

STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE Saturday 19 August 2017

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

STEWARDS: T. J. Vassallo (Chairman), J. J. E. Earl, J. D. Walshe and Cadet I. H. Grimes.

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RIDING CHANGES:

As M. Bell was unavailable due to personal reasons, Stewards permitted the following rider replacements:

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| Race 4 | J. Adams on Tamarack |
| Race 5 | G. Buckley on Look First |
| Race 6 | J. Adams on Zabeelions |
| Race 7 | K. Jennings on One Of The Kind |

RACE 1: Rachel King Class 1 Handicap 1000m:

Smooth Tycoon – Change of tactics – option to be ridden with cover: settled off-pace with cover. Raced keenly in the middle stages. When placed under pressure near the 300m, commenced to lay out and proved somewhat difficult to ride out.

Lewinski – slow to begin (2L).

RACE 2: Jeff Penza Maiden Handicap 1200m:

Fabricator – near the 200m shifted out and away from *Prima Stella*. Rider R. Brewer was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out fully to the end of the race.

Fencourt – which was slow to begin, was crowded shortly after between *Serket* and *Babe In Boots*, which shifted in.

Babe In Boots – passing the 200m shifted out and away from *Fabricator* and taken wider on the track.

History Repeats – near the 200m was inclined to lay out and, as a result, *Prima Stella*, which was racing to its outside, was hampered slightly and carried out.

Serket – shortly after the start was bumped on the hindquarters by *Fencourt*. Raced keenly in the early stages and, approaching the 900m, was steadied away from the heels of *Babe In Boots*. Near the 800m, had to be checked and shifted out away from the heels of *Babe In Boots* and, as a result, was left racing wide without cover. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare, which was first up from a lengthy spell, revealed no abnormality. Trainer Mr G. Hickman was advised that an official warning would be recorded against the mare's competitiveness.

Kwadazone – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Longmu – began awkwardly. Got its head up when being restrained in the early stages while endeavouring to find cover.

Miss Demi Monde – overraced in the middle stages. Held up rounding the home turn.

Prima Stella – slow to begin.

RACE 3: Sutherland Shire Tile Supplies 3YO Maiden Handicap 1400m:

Boomtown Rat – slow to begin. Raced greenly in the straight.

Britannicus – near the 600m made contact with the running rail.

Dante Rossetti – inclined to hang out rounding the home turn.

Langley – began awkwardly.

Bullet Shot – When questioned regarding her riding of the colt rounding the home turn, rider W. Costin stated that she was able to obtain a trailing position behind *Astana* throughout the race. She added that approaching the home turn, when *Astana* commenced to shift out slightly and a run had not yet presented itself to the outside of *Astana* and to the inside of *Lass Vegas*, and as she anticipated *Astana* continuing to shift out, she endeavoured to improve to that runner's inside, however, when *Astana* rolled back to the rail she had to steady her mount. She said that, as a result, **Bullet Shot** was held up for a short distance before having to come to the outside of *Astana* to improve into clear running. She added that her mount then finished off its race well, however, in her opinion, the horse may be looking for further ground. W. Costin was advised that in the circumstances she would have been better served having remained racing on the back of *Astana* when soon after a run developed to the outside of that runner, rather than persisting for a run to the inside of *Astana*, which was having its first start and unfancied in the market.

Eaglehawk – raced wide throughout without cover. Hung in over the final 200 metres.

Lass Vegas – began awkwardly, shifted out abruptly and bumped *Britannicus*.

RACE 4: Marco Polo Aged Care Services Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Addicted – slow to begin.

Bukzel – inclined to lay out under pressure in the straight. When questioned regarding the mare settling further back today App. J. Van Overmeire stated that he was instructed to have the horse ridden just in behind the speed. He added that after his mount began well and when runners commenced to improve to his inside, he elected to restrain in an endeavour to find cover as he thought he would be caught racing wide without cover. He added that after restraining his mount passing the 1300m he was able to obtain cover at the rear of the field and ultimately settled further back than intended.

Island Missile – passing the 200m when struck with the whip on the offside, and again near the 50m, shifted out abruptly resulting in its rider having to stop and straighten his mount.

Gaytime Girl – raced wide throughout without cover. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Luvaluva – had to be steadied near the 900m when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Addicted*. When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider J. Penza stated that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages and as the pace was slow he elected to commence improving his position sooner than he had hoped, however, on straightening his mount was under pressure and, despite his urgings, failed to run on and was disappointing. He added that in his opinion the filly did not handle today's firm track surface and may appreciate surfaces with more give. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 5: Markey Saddlery 4YO and Up Maiden Plate 1400m:

Rationale – began awkwardly and shortly after was crowded by *Timeless Melody*, which was taken in by *Look First* when it began awkwardly and shifted in. Overraced in the early and middle stages.

Samurai Sword – near the 1000m had to be restrained away from the heels of *High Tranquility*.

Timeless Melody – Rider B. El-Issa was spoken to regarding returning to scale 400 grams beneath his mount's allotted weight.

