

STEWARDS' REPORT
Gosford Race Club

GOSFORD RACECOURSE
Thursday 1 November 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +3m

STEWARDS: T P Moxon (Chairman), D M Greer, D L Carr and cadets T J Lee

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RACE 1: W N Bull Funerals Metro & Provincial Maiden Plate 1100m

Our Dawn – slow to begin. Laid in under pressure in the early part of the straight and for some distance approaching and passing the 100m was hampered when *War Deck* shifted out under pressure. Rider J Collett reported that his saddle shifted back in the early stages, placing him at a disadvantage in being able to fully test his mount in the straight.

Follow The Money – hampered on jumping by *Vedder*, which shifted out.

RACE 2: Paynter Dixon Maiden Plate 1600m

Miss Bowjangles – slow to begin. Approaching the 600m had to be steadied when disappointed for a run between *Aeecee Delighted* and *Onomore Prince*, which shifted in marginally.

Sail To Glory – crowded on jumping between *Aeecee Delighted* and *Onomore Prince*, both of which shifted ground. Laid in under pressure over the final 150m.

Onomore Prince – began awkwardly.

Candy Girl – when the pace slackened in the middle stages was steadied off the heels of *Onomore Prince* and shifted out as a result. Then when racing in a position three wide without cover **Candy Girl** was allowed to stride forward and obtain the lead near the 700m.

Malfoy – when the pace slackened in the middle stages was allowed to stride forward by its rider approaching the 800m and ultimately obtained a position outside the leader *Candy Girl* approaching the 650m.

RACE 3: Makinson D'Apice Lawyers Class 2 Handicap 1900m

Paris Sizzler – began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider T England stated that the only explanation he could offer was that the gelding raced wide and without cover throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Our Tax Return – began awkwardly. Raced keenly throughout the early stages. Lost its near-fore plate in running.

Bellabrook – hampered on jumping by *True Success*, which shifted out. Passing the 600m had to be eased when crowded between *Paris Sizzler* and *Party Host* (A Gibbons), which shifted out to improve. A Gibbons was advised to exercise more care to ensure he leaves runners sufficient racing room.

Party Host – got its head up and raced ungenerously throughout the middle stages.

Home Win – laid out making the turn and in the early part of the straight.

Chief Kidder – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 4: Pitcher Partners Benchmark 64 Handicap 1000m

Shalama – began awkwardly and then shortly after the start was hampered by *Uncle Sam*, which shifted in. App. A Skerritt was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(i) in that she used the whip on three consecutive occasions prior to the 100m.

Uncle Sam – began awkwardly.

Chalk – on straightening was held up behind *Alliterate* and did not obtain clear running until the 100m, whereby the gelding was shifted to the outside of *Taniko*.

RACE 5: B-Mac Constructions Colts – Geldings – Entires Class 1 Handicap 1200m

Apache Dude – acting on veterinary advice was a late withdrawal at 3pm when it was found to be lame in the near-hind leg. Trainer Mr R Nilsson was told to furnish a veterinary cert prior to the gelding racing again.

Mandalong Emperor – began awkwardly and lost ground. After being crossed by *Rare Episode* approaching the 900m, commenced to race keenly and hung out. **Mandalong Emperor** then continued to hang out throughout the middle stages. The colt continued to hang out until entering the home straight.

The Patrician – began awkwardly and made contact with *Rare Episode*. After passing the 200m had to be severely checked and was carried wider due to *Monsieur Macron* shifting out abruptly. In this incident **The Patrician** lost significant ground and was unable to be tested between the 200m until approaching the 150m. When questioned regarding his riding over the final 100m, J Parr stated that due to the significant interference the gelding suffered inside the 200m he did not place his mount under pressure thereafter. J Parr was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out to the end of the race wherever possible.

Sugarland Express – approaching the 200m had to be steadied when crowded by *Monsieur Macron*, which shifted out abruptly.

Allez Rev – inside the 200m was obliged to alter course to the inside of *The Patrician* to continue into clear running.

Monsieur Macron – rider J Collett stated that his mount raced truly down the straight and making the home turn near the 600m. He said making the home turn his mount commenced to lay out and ips shifted out and away from *Mandalong Emperor*. He added approaching the 200m **Monsieur Macron** shifted out abruptly despite his efforts and as a result shifted considerable ground. J Collett further stated that he then did not place his mount under

pressure due to its racing manners over the final 100m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr M Connors advised that **Monsieur Macron** will now be spelled and he indicated the horse will be gelded. Mr Connor was told **Monsieur Macron** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to being permitted to race again.

