

## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

### Wine Country Race Club CESSNOCK RACECOURSE

Friday 13 October 2017

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

**STEWARDS:** D L Carr (Chairman), D M Greer, J J E Earl and cadets C K McIntosh, R T Debels

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#### **RACE 1: Cessnock Cup Friday 24 November Fillies & Mares Maiden Plate 1150m**

**Amare** – When the pace slackened approaching the 900m commenced to race keenly and got its head up for a short distance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Il Silenzio** – Slow to begin, then got its head up shortly after the start and lost additional ground. When the pace slackened approaching the 900m commenced to overrace and had to be steadied away from the heels of *Time To Tango*.

**Swift Arrival** – Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

#### **RACE 2: Iron Jack Lager Colts, Geldings & Entire Maiden Plate 1150m**

**Be Five Unicorn** – Approaching the 1000m was steadied to avoid the heels of *Snippet Assured* (J Kehoe), which shifted in when not quite clear. J Kehoe was told to ensure he is two lengths clear when shifting ground.

**Jest Benny** – Shifted out shortly after the start and bumped *Tale Of Eight*.

**Mr Schultz** – Held up for some distance passing the 400m and then had difficulty obtaining completely clear running until after the 200m. Over the concluding stages was unable to be tested when held up on the heels of *Tale Of Eight*. On return to scale R Murray, rider of the fifth placed gelding, was found to be 700g underweight. After interviewing R Murray and trainer Mr P Eggleston Stewards, acting under the provisions of AR 143(a), disqualified **Mr Schultz** from its fifth placing and amended the placings to read:

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Tale Of Eight*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Uncle Sam*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Hilfiger*
- 4<sup>th</sup> *Snippet Assured*
- 5<sup>th</sup> *Be Five Unicorn*

At a subsequent inquiry R Murray pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 143(b) in that she had returned to scale 700g underweight and was fined the sum of \$500. During the course of the inquiry Stewards were unable to determine the exact reason for the weight variance and all of the gear that R Murray weighed out with was accounted for.

**Tale Of Eight** – Shortly after the start was bumped by *Jest Benny*, which shifted out.

**Uncle Sam** – Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

**African Guy** – Raced wide without cover for the majority of the race. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which hung out rounding the home turn, revealed it to be lame in the off-hind leg. Stable representative Mr K Forbes was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **African Guy** racing again.

**Hilfiger** – Inclined to lay out in the early part of the straight and for some distance passing the 200m had difficulty improving into a narrow run to the inside of *Snippet Assured*.

### **RACE 3: The Advertiser Class 3 Handicap 900m**

**Table Two** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 500m was steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of the weakening *And Jubilations*.

**The Wasp** – Raced wide without cover throughout the event. Laid in under pressure in the straight, obliging rider A Bullock to pull his whip through to his right hand passing the 100m.

**Hammoon Bridge** – Shortly after the start became unbalanced when crowded between *Bold Ara*, which shifted in, and *Kelsha Begs*, which was taken out by *Hard Earned Thirst*.

**Miss Gigi** – Slow to begin.

**Kelsha Begs** – Crowded on jumping by *Hard Earned Thirst*, which shifted out.

**And Jubilations** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have sustained an injury to its off-fore sesamoid and to have bled from both nostrils. **And Jubilations** was subsequently euthanased on humane grounds. An inquiry into the matter was adjourned to allow Stewards to examine veterinary and treatment records for **And Jubilations**.

### **RACE 4: IGA Liquor Maiden Handicap 1350m**

**Grey Consul** – Slow to begin.

**Greater Good** – Began awkwardly, shifted out made contact with *Giggling Whispers*. As a consequence apprentice R King lost the use of her off-side iron and was unable to regain it until after the 1000m. Apprentice King reported that she was instructed to

obtain a position with cover, however after losing her iron she was unable to restrain her mount and as a consequence took up the lead.

**Diamond Afire** – Raced keenly in the middle stages. Passing the 500m was hampered and carried wider by *Prince Chabal*, which shifted out to avoid the heels of the weakening *Giggling Whispers*. Passing the 150m was shifted to the inside of *Undertaker* to continue into clear running.

