

STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE Saturday 14 October 2017

Weather: Overcast
Track: Good (3)
Rail: +7m

STEWARDS: T. A. McDonald (Chairman), J. J. E. Earl, C. G. Polglase and Cadets F. J. Dale and R. T. Debels

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Supplementary Report:

Nowra: Tuesday 3 October 2017

Race 2: Hanlon Windows Fillies and Mares Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

*The Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding **Stays All Day** breaking down behind and falling near the 700m in this event. On 3 October evidence was taken from rider App. B. Ryan and Trainer Mr C. Poidevin. The Stewards today considered a necropsy report from the University of Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Camden, which confirmed the presence of catastrophic fractures to both sides of the pelvis. After examining the stable treatment and veterinary records, and corresponding with the mare's previous trainers, the Stewards were satisfied that there was no evidence of any pre-existing condition which may have caused or contributed to the mare's catastrophic injuries.*

RACE 1: Bruce Tener Memorial Sponsored By Balgownie Travel Class 2 Handicap 1400m:

Dancers – laid in in the straight.

Lewinski – slow to begin. Rider W. Costin accidentally dropped her whip approaching the 300m.

RACE 2: Assett Professional Services Fillies and Mares Class 1 Handicap 1200m:

Pleasantries – shifted ground under pressure in the straight.

Flame Of Love – laid out under pressure in the straight and raced in restricted room over the concluding stages.

Mollyfied – overraced in the early and middle stages. Laid out in the straight.

RACE 3: Illawarra Toyota Fleet Specialists Maiden Handicap 1200m:

Hayman – Trainer Mr L. Curtis was fined \$200 under AR140B for the late application to add blinkers to the gelding's approved gear.

Salon Miss – was fractious in the barriers prior to the start being effected and began awkwardly. Raced greenly throughout the event.

Lady Elizabeth – overraced in the middle stages. Raced greenly in the early part of the straight and, passing the 300m, laid in and away from *Madame Giselle*, which shifted out slightly. **Lady Elizabeth** then laid in for the remainder of the event.

Madame Giselle – bumped on jumping by *Cheerful Charlie*, which began awkwardly and shifted out.

Sweetest Eyes – slow to begin.

RACE 4: Bears Auto Hospital Colts, Geldings and Entire Class 1 Handicap 1200m:

Grimoire – passing the 200m laid out and away from *Equal Balance*, which shifted out, and was then taken wider by that runner over the final 50 metres. Rider R. Brewer reported that his instructions were to be negative in the early stages and take up a position with cover in the second half of the field. He said that the gelding was stirred up in the preliminary and again in the barriers. He added that as **Grimoire** began well and commenced to race keenly in the early stages he was unable to comply with his instructions, and he allowed the gelding to stride forward and sit outside the leader.

Back To Jacko – leaving the 1000m had to be steadied when *Grimoire* (R. Brewer) shifted in when not clear. R. Brewer was advised to exercise more care. In the incident, *Allied Power* had to be steadied from the heels of **Back To Jacko**.

Equal Balance – bumped on jumping by *Grimoire*, which began very awkwardly and shifted out. Laid out and shifted out under pressure in the straight.

Allied Power – App. N. Heywood was reminded of his obligation to ride his mount out fully to the finish.

Can Party – passing the 800m had to be steadied from the heels of *Allied Power*, was then shifted out and allowed to stride forward by its rider and raced wide without cover for the remainder of the event.

RACE 5: Macey Insurance Brokers Benchmark 67 Handicap 1600m:

Thunder Road – slow to begin.

Bolord – slow to begin.

Dashley Dubh – began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider W. Costin reported that her mount travelled well throughout the event, however, when placed under pressure it was disappointing in its failure to finish off the race. She stated that, in her opinion, **Dashley Dubh** raced flat and may have come to the end of its lengthy preparation. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr M. Tubman advised that the gelding will now be spelled.

