

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Moruya Jockey Club MORUYA RACECOURSE

Sunday 15 October 2017

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good(4), Good(3) at 11.20am  
Rail: True

**STEWARDS:** C. G. Polglase (Chairman), T. J. Vassallo & G. Hargraves

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#### **RACE 1: Cat Work Wear CG&E Class 2 Handicap 1425m:**

**Flash Magic** – When questioned M Kinny could offer no explanation for the performance other than then gelding which was first up today may have struggled to run out today's race distance of 1425m at this stage of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Polyphemus** – Slow to begin.

**One For Bede** – Overraced in the early stages and making the first turn was checked off the heels of Flash Magic.

**Depreciation** – Making the home turn was taken wider when Duvet was carried out by Ghost Rider which in turn was taken out by One For Bede which shifted out slightly.

**Duvet** – The Stewards considered an objection by lodged by B El-Issa rider of second placed Duvet against the winner Ghost Rider alleging interference making the home turn and again in the home straight. On the evidence the Stewards found that making the home turn Duvet was taken slightly wider when Ghost Rider was taken out slightly by One For Bede. It was further established that shortly after straightening there was slight contact between Duvet and Ghost Rider due to both runners shifting slight ground. The Stewards found that approaching the 100m after Duvet had made ground on Ghost Rider to almost be on terms with that runner that Ghost Rider shifted out and made heavy contact with Duvet on two occasions resulting in that runner being hampered and losing momentum. Having considered the final beaten margin of a neck between the two runners at the finish, the Stewards upheld the objection when satisfied if not for the interference suffered approaching the 100m that Duvet would have finished in advance of Ghost Rider. Subsequently the Stewards amended the official placings as follows;

1<sup>st</sup> 1 Duvet  
2<sup>nd</sup> 6 Ghost Rider  
3<sup>rd</sup> 8 Depreciation  
4<sup>th</sup> 4 One For Bede

At a subsequent inquiry App C Macfarlane (Ghost Rider) was advised to exercise more care and in future she should attempt to correct her mounts sooner than she did on this occasion when it commenced to shift ground.

### **RACE 2: Weathertex Natural Timber Cladding Class 1 Handicap 1300m:**

**Ariake Fire** – As P Scorse was unable to claim down to his minimum riding weight, Stewards permitted App C MacFarlane to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. App Scorse was subsequently fined \$100 (LR70). Held up in the early stages of the straight when racing tight inside of Excellent Oratorio.

**Smoke Alarm** – When questioned Ms K Adams stated that after her slipped behind on jumping and became unbalanced, her mount then felt awkward in its action for some distance. She added that when she did not feel her mounts action improve and felt that something may be amiss she eased it down from the 1000m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Ms K Van Duren was advised a veterinary clearance is required prior to the gelding then barrier trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards.

**Tyres Are Crucial** – Bumped on straightening by Excellent Oratorio which shifted out.

**Bandit Belle** – When questioned App N Heywood stated that he was issued with no specific instructions as to where to position his mount in running but was mindful his mount has a history of missing the start. He added that when the mare began well today from its wide barrier he allowed it to stride forward where he was then obliged to race wide for some distance in the early stages before eventually being able to take up a position with cover just behind the leaders approaching the 700m. When questioned as to whether there was an opportunity to shift out approaching the 500m and commence his run, App Heywood added at that stage his mount was under some pressure to hold its position and when Tyres Are Crucial improved to his outside he was unable to go with that that runner. App Heywood added that given his mount was obliged to cover ground in the early stages he did not feel exposing his mount at that stage would assist it in finishing off its race. He added whilst he was briefly held up on the home turn his mount then obtained clear running on straightening where it responded well.

### **RACE 3: Mitre 10 Mighty Helpful Benchmark 60 Handicap 1300m:**

**Black Chevalier** – Travelled wide throughout. Lay in in the early straight.

**Calaway Cruizer** – Lay in making the first turn and became awkwardly placed close to the heels of Freedom Call. Lay in under pressure in the home straight.

**Bill 'n' Eve** – Slow to begin.

**Under The Eaves** – Held up making the home turn and raced in restricted room in the early straight when improving into a narrow run between Penny Shares and Freedom Call.

**Illyrian** – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding his riding of the mare, M Travers stated that he was instructed if possible to position his mount just behind midfield and to maintain a position on the rail as the mare has a tendency to hang in and performs best when able to follow the rail. He added after being slowly away his mount then did not muster the necessary

speed in the early stages and was obliged to settle at the rear of the field. He stated his mount was left flat-footed leaving the 600m and was not responding to riding. He added that making the home turn he then attempted to keep his mount balanced where it then commenced to travel into the race and whilst his mount commenced to make ground on the rail in the straight, when it became apparent he could not improve further with runners in advance of him he was then obliged to shift to the outside of runners near the 150m where his mount then responded well although was inclined to lay in and proved somewhat difficult to ride out fully.