**He's Some Boy** – When the pace slackened approaching the 1000m had to be checked when crowded between *Greater Good*, which was racing tight to the inside of *Giggling Whispers*, and *Prince Chabal*, which shifted out after becoming awkwardly positioned on the heels of *Kulnura*. Raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.

**Chocolate Coated** – Slow to begin (2L).

**Dua Holiday** – Stood flat footed and missed the start (6L). Trainer Mr A Smith was told that **Dua Holiday** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

**Giggling Whispers** – Bumped on jumping by *Greater Good*, which shifted out. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 31 lengths, revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr P Cheers was told that **Giggling Whispers** must prove competitive in a barrier trial prior to racing again.

**Iceland** – Slow to begin (2L). A post-race veterinary examination of **Iceland**, which was beaten 24 lengths, revealed the filly to be lame in the off-fore leg. Trainer D Jackson was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Iceland** racing again. Mr Jackson advised that **Iceland** would have its next start in non-TAB grade.

**Prince Chabal** – When the pace slackened approaching the 1000m was steadied and shifted out after becoming awkwardly positioned on the heels of *Kulnura*. Passing the 500m was steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of the weakening *Giggling Whispers*.

**Undertaker** – Slow to begin. When the pace slackened approaching the 1000m improved onto the heels of *Alvin Purple* and had to be checked.

#### **RACE 5: Cessnock Vintage Motor Inn Benchmark 55 Handicap 1570m**

**Pinot Gris** – Slow to begin. Held up rounding the home turn and on straightening was directed to the inside of *Mosaytion* to obtain clear running. Passing the 150m was shifted to the outside of *Prince Roo* to continue to improve.

**Prince High** – Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

**Dolphin Tale** – Slow to begin. G Buckley reported that approaching the 100m his mount, which was weakening, blundered and became unbalanced and as a

consequence he did not test it for the remainder of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**County Crown** – Trainer S Thomas was told that a warning would be placed on the record of the mare, which weakened noticeably from the 600m and was beaten 19L.

**Night Time Lover** – Became held up on straightening and approaching the 150m was steadied when disappointed for a narrow run between *Prince High* and *Mosaytion*, which was taken out by *Pinot Gris*. *Night Time Lover* was then shifted to the inside of *Mosaytion* to obtain clear running.

**Dubai Dusk** – Slow to begin. Passing the 400m became badly held up on the heels of the weakening *County Crown* and was unable to obtain clear running until passing the 200m. Approaching the 100m was shifted to the inside of *Pinot Gris* to continue to improve.

#### **RACE 6: Wine Country Motor Inn Benchmark 60 Handicap 1150m**

**Prince Dylan** – Raced keenly throughout the event and passing the 700m was steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Malzoom*. Making the turn near the 500m was steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Nosey* and as a consequence made contact with *Ayham*.

**Nosey** – Overraced outside the leader *Malzoom* throughout the early and middle stages and making the turn near the 500m commenced to lay in, bumped *Malzoom* and became unbalanced.

**Malzoom** – Overraced in the lead throughout the early and middle stages. Bumped making the turn near the 500m by *Nosey*, which shifted in.

**Shalama** – Crowded on jumping between *Yulong Baohu* and *Nosey*, which shifted out. Overraced throughout the early and middle stages. Making the turn near the 500m commenced to lay in, made contact with *Malzoom* and became unbalanced.

**Niccorama** – When questioned regarding the performance, rider J Penza stated that after beginning well from its wide barrier the mare was unable to muster speed despite being ridden along and approaching the 900m he elected to steady to obtain cover trailing *Armageddon On It* rather than remain racing wide. He stated, however, that after obtaining cover **Niccorama** never travelled well, in his opinion lost concentration and as a consequence did not finish its race off. J Penza added that he had recommended to connections to step the mare up in distance and endeavour to race in a forward position in future starts. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Ms A Davies agreed with J Penza and confirmed that she would now look to step the mare up in distance and instruct the rider to race in a forward position.

**Commandatore** – Inside the 100m improved onto the heels of *Sammi Jain* and was shifted in to continue into clear running.

**Ayham** – Passing the 700m was carried wider by *Prince Dylan*, which shifted out after becoming awkward on the heels of *Malzoom*, and raced wide without cover for the remainder of the event. Bumped near the 500m by *Prince Dylan*, which shifted out.

