

STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE Tuesday 6 February 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: +9m from 1100m to Winning Post; +6m remainder

STEWARDS: T. J. Vassallo (Chairman), J. J. E. Earl, R. W. Livingstone and Cadets
F. J. Dale and M. W. Purse

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RACE 1: Frank-Paul Nuuausala Colts, Geldings and Entires Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Aeecee Tianhu – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, J. Parr stated that after beginning only fairly his mount was beaten for early speed and, as a result, he took up a position outside the leader *Griddlebone*. He added that his mount travelled well throughout, however, passing the 600m, when asked to improve into the race, his mount was under pressure and was disappointing in the run to the line. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. The Stewards will follow-up the post-race condition of **Aeecee Tianhu** with the stable in the days subsequent.

Terwilliker – was slow to begin and was then crowded by *Aeecee Tianhu*, which began awkwardly and shifted in. **Terwilliker** then did not muster speed, despite being ridden along.

Quite Frankly – change of tactics – to be ridden more positively: settled behind the leader. Improved onto the heels of *Griddlebone* near the 1000m and was steadied.

RACE 2: Albert Kelly Benchmark 67 Handicap 1600m:

Tycoon Mar – raced keenly in the early stages.

Nissile – was agitated in the barriers, began very awkwardly, made contact with the outside portion of its barrier and lost considerable ground (4L). Passing the 1100m had to be steadied and shifted out away from the heels of *Bolord*. Trainer Mr D. Lane was advised that a warning would be recorded against the barrier manners of **Nissile**.

Bolord – The declaration of correct weight was delayed to allow Stewards to view the patrol footage of the home straight and determine if there were grounds for objection on behalf of fifth-placed **Bolord**. When satisfied that there were not sufficient grounds for objection, correct weight was declared. It was established that near the 75m *Tycoon Mar* (App. P. Scorse), which was inclined to hang in, shifted in slightly whilst being ridden along resulting in **Bolord** having to steady when crowded between *Tycoon Mar* and *Weekend Affair*, which shifted out slightly. In issuing a reprimand, Stewards were satisfied that App. Scorse had made some endeavour to relieve the pressure to **Bolord**, however, App. Scorse was advised that he should have reacted

sooner than he did. Rider C. Lever advised that in his opinion **Bolord** did not appreciate today's firmer track surface.

Roya's Dream – raced keenly in the lead in the early and middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 3: Sam Tomkins Maiden Handicap 1600m:

Song And A Prayer – slow to begin. Hung out and made the home turn awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Arms Race – As M. Bell was indisposed, Stewards permitted J. Parr to replace him as the rider of the gelding. Slow to begin. Laid in at various stages in the straight. Near the 300m became unbalanced after being bumped on the hindquarters by *Kokkeibon*, which shifted out.

Sytus – slow to begin.

Ladies' Gem – When questioned regarding **Ladies' Gem** racing further forward, W. Costin advised that she was under no specific instructions, however, after the horse began particularly well, she elected to ride forward and was able to lead easily without placing her mount under any undue pressure.

Night Breaker – When questioned, T. Angland stated that as the horse raced too keenly at its previous start and with the Norton bit being applied today, he was instructed from his wide barrier to have the gelding ridden quieter with cover in an endeavour to have it settle. He said that after beginning well, rather than risk being caught wide, he elected to restrain his mount to the rear of the field whereby it was able to settle and raced with cover.

Cambridge Don – after being slow to begin was hampered when *Raw Emotion* began awkwardly and ran out. Refused to settle for some distance in the early and middle stages and from the 1500m until nearing the 1000m was continually restrained away from the heels of *Sytus*. Trainer Ms G. Markwell was advised that a warning would be placed on **Cambridge Don** with regard to its manners.

Kokkeibon – change of tactics – to be ridden more forward: settled outside the leader. Near the 300m, when endeavouring to shift into clear running, *Raw Emotion* brushed **Kokkeibon** on two occasions. As a result, both horses became momentarily unbalanced.

RACE 4: Sika Manu Class 2 Handicap 1000m:

Spirit And Fire – When questioned, App. J. Van Overmeire stated that when the tempo slackened near the 800m he had to steady and shift out away from the heels of *Can't Find Snippy*. As a result, he was obliged to race wide without cover for the remainder of the race and was inclined to hang out when placed under pressure in the straight. He added that in his opinion the gelding would be better suited over further ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Villa Carlotta – was restless in the barriers and was slow to begin. After being ridden along after the start, then raced keenly in the early and middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Anna's Joy – Rider J. Grisedale was spoken to with respect to excessively slowing the speed near the 800m.

