

STEWARDS REPORT
Hawkesbury Race Club

CLARENDON RACECOURSE
Thursday 5 July 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (7); upgraded to Soft (6) at 3.30 p.m. following Race 6.
Rail: Out 3m 1300m-800m; out 5m 800m-400m; true remainder
Penetrometer: 5.25

STEWARDS: T. J. Vassallo (Chairman), D. M. Greer, T. P. Moxon and Cadet T. J. Lee

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Supplementary Report:

Canterbury Park – Wednesday 4 July 2018

Race 7: TAB Rewards Handicap 1900m:

Firebird Flyer – approaching and rounding the home turn, was contacted by *Seabay* (App. J. Van Overmeire) and carried wider, and near the 200m was again hampered when *Seababe* shifted out when not clear. App. Van Overmeire was advised to exercise more care on both occasions in similar circumstances.

Newcastle – Saturday 9 June 2018

Race 8: J R Mining Benchmark 64 Handicap 1400m:

Dante Rossetti - The Stewards continued their inquiry into the tactics adopted on the gelding by rider B. Spriggs in the abovementioned race. When questioned, B. Spriggs stated that his instructions were to obtain cover on the gelding, if possible, the same tactics which were notified to Stewards by Stable Representative Mr D. Meijer. As this was a change to how **Dante Rossetti** had been ridden at its most recent starts, where the gelding had led, a public announcement was made to this effect regarding a change of tactics. B. Spriggs stated that after beginning well he rode his mount along in the early stages and when it became apparent that no other runner was intent on leading he continually rode his mount for the first 50 metres of the race and ultimately led. B. Spriggs stated that he was unaware of the margin **Dante Rossetti** had established on the field, however, in his opinion, the gelding was setting an average tempo throughout the middle stages. He added that as **Dante Rossetti**, in his opinion, is one-paced he was reluctant to restrain his mount throughout the middle stages and felt that his best chances were to continue to maintain the tempo which the gelding was setting rather than restrain his mount. B. Spriggs added that when under pressure in the home straight the gelding, after initially responding to his riding, weakened noticeably over the final 150 metres. When questioned as to the reason he was vigorous on **Dante Rossetti** in the early stages when he had been instructed to obtain cover, B. Spriggs stated that he did not want to find a position with cover in a race with no tempo as **Dante Rossetti** would be disadvantaged by being held up and not being able to improve when he liked to, and for this reason he was positive on his mount in the early stages where he then anticipated that another runner would improve and provide **Dante Rossetti** with cover. When questioned regarding his riding in the middle

stages, when the tempo of the race was above average, B. Spriggs stated that, whilst the gelding had set a faster tempo than he would have liked, he was always making some effort to ease his mount throughout the relevant period, although he conceded that he may have been able to make more of an effort. Co-trainer Mr A. Bott confirmed the instructions that were issued to B. Spriggs and advised that the reasons for the change of tactics for the race were due to **Dante Rossetti** failing to finish its races off when leading in its most recent starts. Stewards advised B. Spriggs that, bearing in mind that his instructions were to obtain cover, he should not have ridden his mount as vigorously as he did in the early stages and that he should at all times ensure that he rides his mounts to comply with the instructions he has been issued where possible. Furthermore, B. Spriggs was advised that bearing in mind the above average tempo of the race through the middle stages, he should have made more of an effort to restrain his mount and afford the horse the best opportunity to finish its race off. A review of the wagering activity available to the Stewards did not yield any irregularities.

RACE 1: Blakes Marine Metro And Prov Maiden Handicap 1500m:

Bobbing – after being slow to begin, was hampered and carried inwards by *Stage Pass*. Approaching the 350m was steadied and shifted out after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Scratches*, which shifted out slightly. Trainer Mr B. Kelly was advised that an official warning would be recorded against the gelding's barrier manners after it proved difficult to load and then became fractious.

Trades Star – slow to begin.

Erudition – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the filly, rider C. Brown stated that he was asked to ride the horse conservatively from its wide draw today. He added that shortly after the start he took up a position at the rear of the field where he was able to settle behind *Scratches* with cover. He said that his mount travelled well thereafter, however, when the tempo commenced to quicken from the 600m, it was left flatfooted and as a result, near the 400m, the field was able to draw a margin on his mount. He added that, despite placing the filly under pressure in the straight, it failed to respond and weakened out of the race over the final 100 metres. He stated that, in his opinion, as the filly is one-paced, it would be better suited ridden prominently in its races. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. The Stewards will follow up with the stable on the progress of the filly and future race plans.

Scratches – began awkwardly. Raced wide and without cover until nearing the 1000m, where it was able to obtain a position with cover behind *I'm A Legend*.

RACE 2: Clarendon Tavern Maiden Plate 1100m:

Eaglehawk – when joining the course proper near the 800m had to be steadied from the heels of *Sugar Buzz* when that runner shifted out. **Eaglehawk** was held up approaching and rounding the home turn and, passing the 400m, when endeavouring to secure a clear run to the outside of *Miss Antares*, made contact with *Brown Thomas*. Near the 200m, commenced to hang in under pressure, and when racing tight with *Miss Antares*, that runner made contact with the hindquarter of **Eaglehawk**, which became unbalanced.

