

**STEWARDS REPORT**  
**Illawarra Turf Club**  
**KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE**  
**Thursday 19 October 2017**

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (3)  
Rail: +7m

**STEWARDS:** T. J. Vassallo (Chairman), D. M. Greer, T. A. McDonald and Cadets T. D. North and M. W. Purse

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**RIDING CHANGES:**

As C. Brown was indisposed due to injury, Stewards permitted the following rider replacements:

<b>Race 4</b>	G. Buckley on <b>Ikaba</b>
<b>Race 7</b>	R. Kozaki on <b>Stryke Rock</b>
<b>Race 8</b>	G. Buckley on <b>Union Dues</b>

**RACE 1: Tasman Sea 3YO Maiden Handicap 1400m:**

**Korma** – passing the 100m shifted in under pressure and made contact with the hindquarters of *All Too Soon* resulting in both horses becoming unbalanced. As a consequence, B. Avdulla, the rider of **Korma**, had to steady and shift out in an endeavour to straighten his mount. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have sustained a significant corneal abrasion to the left eye. Stable representative Mr D. Beadman was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Korma** racing again.

**Bulwark** – after being slightly slow to begin, was hampered and carried in when bumped by *Fortune's Path*. A post-race veterinary examination of the colt, which was beaten in excess of 70 lengths, failed to reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr R. King was advised that the colt will be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

**All Too Soon** – was steadied when crowded on jumping between *Korma* and *Sweet Victory*, which began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

**Red Zephyr** – When questioned, rider T. Clark stated that as documented in the Stewards report at Wyong on 12 October 2017, the instructions were to have the horse ridden forward, however, the colt did not show any speed and, as a result, settled towards the rear of the field. He added that today his instructions were to have the horse ridden in a forward position and, after beginning well, he was able to establish a comfortable lead throughout. He attributed this to the horse stepping up to 1400m, being suited by a bigger track and the lack of tempo in the race.

**Sweet Victory** – When questioned, rider G. Schofield stated that he had been instructed to lead or to take a position behind the leaders, depending on how the horse began. He

added that on jumping his mount began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly, and as a result settled a little further back than intended. He said that, given the good early tempo of the race, his mount only travelled fairly throughout. He stated that when the leader *Red Zephyr* commenced to quicken the tempo from the 600m, his mount became under pressure and did not immediately quicken. He said that his mount laid out under pressure in the straight and it was not until *All Too Soon* improved to his outside passing the 100m that his mount responded and found the line well.

**RACE 2: Mullet Creek Mile Class 1 Handicap 1600m:**

**Hail The Hero** – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider T. Clark stated that his mount never travelled at any stage of the race and, after securing clear running to the inside of *Fantastic Man* shortly after straightening, his mount did not respond to his riding and weakened over the final 200 metres. He added that in his opinion the gelding, which was stepping up to 1600 metres for the first time today, may not have run out the journey and did not appreciate today's firm track surface. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**Chief Kidder** – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. When caught wide in the early stages the gelding was allowed to stride forward and assume a position outside the lead approaching the 1300m.

**Badge Of Gameness** – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**Royal Stamp** – slow to begin.

**Cowboy Hour** – slow to begin. Passing the 400m was disappointed for a run to the inside of *Hail The Hero* and had to be shifted to the outside of that runner's heels to improve into clear running.

**RACE 3: Duck Creek Dash Maiden Plate 1000m:**

**Dream I Can** – For some distance approaching the 500m was steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *El Vee Are*. Near the 200m, when racing greenly, shifted out abruptly resulting in its rider having to stop and straighten his mount before pulling the whip through into his left hand in an endeavour to maintain a straight path. Passing the 50m was awkwardly placed on the heels of *I Am Lexus* (B. Shinn), which shifted out when not clear. B. Shinn was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

**El Vee Are** – for some distance passing the 150m had to be steadied away from the heels of *I Am Lexus*, which hung out despite the efforts of its rider B. Shinn. While Stewards were satisfied that B. Shinn had endeavoured to prevent his mount from shifting out, he was nevertheless advised to exercise more care in future.

**Boyer** – became fractious when being saddled in the tie-up stalls, before rearing over backwards. The gelding was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and ruled unfit to start. As such, **Boyer** was declared a late withdrawal at 2.10 p.m. acting on veterinary advice. Stewards subsequently ordered that all moneys placed on **Boyer** be refunded in full and, with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers made prior to 2.10 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1<sup>st</sup> **Boyish** less 4 cents win, 6 cents place;

2<sup>nd</sup> **I Am Lexus** less 5 cents place;

Trainer Mr B. Widdup was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing again.

**Hostwin Zephyr** – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**I Am Lexus** – crowded on jumping between *El Vee Are* and *Hostwin Zephyr*, both of which shifted ground. Hung out badly in the straight and proved very difficult to ride out. Trainer Mr P. Robl was advised that an official warning would be placed on the gelding's record.

**RACE 4: Five Islands Class 1 Handicap 1200m:**

**Identic** – Trainer Mr G. Frazer was fined \$100 under AR140B for the late removal of ear muffs from the mare's approved gear.

