

STEWARDS' REPORT

Newcastle Jockey Club NEWCASTLE RACECOURSE

Saturday 16 September 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4)

Rail: Out 3m from 800m to 400m; remainder true

STEWARDS: T J Vassallo (Chairman), D L Carr, J J Earl and cadets C K McIntosh, M W Purse
(mkm)

RACE 1 – Strathayr Fillies & Mares Class 1 Handicap 1200m

Caribou – slow to begin (2L). Near the 75m rider apprentice R Dolan lost the use of his offside rein.

Savona Sunset – slow to begin.

Sojourner – laid out rounding the home turn. Laid in when placed under pressure in the straight and near the 200m shifted in and hampered *Savona Sunset*.

Intrinsic – when questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider M Bell stated that he was able to take up a trailing position behind the leader *Let's Celebrate*. He said his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages however when the tempo quickened passing the 650m his mount came under pressure and as a result he had to ride it along in an endeavour to hold his position. He said on straightening when *Sojourner* commenced to lay out he endeavoured to establish a run between that runner and *Savona Sunset* but his mount was not travelling well enough to take advantage of the run and when *Sojourner* shifted back in passing the 400m he was unable to establish this run. Shortly after this **Intrinsic** commenced to lay in and passing the 300m he had to shift to the outside of *Seaglass* to continue into clear running whereby **Intrinsic** was only one paced in the run to the line. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative P Burns advised that the stable had expected a forward showing today and could offer no explanation for the disappointing performance. Mr Burns undertook to report back if there is anything amiss with the filly in the days subsequent.

Let's Celebrate – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, which was first up today from a spell, P King stated that he was instructed to lead if possible. He said after beginning well he was able to take up a leading position on the rail throughout where his mount travelled well. He said that **Let's Celebrate** commenced to come off the bit prior to the home turn and when placed under pressure on straightening his mount initially responded however commenced to weaken noticeably from the 300m. He added that in his opinion the mare may be better suited when ridden quieter in its races. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 2 – CSBM Real Estate Fillies & Mares Maiden Handicap 1400m

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

Lightning Nic – slow to begin. Lost its off fore plate in running.

African Rainbow – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider K Latham stated that after his mount was slow to begin and failed to muster any early speed, he elected to shift in behind runners to obtain cover at the rear of the field. He said **African Rainbow** travelled well throughout the race and given the slow tempo of the race and bearing in mind his mount can be one paced, he was obliged to commence improving into the race from the 500m. He said that his mount when placed under full pressure in the straight initially responded, however commenced to weaken from the 300m and in his opinion raced like a tired horse that may have come to the end of its preparation. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative J Wright advised that the filly will now be spelled.

RACE 3 – Newcastle Obstetrics And Specialist Ultrasound Maiden Plate 900m

Reprimand – the mare after being loaded into the barriers became fractious, underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, B Spriggs stated that after his mount began well he rode forward to obtain a leading position on the rail. He said his mount travelled well throughout, however when placed under pressure passing the 400m only responded for a short distance before weakening noticeably over the final 200 metres. A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have sustained a laceration to the inside of its mouth. Stable representative J Wright could offer no tangible explanation for the mare's performance and undertook to report back if there is anything amiss in the days subsequent.

Newburgh – slow to begin.

Lets Geton With It – slow to begin.

Uncle Sam – shortly after the start was steadied when crowded between *Galaxy Jak*, which shifted in, and *Twice As Sweet*, which was taken out by *Tale Of Eight*. Laid in when placed under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride.

Twice As Sweet – passing the 200m commenced to lay in when placed under pressure and near the 100m rider apprentice B McDougall was obliged to pull his whip through to his right hand.

RACE 4 – Easy Payroll Colts, Geldings & Entire Class 1 Handicap 1200m

Sparkling L'amour – when the start was effected refused to jump with the remainder of the field and lost ground (6L). Trainer R Bailey was advised that the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Drachenfels – slow to begin (2L).

Lomazzo – rider A Bullock reported that when racing tight to the inside of *Drachenfels* near the 150m he was restricted in using his whip in his left hand and had some difficulty pulling it through to his right hand.

Bluetwentytwo – when questioned regarding the performance. T Wolfram stated that his mount never travelled comfortably in a strongly run race however in the circumstances he was pleased with the manner in which his mount ran to the finish. T Wolfram said that in his opinion **Bluetwentytwo** would derive fitness from today's first up run and will also appreciate races over further distance. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 5 – Hit106.9's Race That Stops The Station Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1850m

Cyrus Rocks – to be ridden further forward with the option to lead; led. Commenced to lay out under pressure passing the 350m and passing the 200m was hampered and carried in after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Dashing Special* when that runner shifted in slightly away from *Seababe*.

