer M Johnston) – reared at the start.
Certificates:	Race 3: Jewel Of Honour (trainer W Slinkard) – including scope.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 6: Florence Hill to be ridden quieter; settled off pace. Race 7: Base Camp to be ridden quieter; settled midfield.
Change of Colours:	Race 1: Vellor (C Brown) – white cap.
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Nil