Lord Kingsley – began awkwardly. Passing the 700m was carried wider by *Shield Wall*, which shifted out to improve into the race. **Lord Kingsley** was then forced to make the home turn wider.

Captain Manering – when questioned regarding the gelding leading today, App. B. Ryan advised that his instructions were to be positive on the gelding but not necessarily to lead. He stated that, as the gelding had previously performed well when ridden in the lead and

after beginning well, he elected to take up a position at the head of the field where **Captain Manering** travelled keenly and was disappointing in its failure to finish off the race.

Backless – raced keenly in the early stages.

RACE 6: The Disability Trust Fillies and Mares Maiden Plate 1000m:

It's A Guy Thing – began awkwardly. Passing the 700m was briefly inconvenienced when *Peshette* (App. B. Ryan) shifted in when not quite clear. App. B. Ryan was advised to exercise more care.

Our Girl Hollie – shortly after the start was bumped and became unbalanced when *Sylvie* shifted out. Overraced in the early stages. Passing the 800m had to be eased when *It's A Guy Thing* (App. N. Heywood) shifted in when not quite clear. App. Heywood was advised to exercise more care.

Stunner – slow to begin. When caught wide in the early stages was eased and shifted in behind runners to take up a position closer to the rail. Laid in under pressure in the early part of the straight. Passing the 200m commenced to lay out obliging its rider R. Hutchings to change the whip to his left hand.

Sylvie – when questioned, App. J. Van Overmeire advised that after beginning well the mare travelled fairly throughout the event, however, was left flatfooted when the field quickened and was disappointing. App. Van Overmeire stated that he had advised connections that in his view the mare would appreciate a step up in distance at its next start. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Cuban Sizzle – slow to begin.

Peshette – raced greenly in the straight.

RACE 7: Contractors United 3YO Maiden Handicap 1300m:

China Gale – was withdrawn at 2.41 p.m. acting on veterinary advice after the colt became fractious in the float en route to the course and sustained substantial lacerations to the medial aspect of the off-hind leg.

Falster – raced greenly in the straight and laid in over the final 100 metres.

Merican – slow to begin, and was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Subban – bumped on jumping by *Falster*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. Laid out passing the 600m and continued to lay out rounding the home turn. Passing the 200m shifted out under pressure and had to be corrected by its rider. **Subban** then continued to hang out and proved difficult to ride for the remainder of the event.

Doctor Manhattan – overraced in the early and middle stages. Laid out under pressure in the straight.

Major Rossi – blundered badly on jumping. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Sansa – began awkwardly.

Rosherville – made contact with the nearside gate on jumping and, shortly after, was bumped on the hindquarter by *Falster*, which shifted in.

College Romance – Near the 350m was bumped and taken wider by *Destiny's Own*, which shifted to the outside of the heels of *Star Of New York* to continue into clear running. When questioned, rider P. Wells stated that after blundering badly on jumping he rode his mount along in an attempt to take up a forward position as instructed, however, he was unable to do so and was left racing wide without cover for the remainder of the event. P. Wells added that, despite a tough run, he anticipated the filly would finish the race off strongly, however, when placed under pressure rounding the home turn it found very little and was disappointing. He further stated that the filly felt uncomfortable in its action and in his opinion may have come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer Mr E. Cummings advised that, in his view, the filly blundering at the start and being forced to race wide without cover were the principal factors in the disappointing performance today. Mr Cummings undertook to report back on the condition of **College Romance** in the days subsequent.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Dancers

Race 2: Mollyfied

Race 4: Back To Jacko

Race 5: Backless, Shield Wall

Race 6: Our Girl Hollie

Race 7: Merican, Subban, Rosherville

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	W. Costin (Hayman)	7 strikes
Race 5	R. Hutchings (Lani Girl)	6 strikes

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 3: Trainer Mr L. Curtis (Hayman) fined \$200 for late application to add blinkers (AR140B).
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Follow-up:	Race 8: College Romance (Co-trainer Mr E. Cummings) – poor performance.
Change of Colours:	Nil.