Yeah Bravo – to be ridden further forward with the option to lead; settled off pace.

My Ladybug – slow to begin.

Rationale – after being slow to begin was shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

Nothing Too Hard – shortly after the start was shifted in behind runners from its wide draw. Laid in under pressure over the final 150 metres.

Lucky Starlet – raced wide without cover. Lost its off hind plate in running.

Dashing Special – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Near the 100m was inclined to lay in obliging it rider W Costin to stop riding and straighten her mount.

Set The Tone – hung out rounding the home turn.

RACE 6 –Westfield Kotara Colts, Geldings & Entire Maiden Handicap 1400m

Wallangarra – as declared rider A Bullock was overweight, permission was granted for R Thompson to be substituted. A Bullock was reprimanded under [AR 120(b)].

Busker's Ballad – slow to begin.

Pure Hawk – after being slow to begin was steadied and shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

Cheung Fun – was hampered shortly after the start by *Preferito* which shifted out.

Surjin – near the 1300m was steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Fencourt* after being taken out slightly by *Preferito*. Was held up rounding the home turn and had to shift back to the inside of the heels of *Preferito* on straightening to improve into clear running.

Echo King – hung in making the first turn near the 1000m. Passing the 400m had to be steadied and became unbalanced after being bumped by *Fencourt* which shifted out and away from *Preferito*. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding, which raced wide throughout, did not reveal any abnormalities.

Smiling Manolito – approaching the 200m when endeavouring to improve into a narrow run between *Creative Vision* and *Preferito*, made contact with *Preferito* resulting in that runner, which was weakening, being steadied and carried outwards making contact with the hindquarter of *Spooky*. A Layt, rider of **Smiling Manolito**, was advised to ensure there is sufficient room to improve into, when attempting runs in future.

Spooky – raced wide without cover throughout.

Skifield – rider R Kozaki was warned against the practice of raising his whip arm above shoulder height.

Preferito – When questioned regarding the performance of the horse, B Spriggs stated that his instructions were to have the horse ridden on the pace. He stated that after his mount began well, he rode forward in an attempt to ride to his instructions, however when *Spencer*, which was positioned to his outside, showed intent to go forward and lead, and bearing in mind the quick early tempo, he elected to take a trailing position behind that runner. He added that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages and approaching the 400m shifted to the outside of *Creative Vision* to improve into clear running. He added that shortly after **Preferito** was under significant pressure and weakened noticeably over the final 200 metres. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Fencourt – A post race veterinary examination revealed the horse to have been galloped on on both hind legs.

RACE 7 – Hit106.9 Hurricane Handicap 900n

Aspiring – en route to the barriers lost its off hind plate and had to be replated upon arrival at the barriers. Just prior to the start being effected became fractious and reared over backwards and became cast for a lengthy period of time. As a result the running of this race was delayed approximately 9 minutes. Acting on veterinary advice that the mare was not fit to start, it was declared a late withdrawal at 4.24pm. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Aspiring** be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers all successful wagers made prior to 2.24pm to be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st) *Grand Condor* less 14c win and 22c place

2nd) *Three Sheets* less 17c place

3rd) *Wouldn't It Be Nice* less 21c place

Stable representative M Tucker was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the mare having to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before racing again.

Aomen – the gelding, which was drawn in the adjoining stall to *Aspiring*, was examined by the club's veterinary surgeon and passed fit to start. Slow to begin.

Eminent Duke – became fractious in the barriers, kicked out behind and got both hind legs over the back gates. Acting on veterinary advice **Eminent Duke** was a late withdrawal at 4.24pm. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Eminent Duke** be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers all successful wagers made prior to 4.24pm to be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st) *Grand Condor* less 14c win and 22c place

2nd) *Three Sheets* less 17c place

3rd) *Wouldn't It Be Nice* less 21c place

Trainer J Bowen was advised that a veterinary clearance must be produced prior to **Eminent Duke** being permitted to race again when the gelding was found to have abrasions to both hind legs.

Salerno – was crowded on jumping between *Sugar Bay Leonard* and *Cohesion*, which was taken out by *Gendebien*. Overraced in the middle stages.

Table Two – near the 100m after being struck with the whip ran in abruptly resulting in its rider having to stop riding and straighten.

Arise Augustus – laid in under pressure over the final 150 metres.