Trbojevic – hung out badly rounding the home turn.

High Tranquility – hung out rounding the home turn

Sail To Glory – raced wide throughout without cover.

RACE 6: Alert By Sea Benchmark 66 Handicap 1300m:

Court Victory – When questioned regarding her riding in the middle stages, App. R. Hunt stated that she was instructed to allow the gelding to settle and not restrain her mount. She added that after beginning well and crossing *Shock Alert* at the 1000m, **Court Victory** commenced to pull hard and, after attempting to restrain the gelding, she elected to let it stride forward in an endeavour to have it settle, however, her mount continued to pull hard despite her efforts and created a lengthy break on the remainder of the field.

Figtree – slow to begin. Raced wide throughout without cover.

Fly Till Dawn – on jumping made contact with its nearside gate and lost ground.

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

Midnight Ride – after being disappointed for a run between *Figtree* and *Elle A Walking* shortly after straightening, was then held up and had to shift to the outside of the heels of *Figtree* approaching the 200m to improve into clear running. In the incident *Blue Seal* was hampered and carried wider on the track.

Blue Seal – slow to begin.

RACE 7: Chris Waller Maiden Handicap 1600m:

Chayanne – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the mare, rider J. Adams stated that his mount, which had blinkers on for the first time today, pulled very hard throughout the early and middle stages and, despite efforts to restrain his mount in an endeavour to have it settle, **Chayanne** continued to pull hard. He added that his mount was under significant pressure prior to the home turn and weakened noticeably over the final 150 metres. J. Adams stated that he had advised connections to remove the blinkers to try to have the mare settle in its races. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Chayanne** to be displaying a poor recovery rate.

Deladies Boy – slow to begin.

Jewel Of Honour – slow to begin (3L). A post-race veterinary examination of the mare, which was beaten 26 lengths, did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr W. Slinkard advised that the mare will now be spelled. Notwithstanding this, Mr Slinkard was advised that the mare must barrier trial before racing again.

RACE 8: Gwenda Markwell Benchmark 65 Handicap 1600m:

Bolord – slow to begin.

Orcym Sam – overraced in the early stages.

Oh So Unfair – slow to begin. Passing the 900m was inconvenienced by the riderless *Calm And Serene*, which shifted in. Rounding the home turn was carried wider on the track by the riderless *Calm And Serene*.

Calm And Serene – change of tactics – to be ridden further forward. As the start was effected, **Calm And Serene** reared resulting in App. J. Van Overmeire contacting his head on the barrier stall superstructure, contributing to him becoming very unbalanced and a short distance later being dislodged. App. Van Overmeire was treated by the Club's ambulance officers and was transferred to Wollongong Hospital complaining of neck pain. Trainer Ms N. Jarvis was advised that a warning would be recorded against the mare's barrier manners.

Lani Girl – shifted out under pressure in the straight.

Multimedia – rounding the home turn was steadied when disappointed for a run between *Lani Girl* and *Poldark*, which hung out. Approaching the 200m was steadied when disappointed for a run between *Poldark* and *Bella Galeano*, which was taken inward by the riderless **Calm And Serene**. As a result, **Multimedia** had to shift back to the inside of *Poldark* to improve into clear running.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Smooth Tycoon, Anna's Joy

Race 2: Longmu

Race 7: Char Char, Eight Over, Chayanne, Deladies Boy

Race 8: Orcym Sam, Too Chic

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.

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| Race 1 | App. N. Burrells on Bare Foot Babe (7 strikes) |
| Race 2 | R. Brewer on Fabricator (7 strikes) A. Layt on Longmu (7 strikes) J. Penza on Masterati (6 strikes) |
| Race 3 | B. Spriggs on Dante Rossetti (6 strikes) |
| Race 4 | W. Costin on Dashley Dubh (7 strikes) |
| Race 6 | J. Taylor on Elle A Walking (7 strikes) App. J. Van Overmeire on Shock Alert (8 strikes) |
| Race 7 | A. Layt on Deladies Boy (6 strikes) R. Hunt on Madam Juror (7 strikes) |
| Race 8 | J. Adams on Lani Girl (8 strikes) |

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | Nil. |
| Reprimands: | Nil. |
| Suspensions: | Nil. |
| Bleeders: | Nil. |
| Warnings: | Race 2: Serket (Trainer Mr G. Hickman) – competitiveness. Race 8: Calm And Serene (Trainer Ms N. Jarvis) – fractious in barriers. |
| Trials: | Race 7: Jewel Of Honour (Trainer Mr W. Slinkard) – poor performance. |
| Certificates: | Nil. |
| Falls/Injuries: | Race 8: App. J. Van Overmeire (Calm And Serene) – neck pain. |
| Follow-up: | Nil. |
| Change of Colours: | Race 3: Boomtown Rat – white cap. Race 4: Island Missile – white cap. Race 5: Sail To Glory – club white, blue and white quartered cap. Race 6: Blue Seal – white cap. Race 8: Bolord - yellow cap |