

STEWARDS' REPORT

Newcastle Jockey Club NEWCASTLE RACECOURSE

Saturday 15 July 2017

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (6)
Rail: Out 8m entire circumference

STEWARDS: D L Carr (Chairman), T P Moxon, T J Vassallo and cadet C K McIntosh

(mkm)

Supplementary Report:

Muswellbrook: Sunday 18 June 2017

Race 3: Pluck @ Vinery Stud Maiden Plate 1520m

Lapluck – R Brewer (*Quite Unexpected*) was reprimanded for permitting his mount to shift in approaching the 1400m when insufficiently clear of **Lapluck** which lost its running and was steadied when crowded for room between *Quite Unexpected* and *My Christiane*.

RACE 1 – East Maitland Bowling Club Maiden Plate 1850m

Delacroix – to be ridden further forward and to lead if possible; settled on pace.

Mcgoo – trainer T Higgins was told that a warning would be placed on the gelding's record regarding its pre-race behaviour where it proved difficult to mount and was fractious behind the barriers. After the 1200m commenced to overrace and had to be checked away from the heels of *Kingston Heath* for some distance. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, which was beaten 25 lengths, apprentice A Skerritt stated that her mount, which was stepping up considerably in distance today, got its tongue over the bit during the run and as a consequence was unable to finish its race off. Trainer T Higgins advised that he would now drop the horse back in distance and experiment with its gear. Mr Higgins was told that a further warning would be recorded regarding the uncompetitive performance.

Jagger – slow to begin.

Vindex – slow to begin. For some distance passing the 700m was held up behind the weakening *Seburst* and to the inside of *Jagger* and had to be steadied and shifted wider near the 600m to improve.

Kington Heath – rider R Brewer was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out to the winning post.

RACE 2 – Beresfield Bowling Club Maiden Handicap 1200m

Real Elusive – to be ridden further forward; settled back. Rider A Layt reported that his mount began very awkwardly, shifted out and bumped with *Glitch* and as a consequence he momentarily lost the use of his nearside iron resulting in him settling further back than intended.

Mawzoona – slipped behind on jumping and lost ground. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Glitch – on jumping was bumped by *Real Elusive* and then shortly after had to be steadied when carried out towards the heels of *Irithea*.

The Exchequer – raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 3 – Club Macquarie Maiden Plate 1400m

Masking – trainer W Roche was fined \$50 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card when requested to do so. Ms Roche was advised that the Thoroughbred Identity Card must be presented prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

Saint Denis – overraced in the middle stages. An inquiry into interference suffered by **Saint Denis** near the 50m was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Lakshme – raced keenly in the middle stages and for some distance approaching the 1000m was checked away from the heels of *Luddenham Lass*. **Lakshme** then continued to race keenly for some distance thereafter.

Luddenham Lass – raced keenly in the middle stages.

Zepherine – when questioned regarding the performance rider K Jennings stated that he was able to obtain the lead in the early stages where his mount travelled well. He said that he held his mount together rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight and he was confident of its chances, however when placed under pressure near the 300m **Zepherine** responded for only a short distance before weakening over the final 200 metres. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Almighty – When questioned regarding his riding, M Bell stated that he was instructed to settle his mount close to the speed and after beginning well he shifted in to a position to the outside of *Vanderlune* as he felt that runner would continue to go forward and eventually lead. He stated however that when *Vanderlune* elected to race outside the leader *Zepherine* he attempted to restrain his mount to obtain cover behind that runner, however when *Luddenham Lass* maintained its position to his inside and he was unable to do so he was left racing three wide without cover in the early stages. He stated that the tempo in the early stages was average and for this reason he allowed **Almighty** to remain racing wide, where it was travelling comfortably, rather than press forward and make undue use of his mount. Stable representative L Wharekura was reminded of her obligation to notify Stewards of any change in riding tactics.

RACE 4 – Toronto Workers Club Class 2 Handicap 1600m

Black Platinum – was bumped on jumping by *Testa's Call* which shifted out.

Eumungree – trainer W Martyn was told that a warning would be recorded regarding the uncompetitive performance of the mare which was beaten 23 lengths. Mr Martyn was further told that **Eumungree** would be required to establish form in the country before it is permitted to start in the metropolitan or provincial areas again.