Coterie – when questioned regarding the gelding racing forward today, rider B Avdulla stated that he was instructed to ride the gelding similarly as he was at Wyong on 11 October 2018 where it was ridden prominently. He said, after beginning well from the outside barrier, when *Rare Episode* improved forward to lead the event he allowed his mount to stride forward with that runner and ultimately settled in an on pace position. He added that at its last start, when caught wide due to the fast tempo of the race, he elected to restrain **Coterie** on that occasion and ultimately settled further back than he had intended.

RACE 6: Modular Building Services (MBS) Fillies – Mares Class 1 Handicap 1200m

Anelace – began only fairly.

Adele's Joy – began only fairly and then from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Power Command – from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Rider B Avdulla reported his mount raced keenly throughout the event.

Oxford Angel – rider T Angland explained his mount travelled well in a position on pace throughout the event, however, when placed under pressure did not respond to his riding and was one-paced in the run to the finish. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Katie Did It – rider J Collett explained that he was able to establish a position midfield with cover, however, despite this the filly was under pressure as far out as the 700m, where he was obliged to ride vigorously to hold his position trailing *Oxford Angel*. He said that the filly did not respond to his riding and was disappointing in its failure to finish off the race. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 7: Artel Constructions Pty Ltd Maiden Handicap 1000m

Mandalong Sera – slow to begin.

Safaris – slow to begin and then was hampered by the right hand front gate of its front barrier, which rebounded shortly after the start. Hung out rounding the home turn. Continued to hang out over the final 200m.

Hasty Heart – slow to begin and then from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Hung out rounding the home turn. When questioned regarding his riding approaching the home turn, rider B Looker stated, after passing the 500m his mount commenced to hang out badly. He said that, whilst there was an opportunity for him to improve to trail *Safaris*, bearing in mind the manner in which his mount had raced a short distance earlier, he was reluctant to ride the mare along and as a result he balanced **Hasty Heart** up until entering the home straight, where he then placed the mare under pressure. He added that **Hasty Heart** then closed the race off satisfactorily.

Rose Of Savannah – slow to begin.

Lolliepop – making the home turn was hampered and taken wider by *Hardachak*, which made the home turn awkwardly and shifted out.

Hardachak – raced wide and without cover throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Invinciano – rider B Avdulla reported that his intention was to improve to the inside of *Lolliepop* rounding the home turn, however, his mount commenced to hang out and as a result was steadied to avoid the heels of that runner, obliging him to shift his mount to the outside to continue into clear running. He added that the filly then laid out over the final 200m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 8: Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Benchmark 64 Handicap 1600m

Reticent – began very awkwardly and refused to stretch out in the early stages and lost ground (8L). Stable representative Mr C Antonio was advised that **Reticent** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Boca Grande – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Prince High – near the 200m was shifted to the inside of *Clunes Rocket* to continue into clear running

Soir De Lune – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider J Collett stated that the gelding raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages and ultimately set a quicker tempo than he would have liked. He said **Soir De Lune** came under pressure from the 700m and weakened noticeably from this point. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Ms C Cunningham indicated that the gelding may benefit having the blinkers removed, along with being dropped back in distance. Stewards deemed the performance unacceptable and ruled that **Soir De Lune** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

My Friend Charlie – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider J Parr stated that when *Missybeel* and *Soir De Lune* showed superior speed and his mount was unable to lead, it did not travel and was under pressure to maintain its position from the 1300m. He said that he continued to ride his mount for some distance after the 1300m, however, **My Friend Charlie** did not respond to his efforts and lost ground on the leaders in the middle stages. He added that again when under pressure from the 700m **My Friend Charlie** failed to respond and as a result he desisted from riding the gelding out in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 30 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. The performance of **My Friend Charlie** was deemed unacceptable and trainer Ms D Lumsden was advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

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.

Race 1	G Schofield (<i>Lucky Louie</i>)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
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Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Lucky Louie.

Race 2: Onemore Prince, Malfoy (2), Candy Girl.

Race 3: Paris Sizzler, Party Host, True Success.

Race 5: Sugarland Express.

Race 6: Maid Marilyn.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Race 4: App. A Skerritt (<i>Shalama</i>) – use of the whip (AR137A(5)(a)(i)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 5: <i>Monsieur Macron</i> (trainer M Connors) – racing manners. Race 8: <i>Reticent</i> (N Hall-Antonio) – racing manners. <i>My Friend Charlie</i> (trainer D Lumsden) – racing manners.
Certificates:	Race 5: <i>Apache Dude</i> (trainer R Nilsson) – lame near-hind.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 2: <i>Aeecee Delighted</i> – yellow, green sashes, red armbands.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.