

STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE Sunday 17 September 2017

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

STEWARDS: C. G. Polglase (Chairman), T. A. McDonald, T. J. Vassallo and Cadet R. T. Debels

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RACE 1: Kids Day Out Class 1 Handicap (7 Or Less Starts) 1500m:

Gauguin – commenced to hang out from the 600m, and continued to hang out making the home turn and when under pressure in the straight.

Mate Story – Change of tactics – to be ridden more forward: led.

Chief Kidder – began awkwardly and lost ground. Overraced in the middle stages.

Schubert – bumped on jumping by *Mate Story*, which began awkwardly and shifted in. Near the 1400m was eased off the heels of *Mate Story* (K. Latham), which shifted in when not clear. K. Latham was advised to exercise more care. Prior to straightening was taken wider by *Gauguin*, which lay out. Raced greenly under pressure in the straight.

RACE 2: Bald Hill Class 1 Handicap (8 Or More Starts) 1500m:

My Kind – began awkwardly. Near the 350m was checked when taken out across the heels of *Legal Girl* by *Hierarchal* (T. Sadler), which after initially endeavouring to improve to the outside of the heels of *Street Prince* then made contact with **My Kind** for a number of strides when endeavouring to establish that run. In the incident, *Hierarchal* was taken out slightly by *Street Prince*. T. Sadler was reprimanded for attempting to establish clear running when there was not quite sufficient room to do so.

Hav A Nip – the start was delayed when **Hav A Nip** shifted its near fore plate whilst being loaded into the barriers necessitating that gelding having to be reshod. Began awkwardly.

Prior Engagement – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Legal Girl – near the 500m was steadied off the heels of *My Kind*, which shifted out after being bumped by *Prior Engagement*.

Orpentiva – slow to begin (2L).

Street Prince – Change of tactics – to be ridden more forward: settled outside the lead.

RACE 3: Sublime Point Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Sylvie – began awkwardly. The mare, which was inclined to race keenly in the early stages, was steadied off the heels of *Malaigo* near the 800m. Held up for clear running in the early part of the straight.

Didn't Mention It – near the 800m was steadied off the heels of *Direct Default*.

Rispetta – which became fractious in the barriers and got its head down, underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, J. Penza stated that after being agitated in the barriers prior to the race his mount nonetheless began well and was able to take up a position on the speed. He added that, whilst his mount travelled comfortably in the early and middle stages, it was under pressure shortly after straightening and failed to respond to his riding thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr J. Thompson undertook to report back to Stewards in the days subsequent on the immediate racing future of the mare.

RACE 4: Great Northern Original Benchmark 69 Handicap 1000m:

To Excess – slow to begin.

Billabong Cindy – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Smiling All – pulled hard in the early and middle stages.

Dynamic Bid – raced in restricted room in the early part of the straight when endeavouring to improve to the inside of *Billabong Cindy*.

RACE 5: Sheree Ruddock Birthday Class 2 Handicap 1300m:

Virgilio – Change of tactics - option to be ridden further back: settled back. Near the 400m shifted out and made contact with *Fantastic Man* when endeavouring to improve to the outside of the heels of *Victime De L'Amour*.

Victime De L'Amour – When questioned concerning the performance of the gelding, A. Hyeronimus stated that he was instructed to go forward on his mount. He added that in the early stages he rode his mount forward, however, when *Smooth Tycoon* did not continue to improve and lead the event making the first turn, he was obliged to race in a three-wide position and was unable to obtain cover thereafter. He stated that, whilst his mount was obliged to cover ground throughout the event, it nevertheless travelled well in the middle stages, however, its condition gave out in the home straight. He added that in his opinion his mount, being first up today, would derive fitness benefit from today's run. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Kravchenko – was inclined to overrace and near the 1000m had to be steadied away from the heels of *Smooth Tycoon* (C. Brown), which shifted in when not quite clear. C. Brown was advised to exercise more care. After being held up in the early part of the straight, near the 300m was disappointed for a run between *Poet's Advocate* and *Victime De L'Amour*, and then had to shift out across heels to continue into clear running. When questioned concerning her riding of the gelding making the home turn, App. R. Hunt stated that after racing keenly in the early and middle stages her mount was then under pressure to hold its position near the 600m. She stated that, whilst there was an option for her to shift out and follow *Victime De L'Amour*, which would have afforded her mount clear running to the outside of that runner on straightening, she did not feel it was in her best interests to expose her mount early and for that reason she elected to follow *Smooth Tycoon* making the home turn. She added that, while she was briefly held up on straightening and was obliged to shift to the inside of the heels of *Smooth Tycoon* to

continue into clear running, her mount was nevertheless a beaten horse and failed to run on over the final 200 metres.

Poet's Advocate – began awkwardly. Dipped passing the 1200m. Making the home turn was restrained away from the heels of *Proane* when held up.

Torvill – began awkwardly. Overraced in the early stages and was inclined to get its head up when being restrained in an attempt to find cover. Continued to overrace in the middle stages.

RACE 6: Sea Cliff Bridge 3YO Maiden Handicap 1200m:

High Dive – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Destiny's Own – began awkwardly and lost ground.

Myprayer – became fractious behind the barriers and reared on one occasion, was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. Trainer Ms L. Dean was advised that a warning would be recorded against the gelding in respect to its manners behind the barriers.

Stryke Rock – approaching the 100m lay out towards the heels of *High Dive* and had to be straightened by its rider.

Magic Moment – began awkwardly and shortly afterwards was hampered by *High Dive*, which shifted out after being bumped by *Undaunted*. Over the concluding stages the filly could not be fully tested when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Destiny's Own* (J. Parr), which laid out under pressure. J. Parr was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

Pahruli – shortly after the start, shifted in and made contact with *Destiny's Own*, and then got its head up and lost ground.

RACE 7: Grand Pacific Drive Metro and Provincial Maiden Handicap 1500m:

Cuba – began awkwardly and made contact with the nearside barrier partition resulting in rider B. Shinn becoming unbalanced. Leaving the 600m raced in restricted room to the inside of *Marquant* and made contact with *Yorkshire Rock*.

Langley – lay out under pressure over the final 200 metres.

Marquant – making the home turn was brushed and taken wider by *Cuba*, which shifted out to improve. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer Mr M. Hawkes was advised that a warning would be recorded against the gelding, which was beaten 23 lengths today.

Yorkshire Rock – knuckled on jumping.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Mate Story, Schubert (2), Gauguin

Race 2: Prior Engagement, Night Time Lover

Race 5: Smooth Tycoon

Race 7: Yorkshire Rock, Fabricator

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 1	J. Parr (Chief Kidder) B. Avdulla (Schubert)	6 strikes 6 strikes
Race 2	S. Guymer (Hav A Nip) P. Wells (Orpentina)	6 strikes 6 strikes
Race 3	C. Brown (Malaigo)	6 strikes
Race 4	C. Brown (Dynamic Bid)	6 strikes
Race 6	R. Kozaki (Stryke Rock) App. L. Magorrian (Magic Moment)	6 strikes (including two consecutive) 6 strikes

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Race 2: T. Sadler (Hierarchal) – shifting out when not quite clear (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 6: Myprayer (Trainer Ms L. Dean) – pre-race manners. Race 7: Marquant (Co-trainer Mr M. Hawkes) – uncompetitive.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Follow-up:	Race 3: Rispetta (Trainer Mr J. Thompson) – poor performance.
Change of Colours:	Nil.