Rainbow River – When questioned regarding his riding, G Buckley stated that from his wide barrier he rode his mount positively in the early stages and followed *No Effort Needed* across as that runner shifted to the fence. He stated that after obtaining a two wide position to the outside of *Arrow's Destiny* he anticipated that runner remaining racing on the rail, however he was surprised when it shifted to the outside of *No Effort Needed* and as a consequence carried his mount three wide. He stated that he was then caught wide for some distance until he was able to obtain a position with cover following *Arrow's Destiny* near the 700m. He added that his mount then hung in under pressure over the final 300 metres.

RACE 5 – Belmont 16's 2yo Maiden Handicap 1200m

Juventus – slow to begin (2L)

Tamarama – slow to begin.(2L).

Tunero – was bumped on jumping by *Emotional* which shifted out.

D'argento – K Jennings (*Super Ex*) was found guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that approaching the 900m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Emotional* which was taken in across the running of **D'argento** which was checked. K Jennings licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 23 July 2017 and to expire on Friday 4 August 2017 on which day he may ride.

Nationality – approaching the 900m when inclined to overrace was steadied and shifted wider to avoid the heels of *Han Xin* (P King) which shifted in when not clear. P King was reprimanded. When questioned rider A Gibbons stated that although his mount raced a little keenly in the early stages and struck some interference near the 900m, it travelled well thereafter. He stated however that when placed under pressure shortly after straightening his mount failed to respond and was disappointing. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Smart Edge – raced keenly in the middle stages.

Super Ex – raced wide without cover for the majority of the event.

Emotional – A post race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have sustained an abrasion to the offside hock.

RACE 6 – Mex Club Class 1 Handicap 900m

Yeas And Nays – after being loaded broke through its barrier before being quickly restrained by its rider. **Yeas And Nays** was examined by the club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. When questioned regarding the performance R Thompson stated that his mount began well and he was able to obtain the lead in the early stages where it travelled well, however it was disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding when placed under pressure on straightening. R Thompson added that in his opinion **Yeas And Nays** raced like a tired horse. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. The Hawkes stable will be asked to report back on the progress in the days subsequent.

Miss Gigi – was slow to begin and then shortly after was checked away from the heels of *Baltic Whisper* which shifted out. Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

RACE 7 – Clubs NSW Class 2 Handicap 1300m

Longchamp Lass – slow to begin.

Fraajmahal – on straightening made contact with *Mon Bel Ami* when endeavouring to improve into a narrow run between that runner and *Mahboob* which shifted out slightly.

Kokopu – for a short distance approaching the 200m was unable to be tested when racing in restricted room between *Longchamp Lass* and *Lucky Fish* (K Jennings) which shifted out. Passing the 200m **Kokopu** was steadied when crowded between *Lucky Fish* and *Longchamp Lass* (A Threadwell) which shifted in, and then was held up for a short distance before being directed to the inside of *Lucky Fish* to improve passing the 150m. Both K Jennings and A Threadwell were advised to exercise more care.

See The Show – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 8 – The Wests Group Benchmark 65 Handicap 1400m

Bring Cheer – When questioned apprentice R Hunt stated that she anticipated leading or racing outside the leader, however when her mount was slow to begin (2L) she was obliged to settle in a rearward position. She added that her mount never travelled well at any stage and was disappointing in its failure to respond to her riding when placed under pressure as far out as the 600m. A post race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer T Bateup was advised that prior to **Bring Cheer** racing again a veterinary certificate of fitness, including the results of an ECG, must be produced and the filly must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the stewards. Ms Bateup advised that **Bring Cheer** would now be spelled.

Buon Natale – raced keenly in the lead throughout the early and middle stages.

Elle A Walking – overraced in the early stages.

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

Race 1: Jagger, Kingston Heath, Tuivasa, Vindex

Race 2: Dazzles

Race 3: Almighty

Race 4: Arrows Destiny, Black Platinum

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 3: W Roche, \$50 – not produce TIC (AR59A).
Reprimands:	Supplementary: R Brewer – shifting in [AR 137(a)] Race 5: P King –shifting in [AR 137(a)]
Suspensions:	Race 5: K Jennings [AR 137(a)] from 23/7/17 to 4/8/17 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 1: <i>Mcgoo</i> – pre-race behaviour (trainer T Higgins) <i>Mcgoo</i> – further warning for being uncompetitive.
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 8: <i>Bring Cheer</i> – cardiac arrhythmia (trainer T Bateup)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 3: <i>Saint Denis</i> – inquiry into interference adjourned to date to be fixed. Race 6: <i>Yeas And Nays</i> – Hawkes stable to report back on progress.