Magnifica – App. B. Griffiths, rider of 6th placegetter, was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out at least hands and heels to the end of the race wherever possible.

Communicating – When questioned, rider A. Adkins stated that after racing on the rail behind *Eaglehawk* when approaching the home turn, he elected to shift to the outside of that runner passing the 400m as he had been asked to position his mount away from the rail in the straight as connections were of the opinion from previous meetings that the surface when rated slow raced superior wider on the track. He added that soon after he commenced to place his mount under pressure and near the 200m, when endeavouring to pull his whip through to his right hand, his whip became entangled in the reins. He said that his mount then commenced to hang out under pressure and, although it ran wide on the track, **Communicating** finished its race off well.

Miss Breffni – slow to begin. Shortly after the start, when being taken in from its wide draw, had to be steadied from the heels of *Brown Thomas* when that runner shifted out and away from *Major Stress*.

Dragon Li – Shortly after the start was steadied when badly crowded between *Star Statement* and *Communicating*, both of which shifted ground. Raced keenly in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was having its first race start, did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 3: Hawkesbury Gazette And Courier 3YO Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Salvador – shortly after the start made heavy contact with *Jetgirl* resulting in its rider becoming badly unbalanced.

Golden Hits – near the 450m had to be checked when crowded to the inside of *Salvador*, which was taken in by *Jetgirl* (E. Webster-Hawes), which when after racing wide outside *The Sprooker* commenced to lose its position and laid in slightly. The Stewards did not deem the actions of Ms E. Webster-Hawes' to be careless and, as such, no further action was taken. In the incident, **Golden Hits** shifted out and made contact with *Salvador*, which became unbalanced, shifted out and made contact with *Jetgirl*. **Golden Hits** laid in under pressure over the final 100 metres.

Zoom Zoom – slow to begin.

The Sprooker – When questioned regarding **The Sprooker** racing prominently today, rider G. Buckley stated that he was not issued with any specific instructions other than to ride the gelding depending on how it began. He said that, after his mount began satisfactorily and given that the early tempo of the race was moderate, when *Zoom Zoom* improved to his inside approaching the 800m, he allowed his mount to stride forward with that runner without having to unduly pressure his mount. Trainer Mr J. Clisby confirmed the nature of the instructions issued to G. Buckley, however, was nonetheless reminded of his obligation to notify the Stewards of any change in tactics.

RACE 4: T & L Fowler Concreting 2YO Maiden Plate 1000m:

All Happy – change of tactics – to be ridden with cover: settled back with cover. Trainer Mr T. Wong was reminded that he must notify the Stewards of any change of

tactics 30 minutes prior to the running of the race. Shortly after the start was steadied and shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier. Passing the 750m got its head up and commenced to race fiercely when being restrained in an endeavour to take up a position close to the rails. Hung in under pressure in the early part of the straight.

Ballistica – change of tactics – to be ridden with cover: settled midfield with cover. On jumping was severely crowded and made contact with the hindquarters of *Mosht Up* after being taken out by *Haikili*, which shifted out.

Elenara – shortly after the start was steadied and shifted in behind runners from its wide draw.

Flight Zone – began awkwardly.

Tell No Tales – shortly after the start, was bumped on the hindquarters by *Cosmic Deluxe*, which shifted in after being slow to begin. Near the 150m, **Tell No Tales** shifted out abruptly when rider J. Ford was endeavouring to change his whip to his right hand. J. Ford reported after the race that he had concerns with the action of the filly during the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Although the examination revealed no abnormalities, Trainer Mr M. Smith was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

RACE 5: Richmond Club Benchmark 69 Handicap 1000m:

Military Academy – began awkwardly. Laid in when placed under pressure in the straight.

Vega – shortly after the start, from its wide barrier, was steadied and shifted in behind runners. When held up in the early part of the straight, shifted to the inside of *Stone Cold*, however, passing the 250m, had to be steadied when disappointed for a run between that runner and *Twirling Moss*. As a result, **Vega** had to be shifted to the outside of *Stone Cold*, however, when endeavouring to secure clear running shortly after between *Stone Cold* and *Timing*, raced in restricted room between both of those runners until approaching the 100m where it was able to establish completely clear running.

Timing – approaching the 100m shifted out and away from *Vega* when racing tight to its outside.

Peranto – in the early stages, lost touch with the main body of the field, despite being ridden along.

Tutu – When questioned, App. J. Van Overmeire stated that, shortly after straightening, his mount commenced to hang in badly and, as a consequence, he was unable to place his mount under pressure at any stage in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Tutu** to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. After interviewing Trainer Mr J. Thompson, the inquiry was adjourned pending the results of an ECG, which Mr Thompson advised will be performed tomorrow, at which time a determination will be made on the racing future of **Tutu**, given the mare's previous history of cardiac arrhythmia.

Twirling Moss – raced keenly throughout.

