

STEWARDS' REPORT

Newcastle Jockey Club
NEWCASTLE RACECOURSE
Beaumont Inner Track

Tuesday 15 August 2017

Weather: Overcast

Track: Good (4) – at 2.25pm Good (3)

Rail: True

STEWARDS: J J Earl (Chairman), R W Livingstone, D M Greer, D L Carr and cadet C K McIntosh
(mkm)

RACE 1 – Strathayr Benchmark 65 Handicap 1150m

Sir Magic – was steadied on jumping when crowded between *Gadfly*, which shifted out, and *Exacting* which shifted in.

Vegas Strip – A post race veterinary examination of the mare, raced keenly in the middle stages, did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 2 – XXXX Gold Colts, Geldings & Entires Maiden Plate 1350m

Mister McIlroy – to be ridden more forward with option to lead; led early and surrendered the lead near the 1000m.

Merovee – slow to begin.

Shaolin Kungfu – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 3 – NJC Spring Carnival September 15 & 16 Colts, Geldings & Entires Class 2 Hcp 1300m

Loqueteux – trainer J Sylvester was fined \$50 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card when requested to do so. Mr Sylvester was advised that the Thoroughbred Identity Card must be presented prior to **Loqueteux** being permitted to race again.

House Of Tudor – knuckled on jumping.

Reach For Heaven – from its wide barrier was shifted in across behind runners in the early stages. Laid out from the 800m.

Kendalman – overraced in the early and middle stages.

Onslaught – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 4 – NewcastleRacecourse.com.au 3yo Maiden Plate 1150m

Delight – M Bell replaced J Ford who was declared due to a misunderstanding.

Cappamore – slow to begin. Raced greenly in the middle stages.

Feringo – rounding the first turn was steadied away from the heels of *Euro Gold*. Was held up in the early part of the straight and did not obtain clear running until the 250m.

Manhattan Bridge – rider B Avdulla advised that his mount travelled well however gave ground in the straight and he had some concerns with the horse's action he eased it down over the final 150m. A post race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame in the near fore leg. Stable representative S Alexiou was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness must be produced prior to **Manhattan Bridge's** next race start.

RACE 5 – Meet @ Newcastle Racecourse October 7 Fillies & Mares Maiden Plate 1350m

Stella Victoria – was slow to begin and then was slow to muster speed despite being ridden along and lost ground (3L).

State of Play – began awkwardly and made contact with *Flying Dee Jay*.

Pangolin – approaching the first turn, while inclined to overrace, was checked when racing in restricted room to the inside of *Midnight Delight*. *Stella Victoria* which was following, had to be checked away from the heels of **Pangolin**.

Sweet Deal – laid out under pressure in the straight and near the 250m and again at the 200m shifted out abruptly and carried *Midnight Delight* wider.

Flying Dee Jay - raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 6 – Sharp Electronics Group Fillies & Mares Class 2 Handicap 1300m

It's So Obvious – When questioned rider J Parr stated that his mount was unusually stirred up prior to the race and after being fractious in the barriers was slow to begin. He said rounding the first turn the mare began to lay out despite his efforts, continued to do so and progressively got worse. He said that in the straight **It's So Obvious** hung out noticeably and shifted out a number of horses and proved difficult to ride. He added that his mount continued to hang out over the latter stages and he reverted to hands and heels riding in an endeavour to have the mare straighten and balance up in the run to the finish. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer G Mcfarlane was advised that **It's So Obvious** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Naughty Thoughts – slow to begin.

Rhymes – slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Dinky Di Dora – A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have sustained a laceration to the nearside heel.

RACE 7 – Tyrrell's Wines Class 1 & Maiden Plate 2200m

Irish Duke – knuckled on jumping.

Jagger – after passing the winning post on the first occasion, when being restrained to find cover got its head up for a short distance. **Jagger** continued to race keenly and from the 1300m was allowed to stride forward by its rider.

Included – J Parr, the rider of *Irish Duke* pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that on straightening he permitted his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of **Included** which had to be steadied when crowded for room. J Parr's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 20 August 2017 and to expire on Monday 28 August 2017 on which day he may ride.

Crimson Halo – When questioned regarding his riding K Latham advised that after obtaining a favourable position one off the fence, he was carried wider by *Vindex* passing the winning post on the first occasion which resulted in him being caught wide without cover. He added that as he felt the tempo was only moderate it was in the horse's best interest not to restrain and give up ground, so when **Crimson Halo** was travelling comfortably he remained racing where he was. He added that when the eventual winner *Jagger* went forward near the 1200m, as his mount was not travelling well at this point he was left racing wide without cover for the remainder of the race. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

GENERAL: Summary of whip use:

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

Race 7	J Parr (Irish Duke)	7 strikes prior to 100m
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Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Gadfly

Race 2: Legendofoz

Race 3: Loqueteux

Race 4: Feringo

Race 5: Stella Victoria

Race 6: It's So Obvious, Pretty Smart, Naughty Thoughts

Race 7: Irish Duke, Included, Power From Within

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 3: J Sylvester \$50 – fail to produce TIC (AR59A).
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Race 7: J Parr [AR 137(a)] from 20/8/17 to 28/8/17 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 6: <i>It's So Obvious</i> – hanging out (trainer G Mcfarlane)
Certificates:	Race 4: <i>Manhattan Bridge</i> – lame near fore leg (trainer G Ryan)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Race 2: <i>Merovee</i> – white cap.
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Nil