

STEWARDS' REPORT**Hawkesbury Race Club
CLARENDON RACECOURSE****Thursday, 21 September 2017**

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: +3m 1000m to 800m; +5m 800m to WP; true remainder
Penetrometer: 4.76

STEWARDS: R W Livingstone (Chairman), T J Vassallo, J J E Earl and cadet R T Debels

RACE 1: Angels Florest/Richmond Residential 3YO Maiden Handicap 1000m
Golden Tresor – slow to begin (2L).

Darhad – shifted out slightly on jumping and bumped *Xaarfoxylady*.

RACE 2: Griffin Air Conditioning Maiden Plate 1100m

Cavellton – which was fractious in the barriers, was then slow to begin and hampered shortly after when *Miss Breffni* shifted out slightly.

Citizen's Arrest – slow to begin. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Ready For Love – slow to begin. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Victoria Dawn - from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Near the 200m was shifted back to the inside of *Miss Breffni* to continue into clear running. **Victoria Dawn** then laid in thereafter.

Argemone – raced greenly in the straight.

Miss Breffni – when questioned regarding his riding of the mare and in particular as to the reason why he shifted wider on straightening from his position on the rails, App. J Van Overmeire advised that, as he was of the view, bearing in mind the irrigation that had been placed on the track leading up to today's race meeting, that the inside section of track may be inferior, and for these reasons he elected to shift wider on straightening in order to find what he viewed to be superior ground. App. Van Overmeire agreed with Stewards that in hindsight, bearing in mind the first winner came along the fence, he may have overdone his tactics in the early part of the straight by moving off the rail.

RACE 3: Ontrack Engineering Class 2 Handicap 1600m

Bayamo – shortly after the start was bumped by *Curata Princess*, which laid in despite the efforts of its rider.

Curata Princess – despite being ridden along in the early stages, failed to muster speed.

RACE 4: The Bachmayer Orthodontic Clinic Class 2 Handicap 1000m

Knotted – slow to begin.

Tickling – made contact with *Connoisseur* at the start. Raced wide without cover throughout. Hung in in the straight.

Back To My Bay – shortly after the start was steadied when crowded for room between *Treviso* and *All Stand*, which laid out despite the efforts of its rider.

All Stand – hung out noticeably in the straight and near the 300m hampered *Knotted*. On several occasions in the straight B Shinn was obliged to stop riding and straighten his mount. Rider B Shinn advised the gelding, which was resuming from a spell, raced too keenly in the lead and hung out throughout. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the horse to be displaying a poor recovery rate. Trainer Mr T Howlett was advised a warning would be placed on **All Stand** for its racing manners.

RACE 5: Richmond Club IProvincial & Country Maiden Handicap 1100m

Supreme Escape – as A Robinson was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted C Brown to be substituted as the rider of the filly.

Supreme Gigi – the mare, which was fractious prior to being loaded onto the float to be transported on course and struck its head, sustaining a superficial laceration to the poll, was a late withdrawal at 2.25pm. Acting on veterinary advice that no further veterinary clearance would be required, no action was taken.

Savaneta – as the start was effected reared and lost ground, resulting in its rider becoming unbalanced. App. N Burrells was cautioned against the practice of applying the whip to her mount when it is out of contention.

Drusilla -slow to begin (2L). App. C Ings was cautioned against the practice of applying the whip to her mount when it is out of contention.

Tickets Up – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Raced wide without cover throughout.

Oxford Bella – near the 700m was briefly tightened by *Bubbles De Beer*, which shifted in before being corrected by its rider.

Calaway Dancer – raced wide without cover throughout.

Bubbles De Beer – near the 200m shifted out and carried *Supreme Escape* wider.

Caper – rider J Ford advised that the filly, which was racing with blinkers today, began particularly well and he was able to take up a prominent position, however was disappointing in that it failed to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be displaying a poor post-race recovery.

RACE 6: T&L Fowler Concreting Benchmark 69 Handicap 1300m

Helensburgh Ham – raced wide throughout without cover.

