

STEWARDS' REPORT

Wyong Race Club WYONG RACECOURSE

Saturday 6 January 2018

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4) – at 1.47pm Good (3) retrospectively to include Race 1.

Rail: True

STEWARDS: D M Greer (Chairman), D L Carr, T J Vassallo and cadet M W Purse

(mkm)

RACE 1 – Ryan's Metal Roofing Maiden Handicap 1600m

Misaki – as declared rider P King was delayed arriving on course due to transport difficulties and no senior rider was available, permission was granted for apprentice M Weir to be substituted.

Shadow Of Mordor – held up for some distance inside the 400m and was checked away from the heels of *Road To Royalty* which commenced to weaken near the 250m. Then continued to be held up and did not obtain clear running until shortly after straightening.

Road To Royalty – slow to begin.

Not For The Lord – checked on jumping away when crowded by *Julie Magic* which shifted out abruptly.

Temolie – began awkwardly.

Zizangga Zou – was slow to begin. Was held up for some distance rounding the home turn behind the weakening *Oakfield Private*. Was inclined to lay in when placed under pressure in the straight proving difficult to ride and over the final 100 metres continued to lay in becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Auerbach* and as a result could not be tested for the remainder of the event.

Julie Magic – was inclined to lay out making the home turn.

American Moments – raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 2 – 2GO Family Day At WRC Sunday January 28 Maiden Plate 1350m

Drusilla – slow to begin.

Ready's Queen – began awkwardly resulting in rider apprentice B Ryan becoming unbalanced.

Lake Hayes – was steadied shortly after the start when crowded by *Neruda*, which was taken in by *Deny* which began awkwardly and shifted in. Near the 50m had to be steadied and shifted back to the inside of *Spencer* which shifted out when racing greenly.

Deny – began awkwardly and shifted in.

Neruda – was held up for a short distance making the home turn.

My Song – raced wide without cover throughout. Near the 150m was briefly crowded for room by *Attracted* which shifted out.

Night Breaker – rider C Lever reported that his mount was under pressure from as far out as the 600m and after being inclined to lay out making the home turn failed to finish its race off. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be 1/5 lame in the near fore leg. Stable representative C Duckworth was advised that a veterinary clearance must be produced prior to **Night Breaker's** next race start.

RACE 3 – Procab Wireless Maiden Plate 1200m

Allez Rev – began awkwardly.

Chorus Queen – began awkwardly and lost ground (3L).

Parisians – from its wide barrier was steadied and taken back behind runners to find cover.

On The Nod – slow to begin.

Star Statement – slow to begin.

Oakfield Twilight – near the 600m was steadied away from the heels of *Ming Hoi Glorious* (R Hutchings) which shifted in when not quite clear. R Hutchings was told to exercise more care. Rider G Buckley reported that **Oakfield Twilight** was inclined to overrace in the middle stages and from inside the 400m commenced to hang out and despite his constant efforts to straighten, **Oakfield Twilight** made the home turn awkwardly and then continued to hang out proving difficult to ride out. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer D Lane reported that it was his intention to try and place **Oakfield Twilight** on bigger tracks where, in his opinion, it would be better suited. Mr Lane was told that a warning would be placed on the gelding's record for its racing manners.

Joy For Us – When questioned regarding his riding, B Spriggs explained that after beginning well he rode his mount along to take up a forward position however with the fast early tempo runners to his outside showed superior speed and he therefore elected to find cover behind *Oakfield Twilight* in a handy position. He said from the 600m when *Oakfield Twilight* was steadied he was then awkwardly placed on that runner's heels and approaching the 400m when he attempted to improve between *Oakfield Twilight* and *Star Statement* he was disappointed for the run when *Oakfield Twilight* hung out, despite the efforts of its rider, resulting in **Joy For Us** having to be checked. He said shortly after straightening he was again disappointed for a run between both those runners when *Star Statement* shifted in. He added that after receiving this interference inside the 200m he then desisted from riding his mount out when it was not in contention for the placings. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Kathaire – when questioned in relation to settling further back today, rider apprentice C Nutman explained that she was instructed to be positive early and anticipated racing in a handy position, however shortly after the start when runners to her inside showed superior speed, she elected from the wide barrier to shift back in behind runners to find cover as she felt she would not be able to find a handy position with cover if she attempted to ride forward.

Ming Hoi Glorious – rider of the fifth placed gelding R Hutchings pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 145 for returning to scale in excess of half a kilogram over his declared weight. R Hutchings was fined \$400.

RACE 4 – Sharp DS Central Coast Class 2 Handicap 1600m

Apache Lad – was checked on jumping away when crowded by *Mo The Great* which shifted out.