**Freedom Call** – Near the 200m was eased when tightened for room between Calaway Cruizer and Under The Eaves which after obtaining a narrow run was then taken out slightly by Penny Shares. When questioned Ms J Taylor stated that her mount felt awkward in its action in the early stages and travelled fairly thereafter. She added when asked for an effort her mount was disappointing and the only explanation she could offer was that the mare may not have appreciated today's firmer track surface. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying a poor recovery. Trainer Ms T Bateup was advised that the mare which was beaten 18L must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

**Penny Shares** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying a poor recovery.

#### **RACE 4: Nescafe Making More Possible Maiden Handicap 1200m:**

**The Revenant** – Raced wide throughout.

**High Citadel** – Slow to begin.

**Whispered Prayer** – Held up in the early stages of the straight.

**Your Toss** – Change of tactics – to be ridden quieter if possible – settled handy, wide. Pulled hard in the middle stages.

**Theatre Tickets** – Lay in badly under pressure in the home straight and proved difficult to ride out.

**Taqueda** – When questioned regarding the filly racing more forward today, Ms J Taylor advised that her instructions were similar to the filly's previous two starts this preparation in that she was to attempt to try and obtain a position on the speed. She added however that the filly was hampered on jumping at its first run back this preparation and at its most recent start failed to muster speed from its inside draw and had settled further back than intended. She added that today with the blinkers applied and her mount up in distance, she was able to comply with her instructions and took up a position in the lead. Trainer Ms T Bateup confirmed the nature of the instructions issued. Ms Bateup was nonetheless reminded of her obligation to notify the Stewards of any change of tactics in future.

#### **RACE 5: Mitre 10 Rein In The Blues Maiden Plate 1650m:**

**Darryl 'n' Fred** – Making the first turn was checked when crowded between Supa Hong Kong and Not Bossy which after being taken out slightly by First Courier which was bumped by The Potato Pontiff, then shifted out away from that runner. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer J Marzol was advised a warning would be issued against the gelding which was beaten 24L today.

**Not Bossy** – When questioned regarding the performance, App K Rayner stated that her mount travelled well early however dropped the bit passing the 800m and failed to travel thereafter. She added that her mount was disappointing in its failure to finish off and the only explanation she could offer was that the mare may not have appreciated racing inside of runners today. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be coughing. Trainer S Coady will be advised a veterinary clearance is required prior to racing again.

**The Potato Pontiff** – Making the first turn was steadied off the heels of Athonis (S Miller) which shifted in when not clear. S Miller was reprimanded (AR137(a)). A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying a poor recovery.

**First Courier** – Making the home turn was briefly tightened by Supa Hong Kong which laid in.

**Lovespeed Girl** – Knuckled on jumping.

**Barefoot Showgirl** – Checked on jumping when crowded between First Courier and Lovespeed Girl which knuckled and shifted in.

**Vice Vice Baby** – Shifted out abruptly under pressure on straightening.

**Bella Scenica** – When questioned regarding the performance R Bensley stated after being crowded on jumping his mount never travelled well at any stage and was a beaten horse from as far out as the 1000m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**RACE 6: Birdsnest.com.au F&M Class 2 Handicap 1425m:**

**Lavington Star** – Pulled hard when obliged to race wide in the early and middle stages.

**Jostle** – Crowded on jumping between Element of Luck and Bid of Faith both of which shifted ground.

**Tipta Tantivy** – Slow to begin.

**Dutchess Moshe** – On straightening was bumped by Mitali Assa Vedo which shifted out.

**Maybe The One** – Slow to begin.

**Solar Shadow** – Slow to begin.

**RACE 7: Hume Doors Evolution Touch Benchmark 60 Handicap 1650m:**

**Zarina's Gold** – Pulled hard in the middle stages. Lay in in the straight.

**Millijule** – Making the home turn was hampered and taken wider by Serging Rush which in turn was carried out Zarina's Gold which was carried out by Mrs Willy Nilly which shifted out slightly. Lay in in the straight.

**Charlie Royale** – Overraced in the middle stages.

**Serping Rush** – Slow to begin.

**Mrs Willy Nilly** – Raced wide throughout. Over the concluding stages raced in restricted room between Zarina's Gold and Viva Lavino.

**Viva Lavino** – Held up in the early part of the straight.

**Loyal Toast** – Slow to begin.

### **Whip Use Summary:**

Stewards noted 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 5	J Penza on The Potato Pontiff (6 strikes)
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### **GENERAL**

Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: Ghost Rider, Polyphemus, Depreciation

Race 2: Chatober, Smoke Alarm, Tyres Are Crucial (2), Excellent Oratorio

Race 3: Louis' Choice

Race 4: Taqueda

Race 5: Athonis

Race 6: Zafina

Race 7: Loyal Toast, Charlie Royale, Viva Lavino

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 2. App P Scorse \$100 – Ariake Fire (LR70) – failed to claim full allowance.
<b>Reprimands</b>	Race 5. S Miller (Athonis) – AR137(a) shifting in when not clear.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 5. Darryl 'N' Fred (J Marzol) – uncompetitive.
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 2. Smoke Alarm (J Van Duren) – eased down when rider concerned with action. Race 3. Freedom Call ( Ms T Bateup) – poor performance.
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 2. Smoke Alarm (J Van Duren) – eased down when rider concerned with action. Race 5. Not Bossy (S Coady) – coughing post race.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.