**Yulong Baohu** – Slow to begin.

**Below The Belt** – A pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which kicked out after being loaded into the barriers and momentarily got its hind leg between the back gates, passed it fit to start. Slow to begin.

#### **RACE 7: Cessnock Leagues Club Jungle Juice Cup 1350m**

**Epic Dan** – Prior to the declaration of correct weight Stewards allowed G Ryan, rider of the second placegetter, to view the Stewards footage of the home straight to ascertain whether there were grounds to lodge an objection against *Hammoon Boy* being declared the winner. When G Ryan was of the opinion that there were insufficient grounds, and Stewards were similarly satisfied, correct weight was declared. Held up rounding the home turn and after establishing a narrow run between *Court Victory* and *Hammoon Boy* (C O'Brien) in the early part of the straight was bumped approaching the 200m by *Hammoon Boy*, which shifted in slightly. As a consequence **Epic Dan** was taken in onto the hindquarter of *Court Victory*, which became unbalanced, shifted out and exacerbated the tightening to **Epic Dan**, which had to be steadied. C O'Brien was told to exercise more care.

**Next Level** – Slow to begin (2L). Raced wide without cover throughout the event. Hung out rounding the home turn and ran wider.

**Annandale Lass** – On jumping was crowded between *Court Victory*, which shifted out, and *Kanguru*, which was taken in by *Exacting*. Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

**Kanguru** – Bumped on jumping by *Exacting*, which shifted in. Approaching the 800m pulled its way up to the inside of *Exacting* after that runner shifted out and then raced in restricted room for some distance as that runner attempted to resume its position trailing *Aomen*.

**Pippi's Pride** – Passing the 500m was steadied when momentarily crowded by *Annandale Lass*, which shifted in. Held up rounding the home turn and shortly after straightening established a narrow run between *Another Valley* and *Next Level*. Shortly after, when *Next Level* shifted in slightly, **Pippi's Pride** was taken in onto *Another Valley*.

**Another Valley** – Approaching the 200m was steadied when bumped on a number of occasions by *Pippi's Pride* (L Henry) which, after establishing a narrow run between **Another Valley** and *Next Level* in the early part of the straight, was taken in when *Next Level* then shifted in slightly, before continuing to shift in whilst being ridden along. L Henry was told to exercise more care.

**Art Nouveau** – was declared a late withdrawal at 9:41am acting on veterinary advice that the gelding had an elevated temperature.

**Court Victory** –

**Exacting** – Shifted in on jumping and bumped *Court Victory*. Approaching the 800m had to be steadied and shifted out after improving onto the heels of *Aomen*. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Dayarma** – Slow to begin.

**Dashiell** – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 19 lengths, revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr L Roberts advised that **Dashiell** would now be retired.

**RACE 8: East Cessnock Bowling Club Class 1 Handicap 1150m**

**Sojourner** – Raced wide without cover throughout.

**Son D'Amour** – Approaching the 100m was bumped and carried wider by *Danshari*.

**Danshari** – Rounding the home turn, when inclined to lay out, became awkwardly positioned on the heels of *Son D'Amour*. Approaching the 100m made contact with *Son D'Amour* as it endeavoured to improve into a narrow run between that runner and *Myambat*.

\* Swab samples were obtained from all winners and the following runners:

Race 7: Aomen, Epic Dan, Next Level, Kanguru, Another Valley, Court Victory

SUMMARY	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 2: R Murray ( <b>Mr Schultz</b> ) – Weigh in underweight (AR 143(b)) – \$500.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 5: <b>County Crown</b> (trainer S Thomas) – Poor performance.
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 4: <b>Dua Holiday</b> (trainer A Smith) – Stood flat footed. Race 4: <b>Giggling Whispers</b> (trainer P Cheers) – Uncompetitive.
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	Race 2: <b>African Guy</b> (trainer K Lees) – Lamé off-hind leg. Race 4: <b>Iceland</b> (trainer D Jackson) – Lamé off-fore leg.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Race 4: <b>Iceland</b> – Royal Blue, Yellow Checked Band, Sleeves and Star on Cap. Race 8: <b>Dead Reckoning</b> – Red cap.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Race 3: <b>And Jubilations</b> (trainer T Evans) – Humanely euthanased.

