

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Taree- Wingham Race Club TAREE RACECOURSE

Friday 20 October 2017

Weather: Showers

Track: Good (3) downgraded to Good (4) at 3.00pm, Soft (5) at 4.45pm.

Rail: 3m entire.

**STEWARDS:** D. R. Smith (Chairman), D. Carr, D. Greer, J. Dunn

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#### **Supplementary Report: Port Macquarie 6 October 2017-**

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR 137A(5)(a)(ii):

<b>Race 2:</b>	M. Paget on <b>Desert Rush</b>	7 strikes
<b>Race 2:</b>	R. King (a) on <b>Hermosa Reward</b>	7 strikes
<b>Race 5:</b>	C. Graham (a) on <b>Sepae</b>	7 Strikes
<b>Race 5:</b>	A. Adkins (a) on <b>Paco Express</b>	6 Strikes
<b>Race 6:</b>	S. Traeacey on <b>Bonne Cheval</b>	6 Strikes
<b>Race 8:</b>	C. Graham (a) on <b>Explosive Scene</b>	6 Strikes
<b>Race 8:</b>	M. Paget on <b>Dalmatia Prince</b>	6 Strikes

Bearing in mind the totality of whip use no further action was taken.

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#### **RACE 1: Maiden Handicap 1411m:**

**Penny Fling-** Slow to begin.

**Athena's Voice-** Slow to begin.

**Natural Predator-** Overraced during the early stages.

**Shadow of Dreams-** Overraced during the early stages and passing the 1000m was checked from heels.

**Saint Denis-** Overraced during the early and middles stages.

**Eyota-** Held up for clear running rounding the home turn. Passing the 250m was steadied when disappointed for a run between The Iceman and Hermosa Reward, both of which shifted ground slightly, and had to be directed out to obtain clear running.

**Hermosa Reward-** When questioned regarding the filly settling forward, J. Adams stated he was under no specific instructions other than to make the filly begin, as at its first two starts it had been slow to begin and settled back in the field. J. Adams added after beginning well, and being obliged to race wide during the early stages he elected to ride forward and

assume the position outside the lead. Trainer Mr K. Lees confirmed the instructions. J. Adams explanation was accepted by stewards.

**RACE 2: Maiden Plate 1257m:**

**Shake Her Bon Bon-** Late scratching at 2.15pm acting on veterinary advice after the mare kicked out in the barriers and sustained a laceration to the near hind pastern. Subsequently stewards ordered all monies invested on the mare be refunded, and all successful bets with bookmakers made prior to 2.15pm be paid less the following deductions-

1<sup>st</sup>) **Nais Ko-** 10c win and 4c place.

2<sup>nd</sup>) **Rispetta-** 13c place.

3<sup>rd</sup>) **Royal Duke-** 16c place.

Trainer Mr B. Ratcliff was advised prior to racing again the mare would require a veterinary clearance.

**Rispetta-** Began awkwardly and shortly after the start was crowded losing ground.

**Another Problem-** Trainer Mr R. Stitt was advised the gelding would be required to compete satisfactorily in an official trial before racing again after it weakened badly from the 600m and was beaten 34 lengths.

**RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1007m:**

**Stanza-** Slow to begin.

**One Invincible Cat-** Slightly slow to begin and shortly after was crowded losing ground. On straightening was eased after improving onto heels, and had to be directed in to obtain clear running.

**Fine Behind-** Began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

**Oakfield Twilight-** Hung out rounding the home turn. Post race veterinary examination of the gelding which weakened over the final 300m found it was displaying a poor recovery.

Following this event the track was downgraded to a Good (4) to retrospectively include this race.

**RACE 4: Open Handicap 1257m:**

**Forever Alone-** Slow to begin.

**Jemily-** Began awkwardly.

**Cash Spinner-** Passing the 1000m was eased to avoid the heels of Dixie Lad, which shifted in away from Lippy And Pearls, despite the efforts of its rider. Post race veterinary examination of the mare which weakened badly over the final 300m did not detect any abnormalities. Trainer Mr J. Shelton could offer no explanation for the disappointing performance, other than the mare which was resuming from a let up would derive some fitness benefit. Mr Shelton undertook to take blood samples from the mare in coming days and advise stewards the results.