Tapavino – knuckled on jumping. Raced keenly in the early stages and was steadied away from the heels of *Anna's Joy* near the 1000m and ran out. **Tapavino** then laid out for some distance thereafter.

RACE 5: Wigan Warriors Benchmark 68 Handicap 1200m:

Cadogan – raced wide without cover for the majority of the race. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Time Out Of Mind – was slow to begin and, despite being ridden along, was slow to muster speed. The gelding was restrained away from the heels of *Dream I Can* near the 1100m, which was taken in by *Atlantic Sentinel* (App. R. Hunt), which shifted in when not clear. App. Hunt was advised to exercise more care. Over the final stages raced in restricted room and was unable to be ridden out between *Lani Girl* and *Cadogan*, which shifted out. When questioned regarding the performance, rider G. Schofield stated that he anticipated racing in behind the speed, however, after his mount began only fairly and when it received some minor interference near the 1000m, he was obliged to settle further back than intended. He added that his mount was not suited by the quick tempo of the race and was under pressure from as far out as the 700m whereby his mount ran on only fairly in the run to the line. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Dream I Can – near the 700m was eased when awkwardly placed outside the heels of *Atlantic Sentinel*, which laid out despite the efforts of its rider. **Dream I Can** was crowded for room shortly after straightening between *Skyway* and *Atlantic Sentinel* (App. R. Hunt), which shifted out when not clear. App. R. Hunt was advised to exercise more care.

Atlantic Sentinel – which had been fractious in the barriers, began awkwardly and knuckled. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Atlantic Sentinel** to be 1/5 lame in the off-hind leg. Co-trainer Mr S. Collings was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Atlantic Sentinel** racing again.

Alert By Sea – When questioned regarding the mare leading today, App. B. Ryan stated that his instructions were to have the horse ridden just in behind the speed and, after beginning particularly well, he rode his mount along in the early stages from its wide barrier. He added that when he noticed other runners drawn to his inside showing intent to go forward, rather than risk being caught wide, he elected to continue to ride his mount forward whereby it was ultimately able to lead. Trainer Ms G. Markwell confirmed the nature of the instructions issued to App. Ryan and indicated that, whilst her intention was to have the horse ridden somewhat more forward it was not intended to have the horse ridden in the lead. Nevertheless, Ms Markwell was reminded of her obligation to notify Stewards of any change of riding tactics in the future.

Lani Girl – was taken back in behind runners after a slow start from its wide barrier.

Skyway – As J. Taylor was indisposed, Stewards permitted A. Adkins to replace her as the rider of the gelding.

RACE 6: Hull F. C. Fillies and Mares Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Trainer Mr R. Quinton was fined \$200 under AR175(k) for negligently presenting **Brunch** and **Gaytime Girl**, which he had authorisation to saddle from Trainer Mr L. Bridge, in the incorrect saddle cloths. Both riders were reweighed to ensure their weight was correct prior to those horses leaving the enclosure.

Brunch – knuckled over badly on jumping, shifted out and hampered *All Too Soon*.

See Me Rock – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the filly, K. Mallyon stated that after being slow to begin she rode her mount along in the early stages to obtain the lead. She added that her mount travelled well throughout, however, when placed under pressure shortly after straightening, failed to respond to her urgings and weakened over the final 200 metres. She further added that on pulling up the filly made an abnormal respiratory noise. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be displaying a poor post-race recovery. Co-trainer Mr A. Bott was advised that a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination, would be required prior to **See Me Rock** racing again.

Gaytime Girl – in the early part of the straight had difficulty obtaining completely clear running and passing the 250m had to be steadied when held up behind *Unbridled Power*. After being held up on the back of *Unbridled Power* for some distance, had to be shifted out across the heels of *All Too Soon* to obtain clear running near the 150m, whereby it finished its race off well.

After Thought – When questioned, W. Costin stated that her mount travelled well in behind the leader *See Me Rock*, however, when that runner commenced to weaken shortly after straightening she became held up and had to shift to the outside of its heels passing the 300m. She added that when placed under pressure in the straight her mount was inclined to lay in and proved difficult to ride out. She further added that in her opinion the filly may have come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr R. Price advised that he would assess **After Thought** on return to the stable, at which time a decision would be made on the horse's immediate racing future. The post-race condition of **After Thought** will be followed up with the stable.

Unbridled Power – began awkwardly.

Bugeisha – began awkwardly and, after the start, was taken back in behind runners from its wide barrier.