Dalmatia Prince – making the first turn near the 900m, when inclined to overrace had to be steadied away from the heels of *Grand Finalist*, (B Shinn) which shifted out slightly. B Shinn was advised to exercise more care. Near the 700m, when continuing to overrace, had to be steadied away from the heels of *Lady Veronique*.

On The Spot – when questioned regarding the gelding racing further forward today, rider T. Angland stated that after beginning well, when it became apparent he was going to be caught wide, he elected to ride his mount to forward and assume a prominent position outside the leader *Court Victory*.

Grand Finalist – when questioned, rider B Shinn stated that he was instructed to be positive on the gelding today. He added that after beginning well and when *Court Victory*, which was positioned to his outside, showed intent to lead, he elected to allow that runner to improve and cross him near the 1100m as he felt he would have had to make too much use of his mount as he thought the race was being run at a genuine tempo. He further added that his mount travelled well thereafter and after obtaining clear running shortly after straightening his mount ran to the line only fairly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the off fore-leg. Stable Representative Mr N Paine was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing again Whilst stewards were satisfied that his finishing position was not affected rider B. Shinn (placed 5th) was reminded of his obligations to ride his mounts out to the end of the race where possible.

Tirone Miss – slow to begin.

Fierin – when questioned App B Ryan advised that under pressure in the straight *Fierin* commenced to tire noticeably and shifted its ground. As he felt there may be something amiss with the horse he eased it down thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare, did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable Representative of Mr D Wilson was advised that the mare would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again

Lady Veronique – on straightening was buffeted when bumped by *Grand Finalist* (B. Shinn), which shifted out when endeavouring to improve B Shinn was cautioned and advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances. In the incident *Helensburgh Ham* was hampered.

El Dorado Mine – slow away and was then crowded shortly after between *Tirone Miss* and *On The Spot*, which was taken out by *Dalmatia Prince*. Had difficulty obtaining completely clear running in the early part of the straight.

RACE 7: Bedrock Quarry Maiden Plate 1800m

Roving Eye – slow to begin.

Royalty Rising – slow to begin.

Shadow Flight – shifted back to inside of the heels of *Roving Eye* shortly after straightening to improve.

Momentum To Win – overraced in the early and middle stages.

Underground – raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 8: EHI Australia Benchmark 60 Handicap 2100m

Megalopolis – Had difficulty obtaining completely clear running in the early part of the straight.

Laugharne – Raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages.

More Than Aholiday – slow to begin (2L). Raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages.

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

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| Race 3 | B Avdulla (Savapinski) M Bell (Kelvinside) | 6 strikes prior to the 100m. 7 strikes prior to the 100m. |
| Race 5 | C Brown (Supreme Escape) | 7 strikes prior to the 100m. |
| Race 6 | App. N Burrells (Savaneta) | 8 strikes prior to the 100m. |
| Race 7 | K Latham (Momentum To Win) | 7 strikes prior to the 100m. |

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

Race 2: Citizen's Arrest.

Race 4: All Stand.

Race 5: Tickets Up, Drusilla, Pleasantries (2).

Race 6: Grand Finalist.

Race 7: Itasca, Timeless Melody, Yamagee, History Repeats.

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | Nil. |
| Reprimands: | Nil. |
| Suspensions: | Nil. |
| Bleeders: | Nil. |
| Warnings: | Race 4: All Stand (trainer T Howlett) – racing manners. |
| Trials: | Race 6: Feirin (A & E Cummings) – Eased down in the straight. |
| Certificates: | Race 6: Grand Finalist (G. Waterhouse/A. Bott) – Lamé off fore-leg. |
| Fall/Injuries: | Nil. |
| Tactics Notified: | Race 4: Connoisseur – to be ridden with cover just behind the leaders if possible; settled back. |
| Change of Colours: | Race 7. History Repeats – Green cap. |
| Change of Gear | Nil. |
| Follow up: | Nil. |