Lightning Lockie – When questioned regarding his riding J Penza explained that he was instructed to be aggressive in the early stages to show intent to take the lead. He said after beginning well he rode in accordance with his instructions, however **Lightning Lockie** after establishing the lead near the 1400m commenced to overrace despite his constant efforts to settle his mount and as a result opened up a sizeable lead in the middle stages. He added that having regard to the manner in which the gelding raced in the early and middle stages it was left without a finishing effort and he had recommended to connections that the gelding would be better suited not being ridden aggressively from the start, to allow it to race more tractably.

RACE 5 – Lakes Printers Colts, Geldings & Entires Benchmark 69 Handicap 1350m

Pymble – slow to begin. When questioned rider G Buckley explained that although the tempo was slow, his mount travelled well throughout the event, however when he attempted to improve his position

approaching the 500m his mount was quickly under pressure and failed to respond to his riding thereafter. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Sea Sharp – made contact with *Vaniloquio* on jumping away when that runner began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly. Raced wide without cover throughout.

Vaniloquio – began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

Gronky – near the 1200m was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Vaniloquio* (P King) which shifted in when not fully clear. P King was reprimanded.

Kasharn – was held up for some distance making the home turn.

RACE 6 – Canadian Club Fillies & Mares Benchmark 66 Handicap 1350m

Paris For Me – the mare was a late withdrawal at 11.50am on veterinary advice when it was found to have an elevated temperature. Trainer B Partelle was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Paris For Me** being permitted to race again.

Jingles – to be ridden off pace with cover; settled worse than midfield.

Klisstra – as declared rider R Hutchings was overweight permission was granted for J Penza to be substituted. As R Hutchings had been fined under AR145 after riding in Race 3 and needed to rehydrate due to heat exhaustion, no action was taken.

Peggy's Cove – slow to begin.

Dual Escape – began awkwardly.

Ultimate Fantasy – shortly after the start was steadied and shifted back in behind runners to find cover.

Velocano – overraced in the middle stages.

Stradance – hung out making the home turn.

Fast Arli – approaching the 150m was steadied when crowded for room between *Dual Escape* and *Cervinia* (L Day) which shifted out. Apprentice L Day was told to exercise more care in future. When questioned regarding the performance rider B Spriggs explained that he was instructed to have the mare in a forward position. He said that he was obliged to make use of his mount from the wide barrier to take up a position outside *Cervinia*. He said after establishing that position near the 900m, **Fast Arli** was under pressure and consequently weakened from the 500m. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative J Webb confirmed the instructions to have the mare in a forward position and was reminded of the obligation to notify Stewards of any change of tactics. Mr Webb undertook to report back on the results of a full veterinary examination prior to **Fast Arli** racing again.

Ondo Pasa – raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 7 – SEA FM Class 1 Handicap 1100m

Babe In Boots – was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 5.22pm when it was found to have blood in the nearside nostril after arriving at the barriers. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Babe In Boots** be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers all successful wagers made prior to 5.22pm to be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st) *Soothing* less nil cents win and 1c place

2nd) *Ballet Rose* less 2c place

3rd) *Pricing Power* less 5c place

Stable representative V Navayanaswamy was advised that the mare would now be required to barrier trial or gallop over 1000m in the presence of a steward prior to racing again.

Ballet Rose – began awkwardly.

Soul Revival – slow to begin.

All Aflutter – overraced in the middle stages.

Pilot Error – rider apprentice L Day was cautioned against the practice of using the whip when her mount is out of contention.

Kettering – When questioned rider A Bullock explained that his mount raced like a tired horse throughout the event and was under pressure from as far as the 500m. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be 1/5 lame in the off fore leg and to have sustained lacerations to the off hind leg. Trainer K Lees undertook to report back on the racing future of **Kettering** in the days subsequent.

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

Race 1: Julie Magic(2), Oakfield Private, Zizangga Zou

Race 4: Mo The Great(2), Sworn In, Prince High

Race 5: Vaniloquio

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 3: R Hutchings, \$400 – returned to scale overweight (AR 145) Race 7: trainer K Buchanan, \$50 – late gear application (AR140B)
Reprimands:	Race 5: P King – shifting in [AR 137(a)]
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 3: <i>Oakfield Twilight</i> – racing manners (trainer D Lane)
Trials:	Race 7: <i>Babe In Boots</i> – blood one nostril (trainer G Markwell)
Certificates:	Race 2: <i>Night Breaker</i> – 1/5 lame near fore leg (trainer C Waller) Race 6: <i>Paris For Me</i> – elevated temperature (trainer B Partelle) Race 6: <i>Fast Arli</i> – poor performance (trainer T Martin)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Race 2: <i>Attracted</i> – white cap.
Change of Gear	Race 7: <i>Texas Tycoon</i> – blinkers on.
Follow up:	Race 6: <i>Fast Arli</i> – stable to report back results of veterinary examination. Race 7: <i>Kettering</i> – trainer K Lees to report back on racing future.