

**STEWARDS' REPORT**  
***Wine Country Race Club***  
***Cessnock Racecourse***  
***Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018***

**Stewards** - D Greer (Chairman), D Carr, J Earl and cadet C McIntosh

**Track** - Good (3) – upgraded to Firm (2) at 12.44pm, prior to the running of Race 1

**Rail** - True

**Supplementary Report-**

**Newcastle 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 - Race 8 Benchmark 71 Handicap 1400m**

**Marman** - Apprentice M Weir was fined \$300 (AR137A(5)(ii)) for using the whip on ten occasions prior to the 100m, five more than permitted. In assessing penalty, Stewards took into account that this was M Weir's first offence under this rule.

**Race 1- Class 1 Handicap 900m**

**D'Last Za** - R Thompson explained that he anticipated leading on the rail, however although his mount was able to take up a forward position he was unable to cross *Mon Petite Fille* in the early stages and was obliged to settle to the outside of that runner. He explained that his mount was under pressure making the home turn and weakened in the run to the finish. He added that in his opinion the gelding races best when able to travel comfortably in the lead on the rail. A post-race veterinary examination did reveal any abnormalities.

**Lilac Lane** - A Gibbons explained that his mount which was fractious in the barriers began only fairly and never travelled at any stages throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

### **Race 2- Class 2 Handicap 1570m**

**Exit Only** - late withdrawal at 2.46pm on veterinary advice after the gelding was found to be lame in the near hind leg after it kicked out behind after being loaded and got its near hind leg wedged between the back gates. When correct weight was declared it was ordered that all bets placed on **Exit Only** be refunded in full and all other bets placed on the race prior to 2.46pm be subject to the following deductions.

1<sup>st</sup> *Furore* – 3 cents win, 4 cents place

2<sup>nd</sup> *Zarsis* – 16 cents place

Trainer J Bowen was told that a warning would be placed on its racing record for being fractious in the barriers and that she would also be required to provide a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to the gelding's next race start.

**Zarsis** - raced keenly in the lead in the middle stages.

### **Race 3- Maiden Plate 1570m**

**Triple Choice** - slow to begin.

**Zizangga Zou** - raced wide without cover throughout the event. Near the 250m had to be steadied when crowded for room by *Glen Appin* (apprentice K Rayner) which shifted in despite K Rayner's efforts to straighten her mount. K Rayner in the presence of RacingNSW Apprentice Mentor P Webster, was advised that although the stewards accepted she had made an effort to prevent her mount from shifting ground, in future she would be expected to have better control of her mounts when she places them under pressure and when they show an inclination to shift ground she would be expected to react sooner than what was displayed on this occasion. In all the circumstances K Rayner was referred to the riding skills panel for remedial training under AR 92A. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

### **Race 4- F&M Benchmark 55 Handicap 1150m**

**Bells Creek** - late withdrawal at 2.00pm after the mare escaped its handler in the float parking area shortly after arriving on course. **Bells Creek** was unable to be captured for a considerable amount of time until being located a significant

distance off course by trainer S Wade. When **Bells Creek** arrived back on course it was treated by the club's veterinary officer for some minor abrasions.

**Dreaming Diamonds** - slow to begin.

**Little May** - hung in passing the 450m and had to be steadied.

**Unattainable** - overraced in the middle stages.

**Miss Kyeema** - change of tactics: to be ridden quietly from the wide barrier – settled midfield. Slow to begin. Overraced in the middle stages and raced wide without cover from the 900m.

### **Race 5- CG&E Benchmark 57 Handicap 1150m**

**Moonlight Spy** - slow to begin, then was shifted back in behind runners to obtain cover. Near the 950m had to be steadied when crowded by *Jackknife*, which hung in.

**The Free World** - hung in from the 600m and proved difficult to ride out when placed under pressure in the straight.

**Frogmarch** - hung in from the 600m and proved difficult to ride out in the straight.

**Jackknife** - R Murray explained that her mount was inclined to hang in throughout the event. She said that she was held up for a short distance making the home turn and over the final 50m when *Twelfth Raj* shifted out she was unable to ride her mount out to the finish. She added that in her opinion the gelding was not comfortable on the Firm (2) racing surface. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer J Bannister agreed with rider R Murray in that the gelding was unsuited by today's track conditions.