**Sprite Zah-** Raced wide without cover throughout.

**RACE 5: Class 3 Handicap 1614m:**

**Bochy-** Approaching the 1400m was steadied after improving onto the heels of Maestro Tom. Overraced during the middle stages and for some distance passing the 1000m was checked from the heels of Big on Fame. Passing the 400m was steadied when attempting to improve inside Maestro Tom where there was not quite sufficient room. Held up for clear

running in the early part of the straight. L. Day (a) was advised her riding and positioning close to heels throughout the event was of concern to stewards and this ride would be referred to the apprentice riders panel.

**Maestro Tom-** Shortly after the start was steadied from the heels of Labrooke.

**RACE 6: Class 2 Plate 1257m:**

**Sepae-** Overraced during the early stages.

**On My Terms-** K. Matheson dropped his whip passing the 200m.

**Gold Skye-** When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, G. Buckley stated the gelding failed to travel at any stage of the race, and in his opinion may have come to the end of its preparation. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not detect any abnormalities. Trainer Mr B. Milligan agreed with the comments of G. Buckley, and added in his opinion the gelding may also not appreciate the soft track conditions. Mr Milligan advised stewards the gelding would now be spelled.

Following this event the track was downgraded to a Soft (5) to retrospectively include this race.

**RACE 7: Open Handicap 1614m:**

**Miss Tickles-** Trainer Mr J. Bannister was fined \$100 for failing to declare A. Threadwell as the rider of the mare by the prescribed time (LR 35 (2)).

**Celtic Tiger-** Trainer Mr D. Jackson was fined \$100 for failing to declare R. Murray as the rider of the gelding by the prescribed time (LR 35 (2)).

**Chalcedony-** Slow to begin.

**Husswick-** Passing the 400m blundered and became unbalanced.

**RACE 8: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1007m:**

**Rather Sweet-** Trainer Mr J. Thomsen was fined \$100 for the late gear change of removing the blinkers from mare's approved gear (AR 140B).

**Lunar de Hero-** Slow to begin.

**Zroya-** Slow to begin. Hung out rounding the home turn proving difficult to ride and passing the 500m was steadied from the heels of Akamin.

**Pel-** Began awkwardly and shifted in.

**Star Bolt-** Bumped on jumping.

**Akamin-** Passing the 200m shifted out to obtain clear running and bumped Bite the Media.

**Bite the Media-** Bumped and carried out passing the 200m.

**Excelamour-** When questioned regarding the performance, A. Bullock stated he was instructed to ride the filly back in the field, and attempt to improve down the outside as in the stables opinion the going on the inside was inferior. A. Bullock added after beginning well, he eased his mount during the early stages and was able to find a favourable trailing position midfield with cover. A. Bullock added passing the 500m he commenced to improve into the race, and when placed under full pressure in the straight the filly ran to the line fairly. A.

Bullock added in his opinion the filly which was having its first start against older horses would be better suited over an increased distance, and in its own age group. A post race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities. Trainer Mr K. Lees advised stewards the filly had pleased the stable leading into the race, and the reason the filly was scratched from Cessnock on 13 October 2017 was due to a wide barrier. Mr Lees agreed with the comments of A. Bullock, and confirmed it would be the intention to step the filly up in distance at its next start.

**General:**

Swab samples were taken from **all** winners and the following runners- **Saint Denis, Maestro Tom, Big on Fame, Bochy, We're Smokin, Capital Magic** and **Big Don**.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 7-</b> D. Jackson- \$100 LR 35 (2)- Late rider. <b>Race 7-</b> J. Bannister- \$100 LR 35 (2)- Late rider. <b>Race 8-</b> J. Thomsen- \$100 AR 140B- Late gear change.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	
<b>Suspensions:</b>	
<b>Warnings:</b>	
<b>Bleeders:</b>	
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 2- Another Problem-</b> Uncompetitive.
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 2- Shake Her Bon Bon-</b> Lacerations near hind pastern.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	
<b>Tactic Changes:</b>	<b>Race 4- Sprite Zah-</b> To be ridden more forward- Settled off pace. <b>Race 7- Mosgiel Ruby-</b> To be ridden more forward- Led.