**Catmosphere** – raced keenly in the early stages.

**Hostwin Shadow** – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**Marishka** – Change of tactics – attempt to have the horse ridden with cover: settled midfield with cover.

**Ikaba** – Change of tactics – to be ridden quieter: settled worse than midfield. After being slightly slow to begin was crowded and taken inwards by *Catmosphere*, which began awkwardly and shifted in.

**Treasured Art** – slow to begin.

**RACE 5: Illawarra Mercury Class 2 Handicap 1200m:**

**On The Spot** – slow to begin.

**Voilier** – Change of tactics – to be ridden quieter: settled back. Near the 300m was steadied when disappointed for a run between *Spring Creek Star* and *Hostwin Meraki*, both of which shifted ground. As a result, **Voilier** had to shift back to the inside of *Spring Creek Star* to improve into clear running.

**Aanvoerder** – When questioned regarding the mare racing further forward today, App. J. Van Overmeire stated that he was issued with no specific instructions. He further stated that, after his mount began particularly well today, rather than restrain the mare to find cover, he allowed it to stride forward and settle on the pace. App. J. Van Overmeire was reminded of his obligation, where possible, to ride his mount out to the line at least hands and heels.

**Go Daddy Go** – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**Hostwin Meraki** – Change of tactics – to be ridden back from its wide draw: settled back. Trainer Mr G. Moore was advised of his obligations under AR135A that any change of tactics must be notified at least 30 minutes prior to the race.

**Spring Creek Star** – raced wide throughout without cover.

**Sophie's Image** – began awkwardly.

**RACE 6: Bellambi Lagoon Maiden Plate 1300m:**

**Matron Wilson** – near the 1100m was awkwardly placed inside the heels of *Netherlands* (T. Angland), which shifted in when not quite clear. T. Angland was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

**So You Win** – began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Matron Wilson*, which became unbalanced.

**Didn't Mention It** – slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages and, approaching the 1000m, raced up onto the heels of *So You Win* and was steadied. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**Velocita** – raced greenly under pressure in the straight.

**Well Versed** – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**RACE 7: Towradgi Park Maiden Handicap 1500m:**

**Gresham** – When questioned, rider B. Avdulla stated that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages and, passing the 600m, he elected to shift out off the back of *Stryke Rock* to improve into the race, however, shortly after straightening his mount failed to respond to his urgings and was only one-paced in the run to the line. He added that he had recommended to connections that the horse be dropped back in distance to 1400m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**Resonare** – on jumping, made contact with its offside gate and became unbalanced. Shortly after, had to be eased away from the heels of *Selinora* after shifting in away from *Gresham*.

**Sophilo** – Rider T. Clark reported that, near the 1200m, his mount became severely unbalanced and lost ground. He said that the filly travelled well thereafter and when he did not have any concerns with its action he continued to ride his mount along and placed it under pressure rounding the home turn, however, it failed to respond to his urgings in the straight whereby it was inclined to lay out before weakening over the final 150 metres. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**RACE 8: O'Briens Gap Benchmark 60 Handicap 2000m:**

**Huang Yaoshi** – for some distance passing the 200m was inclined to lay out under pressure.

**Happy Partner** – slow to begin.

**Union Dues** – The start was delayed when the filly cast its near fore plate after arriving at the barriers, necessitating all horses being removed from the barriers while it was replated. When questioned, rider G. Buckley stated after being slow to begin he was able to work forward without unduly pressuring his mount and settle outside the leader *Audacious Choice*. He said that, with the horse stepping up to 2000m and with blinkers being applied for the first time today, it was the stable's intention to be more forward. He added that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, however, weakened over the final 200 metres. He further added that in his opinion the filly failed to run out today's journey of 2000 metres. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**GENERAL:**

Six male riders provided samples to be sent to the ARFL for testing for banned substances under AR81B.

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

Race 1: Sweet Victory

Race 3: I Am Lexus

Race 4: Vinnie Power

Race 6: Sekiyama

Race 7: Destiny's Hero, Devil's Lair, Resonare, Cuban Royale, Stryke Rock

Race 8: I'm Bulletproof

**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.

<b>Race 1</b>	T. Angland ( <b>All Too Soon</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 2</b>	W. Costin ( <b>Royal Stamp</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 4</b>	J. Collett ( <b>Neretva</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 5</b>	J. Collett ( <b>Go Daddy Go</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 6</b>	T. Angland ( <b>Netherlands</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 7</b>	W. Costin ( <b>Selinora</b> )	6 strikes

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 4:</b> Trainer Mr G. Frazer ( <b>Identic</b> ) was fined \$100 for late gear change (AR140B).
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 3: I Am Lexus</b> (Trainer Mr P. Robl) – hung out badly in the straight.
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 1: Bulwark</b> (Trainer Mr J. Thompson) – uncompetitive.
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 1: Korma</b> (Trainer Mr J. Cummings) – veterinary clearance. <b>Race 3: Boyer</b> (Trainer Mr B. Widdup) – veterinary clearance.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow-up:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 7: Resonare</b> – club yellow.