**Jack's Image** - rider B Spriggs explained that his mount commenced to hang out rounding the home turn and near the 300m he was forced to check his mount when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *The Free World*. He said that his mount was unable to quicken when placed under pressure over the final 250m and that in his opinion the gelding did not appreciate the Firm (2) racing surface. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Twelfth Raj** – a pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was resuming from a lengthy spell, passed it suitable to race. Near the 50m improved

onto the heels of *Son D' Amour* and had to be steadied and was then unable to be tested over the concluding stages.

**Time Stalker** - was a late withdrawal at 4.00pm when trainer B Partelle requested the withdrawal due to the upgrade of the track to a Firm (2).

### **Race 6 - Maiden Handicap 1350m**

**Ayeteem** - trainer D Lane was fined \$50 (LR35(2)) for failing to declare R Brewer as the rider by the prescribed time.

**Construction Girl** – change of tactics: to be ridden further forward – settled back. Began awkwardly, then made heavy contact with **Serket** resulting in its rider R Murray becoming unbalanced in the saddle and almost being dislodged. Hung out making the home turn.

**Kalisa's Secret** - slow to begin. Rounding the first turn was hampered and carried wider by *On Sunshine* and lost ground as a consequence.

**Cosmic Charge** - hung out making the home turn.

**On Sunshine** - trainer R Davies was fined \$50 (LR35(2)) for failing to declare apprentice M Weir as the rider by the prescribed time. Slow to begin. Pulled hard in the middle stages. For some distance approaching the 900m continued to pull hard and was severely checked away from the heels of *Remembering Sam*. **On Sunshine** then shifted out abruptly and lost ground. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer R Davies was told a warning would be placed on its racing record for its racing manners.

**Remembering Sam** - slow to begin. Overraced for some distance approaching the first turn and was steadied away from the heels of *Mad Pirate* near the 950m.

**Mad Pirate** - slow to begin.

**Zoffany's Lad** - overraced in the early and middle stages. Near the 200m shifted out abruptly after being struck with the whip. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer G Allard was told a warning would be placed on its racing record for its racing manners.

## **Race 7- Maiden Plate 1150m**

**Delago Express** - slow to begin.

**Emissions** - rider D Panya explained that her mount, which was inclined to hang in during the early stages, commenced to hang out from the 800m and made the home turn awkwardly.

**Denials** - had to be steadied when disappointed for a run at the 200m to the inside of *Tavisky*.

**Tavisky** - Hung out making the home turn.

**One Invincible Cat** - raced wide without cover throughout and hung out making the home turn.

**Sing Us A Song** - missed the start (2L).

**Westover** - overraced approaching the first turn.

**Lips 'N' Lashes** - was a late withdrawal at 5.43pm after it was unable to be loaded. When correct weight was declared it was ordered that all bets placed on **Lips 'N' Lashes** be refunded in full and all other bets placed on the race prior to 5.43pm be subject to the following deductions

1<sup>st</sup> *Smart Enough* – 11 cents win, 11 cents place

2<sup>nd</sup> *One Invincible Cat* – 5 cents place

3<sup>rd</sup> *Westover* – 19 cents place

Trainer B Cavanough was told that the mare must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

**Swabs** - swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

**Race 3** - *Platinum Spirit, Triple Choice, Maria Victoria*

**Race 6** - *Zoffany's Lad, Remembering Sam, Construction Girl*

## **SUMMARY**

<b>Fines</b>	<b>Race 6</b> - D Lane \$50 (LR35(2)) late declaration of rider <b>Race 6</b> - R Davies \$50 (LR35(2)) late declaration of rider
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	<b>Supplementary- Newcastle 3/2/18 - Race 8 M Weir \$300</b> (AR137A(5(ii)) whip use
<b>Reprimands</b>	Nil
<b>Suspensions</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates</b>	<b>Race 2 - Exit Only</b> - lame near hind
<b>Trials</b>	<b>Race 7- Lips 'N' Lashes</b> - refused to load
<b>Warnings</b>	<b>Race 2 - Exit Only</b> - barrier manners <b>Race 6 - On Sunshine</b> - racing manners <b>Race 6 - Zoffany's Lad</b> - racing manners
<b>Bleeders</b>	Nil
<b>Follow ups</b>	<b>Race 3 - K Rayner</b> (Riding Skills Panel)