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

Sugar Bay Leonard – when questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, which was resuming from a lengthy spell, M Bell stated that he was instructed to obtain cover on the horse as it has a tendency to overrace. He said that shortly after the start he was able to obtain a position with cover behind *Cohesion* towards the rear of the field. He said that passing the 800m when *Arise Augustus* improved to his outside his mount commenced to overrace and had to be checked away from the heels of *Cohesion*. He said that his mount did not feel right in its action throughout and he therefore did not unduly pressure his mount in the run to the line. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative H Devlin stated that the horse had worked well leading into today's race and she was at a loss to explain the gelding's poor performance. Ms Devlin undertook to report back on the progress of the gelding in the days subsequent. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Grand Condor – When questioned regarding the improved performance, trainer S Hodge stated that as detailed in the Stewards report, the horse was not suited at its previous start at Muswellbrook on 6 August 2017 by getting too far out of its ground. He added that since that run **Grand Condor** had been freshened up, had pleased in its work and was better suited today racing in a forward position over 900 metres and carrying only 51 kilograms.

RACE 8 – Tyrrell's Wines Provincial Cup – Benchmark 70 Handicap 1400m

Kokopu – to be ridden quieter with cover; settled back. approaching the 200m had to alter course to the outside of the weakening *I'm Danny* to improve into clear running. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Celtic Tiger – slow to begin.

Bayview Emperor – began awkwardly, shifted out and bumped *Macquarie Magic*.

Calypso Bay – approaching the 1300m when shifting in to obtain cover became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Surfin' Safari*. Near the 800m shifted out away from the heels of *Sassaby* and in doing so made contact with *Darbies Blugirl* on several occasions when attempting to improve into a run between that runner and *Surfin' Safari* where there was insufficient room to do so. Rider A Bullock was advised to exercise more care. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Sassaby – passing the 1300m was eased away from the heels of *I'm Danny* (K Holding) which shifted in when not quite clear. Apprentice Holding was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

Kanguru – apprentice B McDougall reported that he had been instructed to ride the gelding back in the field, however his saddle slipped forward on jumping and as a consequence he was unable to restrain his mount and it settled further forward than anticipated and raced wide without cover.

Surfin' Safari – raced wide without cover throughout.

Darbies Blugirl – near the 1100m was steadied when tightened for room between *Hammond Lane* and *Sassaby* which was taken in by *Elle A Walking* (J Taylor) which shifted in when not quite clear. In taking no direct action against J Taylor. Stewards were mindful of **Darbies Blugirl** being placed in restricted room leading up to this incident due to the racing manners of *Sassaby*, which was inclined to lay in. Nevertheless J Taylor was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground in future. When questioned rider apprentice R Hunt stated that after striking interference shortly after the start she was inclined to settle further back in the field than intended. She said that approaching the 800m she was forced wider on the track and was obliged to cover extra ground. She added that whilst on face value the performance appeared disappointing she was pleased with the performance having regard to the circumstances 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 2	A Layt (Jawhara) K Latham (African Rainbow)	7 strikes prior to 100m 7 strikes prior to 100m
Race 3	T Wolfgram (Newsfan) T Sadler (Galaxy Jak)	6 strikes prior to 100m 6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 5	W Costin (Dashing Special) K Latham (Nothing Too Hard) J Taylor (Seababe)	6 strikes prior to 100m 7 strikes prior to 100m 6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 6	P King (Surjin) M Bell (Spener)	6 strikes prior to 100m 6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 8	R Dolan (Surfin' Safari)	7 strikes prior to 100m

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

Race 1: Sojournist

Race 2: Daydream Explorer

Race 4: Bluetwentytwo

Race 5: Irish Duke, Flying Ticket, Dashing Special

Race 6: Echo King, Superbank

Race 7: Three Sheets

Race 8: Excited Prince

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 6: A Bullock – overweight [AR 120(b)].
Suspensions:	Nil

Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 4: <i>Sparkling L'amour</i> – barrier manners (trainer R Bailey) Race 7: <i>Aspiring</i> – barrier manners (trainer T Howlett)
Certificates:	Race 7: <i>Aspiring</i> – barrier manners (trainer T Howlett) Race 7: <i>Eminent Duke</i> – abrasions to hind legs (trainer J Bowen)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 1: <i>Intrinsic</i> – trainer K Lees to report back on progress Race 3: <i>Reprimand</i> – trainer B Baker to report back on progress. Race 7: <i>Sugar Bay Leonard</i> – trainer J Pride to report back on progress,