Katgully Red – was declared a late withdrawal at 12.28 p.m. after the gelding sustained an injury to its near foreleg whilst being loaded onto the float. Stable representative Mr C. Ashby was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Katgully Red** racing again.

RACE 6: HRC Members' Day Class 2 Handicap 1600m:

Falcon Island – laid out under pressure near the 250m.

King Ryker – near the 1300m had to be steadied when tightened for room to the inside of *On Angels Wings*, which shifted in when not quite clear.

Victory Anthem – raced wide without cover throughout.

On Angels Wings – sustained an abrasion above the right eye in the tie-up stalls, was examined by the veterinary officer and passed fit to race.

Happy Partner – slow to begin.

Treasured Art – when caught wide and without cover in the early and middle stages, got its head up approaching the 1000m when being restrained in an attempt to obtain cover. Commenced to race keenly passing the 1000m after obtaining cover behind *Gravitate*.

RACE 7: Schweppes Class 1 Handicap 1300m:

Angelo – When questioned, T. Angland stated that approaching the home turn, when positioned behind *Sonaree* and when that runner commenced to quicken, **Angelo** was left flatfooted and was one-paced thereafter. He added that his mount did not feel entirely comfortable in its action over the final 100 metres and as a consequence he did not unduly pressure his mount. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying a poor post-race recovery. Trainer Mr G. Frazer was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Angelo** racing again.

Sonaree – change of tactics – to be ridden with cover: settled off-pace. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Zidane – shortly after the start, was steadied and shifted in behind runners. When questioned, App. J. Van Overmeire stated that he was instructed to have the horse ridden conservatively today. He added that he was able to take up a position at the rear of the field whereby his mount travelled well. He further added that when the tempo quickened from the 600m his mount was left flatfooted, however, App. Van Overmeire expressed satisfaction with the manner in which **Zidane** finished off its race. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Prophet's Voice – slow to begin.

Whanau Force – began awkwardly.

RACE 8: Lander Toyota Benchmark 65 Handicap 1400m:

Rakhish – began awkwardly. Over the concluding stages, when commencing to weaken, had to be steadied when crowded between *Montevideo* and *Classic Princess*, which shifted out slightly. Rider B. Shinn reported that, although he was obliged to race wide and without cover throughout the event, in his opinion the gelding did not handle today's soft track conditions and he attributed this to his disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover. Co-trainer Mr A. Bott concurred with the views of B. Shinn and undertook to report back on the progress of the gelding in the days subsequent.

Charming Lad – slow to begin.

Montevideo – Over the concluding stages, was unable to be ridden out fully to the end of the race when placed in restricted room to the inside of *Slick Speed*. Rider J. McDonald reported that the only explanation he could offer for the gelding's performance was that, in his opinion, **Montevideo** would derive fitness benefit from today's first-up run. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. The post-race condition of **Montevideo** will be followed up with the Waller stable in the days subsequent.

All Things In Time – after being slow to begin from its wide draw, was steadied and shifted in behind runners.

White Boots – laid out when placed under pressure in the straight, necessitating rider App. J. Van Overmeire having to change the whip to his left hand passing the 250m.

Pretty Smart – When questioned regarding the mare racing further forward today, rider J. Ford stated that he was instructed to be in a position behind the leaders with cover, however, after beginning well he was able to race outside the eventual leader *Legislation* without placing his mount under any undue pressure.

Classic Princess – slow to begin. Approaching the 100m the whip occupied by A. Adkins became entangled behind the right arm of B. Shinn (*Rakhish*). Over the final 50 metres was not able to be ridden out fully to the end of the race when placed close to the heels of *Pretty Smart*.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Trades Star, Erudition, Stage Pass, I'm A Legend

Race 3: Salvador

Race 4: Haikili

Race 5: Stone Cold

Race 6: Falcon Island, King Ryker, On Angels Wings

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.

Race 1	J. Ford (Stage Pass)	6 strikes
Race 6	App. R. Dolan (Victory Anthem)	8 strikes
Race 8	J. Penza (All Things In Time)	6 strikes

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 1: Bobbing (Trainer Mr B. Kelly) – barrier manners – difficult to load and fractious.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	<p>Race 4: Tell No Tales (Trainer Mr M. Smith) – veterinary clearance.</p> <p>Race 5: Katgully Red (Trainer Mr J. Sargent) – veterinary clearance – late withdrawal after injury whilst being loaded onto float.</p> <p>Race 7: Angelo (Trainer Mr G. Frazer) - veterinary clearance – poor post-race recovery.</p>
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Follow-up:	<p>Race 1: Erudition (Trainer J. Cummings) – progress of the filly and future race plans.</p> <p>Race 5: Tutu (Trainer Mr J. Thompson) – cardiac arrhythmia - inquiry adjourned pending results of ECG.</p> <p>Race 8: Rakhish (Co-trainer Mr A. Bott) – slow recovery.</p> <p>Race 8: Montevideo (Trainer Mr C. Waller) – poor performance.</p>
Change of Colours:	Race 7: Cinderconi – hot pink, white and orange armbands, orange and white quartered cap.