Satin Silks – When questioned, K. O'Hara stated that as her mount did not feel comfortable in its action passing the 300m she desisted from riding it out any further. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr R. Price was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Satin Silks**

racing again and that a warning would be placed on the horse's record for what was deemed to be an unsatisfactory performance.

RACE 7: Sean O'Loughlin Maiden Handicap 1300m:
Singa Glory – slow to begin.

Bring Euro – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Maui Princess – was very restless after being loaded into the barriers, reared on a number of occasions and, as the start was effected, sat back and was slow to begin (3L). **Maui Princess** then overraced in the early stages and near the 1100m got its head up when being checked from the heels of *Briconi*. Passing the 300m had some difficulty obtaining completely clear running between *Bring Euro* and *Briconi* when attempting to improve into a narrow run. Stable representative Mr S. Cleal was advised that a warning would be placed on the barrier manners of **Maui Princess**. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Flying – began awkwardly and made contact with *Bring Euro*. Raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 8: Scott Taylor Provincial and Country Maiden Plate 1300m:

Colonel Penaga – slow to begin. Overraced in the early stages and, rounding the first turn, was restrained from the heels of *Avago Boy*. When giving ground near the 300m was obliged to steady away from the heels of *Avago Boy* (T. Angland), which shifted out when not clear. T. Angland was advised to exercise more care. When questioned, W. Costin stated that after not beginning all that well she was obliged to settle further back than intended. She added that in her opinion the horse resented racing in behind other runners and may be better suited racing more prominently in its races. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Avago Boy – near the 50m, after initially shifting in away from *Mr Plow*, was crowded for room when *Shirazzle* (J. Grisedale) shifted out. J. Grisedale was reprimanded. **Avago Boy** was then awkwardly placed on the heels of *Shirazzle* for a short distance thereafter.

Mr Plow – slow to begin. Overraced in the early stages and, rounding the first turn, was restrained from the heels of *Zapita*. When questioned, J. Parr stated that he was under no specific instructions other than to have the horse settle. He further stated that he was able to take up a position towards the rear of the field with cover, however, the gelding was inclined to race greenly throughout. He added that, approaching the 400m, he commenced to improve into the race and, as **Mr Plow** continued to race greenly, he was unable to place it under full pressure until passing the 200m. He further added that **Mr Plow** responded well to his riding, however, in his opinion would derive benefit from today's run and may appreciate additional ground.

Pasaga – when giving ground became unbalanced near the 300m.

Femtometre – slow to begin and was taken back in behind runners from its wide barrier after the start.

Shirazzle – got its head up when being restrained in the early stages. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Zapita – shifted out and made contact with *Pasaga* on jumping.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Griddlebone

Race 3: Cambridge Don, Kokkeibon

Race 4: Spirit And Fire

Race 5: Cadogan

Race 6: Unbridled Power

Race 7: Singa Glory, Delfuego

Race 8: Mr Plow

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted number of 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. Parr (Aeecee Tianhu)	6 strikes
Race 1	D. McDonogh (Terwilliker)	6 strikes
Race 5	App. R. Hunt (Atlantic Sentinel)	6 strikes
Race 7	D. McDonogh (Singa Glory)	6 strikes
Race 8	T. Angland (Avago Boy)	6 strikes

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 6: Trainer Mr R. Quinton fined \$200 for negligently presenting Brunch and Gaytime Girl in the incorrect saddle cloths (AR175(k)).
Reprimands:	Race 2: App. P. Scorse (Tycoon Mar) – shifting in (AR137(a)). Race 8: J. Grisedale (Shirazzle) – shifting out (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 2: Nissile (Trainer Mr D. Lane) – stood flatfooted at the start. Race 3: Cambridge Don (Trainer Ms G. Markwell) – refused to settle. Race 6: Satin Silks (Co-trainer Mr R. Price) – poor performance. Race 7: Maui Princess (Co-trainers Mrs G. Waterhouse and Mr A. Bott) – barrier manners.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 5: Atlantic Sentinel (Co-trainer Mr S. Collings) – 1/5 lame off-hind leg – veterinary clearance.

	Race 6: See Me Rock (Co-trainer A. Bott) – veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination. Race 6: Satin Silks (Co-trainer Mr R. Price) – veterinary clearance – poor performance.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Follow-up:	Race 1: Aeecee Tianhu (Co-trainers Mrs G. Waterhouse and Mr A. Bott) – poor performance. Race 6: After Thought (Co-trainer Mr R. Price) – poor performance.
Change of Colours:	Nil.