

STEWARDS' REPORT**Newcastle Jockey Club
NEWCASTLE RACECOURSE****Tuesday 8 May 2018**

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (5)
Rail: +11 Metres
Penetrometer: N/A

STEWARDS: D M Greer (Chairman), D L Carr, R W Livingstone, and cadets, R T Debels and
T J Lee jl

RACE 1: Vital Hospitality Group Maiden Handicap 1600m

Trust Who – stood flat-footed at the start and lost ground (4L). Trainer Mr J Austin, representing trainer Mr J Coyle, was told that a warning would be placed on the gelding's record.

True Success – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 19.5 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Ms N Hudson was told a warning would be placed on the racing record of the gelding for the poor performance.

I Arize – began awkwardly and then shifted back in behind runners to find cover at the rear of the field.

Diamond Star Halo – inclined to lay out when placed under pressure over the final 300m.

RACE 2: Egroup Security 3YO Maiden Plate 1400m

Chouxitorial – slow to begin.

Sazavee – rider R King reported that her mount was not entirely comfortable on the soft track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a minor abrasion to its near-hind bumper.

Aruba – laid out when placed under pressure over the final 300m.

RACE 3: Senpos Point of Sale Maiden Handicap 1300m

Son And Heir – began awkwardly and crowded *First Reading*. App. L Day pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 1100m she permitted her mount to shift in when not clear of **Son And Heir**, which was crowded for some distance, steadied and lost its running. App. Day's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday, 9 May 2018 and to expire on Sunday, 13 May 2018, on which day she may ride. Held up in the early part of the straight and had to be shifted to the inside of *Illicit Romance* near the 250m to continue into clear running.

Prince Zariz – from its wide barrier, after being slightly slow to begin, was shifted back in behind runners to find cover. When the pace slackened rounding the first turn had to be checked for some distance when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Darajilla*.

Explosive Missile – from its wide barrier was shifted back in shortly after the start to find cover.

First Reading – bumped by *Ritzy Roxie* near the 1100m after *Ritzy Roxie* was taken in by *Illicit Romance*.

Darajilla – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be 2/5 lame in the off-hind leg and to have sustained superficial lacerations to the near-hind fetlock. Stable representative Ms H Devlin was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Darajilla** racing again.

RACE 4: IGA Liquor Provincial Sprint – Class 4 Handicap 900m

Kelsha Begg – as S Guymer was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted non-claiming App. B McDougall to be substituted as the rider of the mare. Approaching the first turn **Kelsha Begg** was steadied when crowded by *Akamin*, which was crowded and taken in by *Oakfield Time*, which had improved to the inside of *Odds Or Evens* (B Hodder) and was taken in by that runner, which shifted in when not fully clear. B Hodder was told to exercise more care in future. Hung in when placed under pressure in the straight.

Zroya – missed the start (2L).

All Stand – hung out making the home turn.

RACE 5: Hungerford Hill 2YO Maiden Handicap 900m

Buckin' Beauty - prior to the declaration of correct weight, the Stewards identified from the inquiry room that rider App. M Weir had struck her mount on 9 occasions prior to the 100m. When Stewards could not be satisfied that **Buckin' Beauty** had gained an advantage that resulted in it finishing in 3rd placing in the race, in accordance with AR168(2) they therefore declined to exercise their powers under AR137A(9) and did not proceed with a formal objection. At a subsequent inquiry App. Weir pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that she used the whip on 9 occasions prior to the 100m (4 more than permitted). App. Weir was fined the sum of \$300 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Raced wide without cover throughout.

Tejaan – slow to begin.

Selaw – slow to begin.

Pluma – had to be checked on jumping away when crowded between *Calipari*, which shifted in, and *Shadow Bridge*, which began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

Can't Catch Her – raced wide without cover throughout.

Shadow Bridge – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer Mr M Newnham was advised a veterinary clearance would be

required, including the results of an ECG, prior to **Shadow Bridge** trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards before being permitted to race again.

RACE 6: Sharp Electronics Group Benchmark 65 Handicap – Heat of the Rising Star) 1500m

Nadacheva - Stewards considered an objection lodged App. P Scorse, rider of 2nd placegetter **Nadacheva** against *Hand It In* being declared the winner, alleging interference at the 100m. It was established that inside the 100m *Hand It In*, when inclined to lay in as it was moving past **Nadacheva**, shifted in and made contact with that gelding, resulting in **Nadacheva** becoming unbalanced, however, bearing in mind the margin of a short neck and more so the manner in which both horses ran to the finish, as the Stewards were of the view that, had the interference not occurred to **Nadacheva**, it would not have beaten *Hand It In*, the objection was dismissed and correct weight declared.

Charlie Chap – near the 1100m, when inclined to race keenly, was eased away from the heels of *Bills A Goodie*, which shifted in. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Lucky Ima Cugat – had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Envision – raced wide without cover throughout.

Hand It In – when questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of the gelding, trainer Mr R Ollerton advised the primary reason in his view for the gelding's failure to run on in its first up run was that it was lacking race fitness and, furthermore, the race was not run at a genuine tempo. He added being second up today and having derived fitness benefit from its first up performance were the main reasons for its improved showing.

Bezzina - A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 7: Vital Hospitality Group Benchmark 66 Handicap 1900m

All Well – raced wide without cover throughout.

Play – rider T Clark explained that his mount travelled only fairly worse than midfield and, when asked for an effort inside the 400m, did not respond to his riding and in his opinion did not run out a strong 1900m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Raise The Limit - rider J Ford explained that he did not anticipate leading, however when no other runner showed intent to lead, he elected to take the lead rounding the first turn, where his mount travelled well in that position. He said when placed under pressure from the 400m his mount, which initially responded well to his riding, commenced to weaken over the final 150m and in his opinion did not run out a strong 1900m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 8: Egroup Security Class 1 Handicap 1200m

Oakfield Captain – slow to begin and then was taken back behind runners shortly after the start to obtain cover.

Greenspan – briefly held up in the early part of the straight.

Jessamin – rider A Hyeronimus explained that he anticipated racing in a forward position, however the filly missed the start (2L) and consequently settled back in the field. He said his mount travelled well, but was under pressure from the 500m and was disappointing in its failure to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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

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 2	App. B McDougall (<i>Chouxitorial</i>)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
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Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: I Arize.

Race 2: Aruba, Never Doubted You.

Race 3: Son And Heir.

Race 5: Calipari.

Race 6: Frogmarch, Bills A Goodie, Lucky Ima Cugat, Envision.

Race 7: Via Veneto.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 5: Buckin' Beauty (App. M Weir) \$300 – use of the whip (AR137A(5)(a)(ii)).
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 3: App. L Day (Illicit Romance) – careless riding (AR137(a), suspended from 9/5/18 to 13/5/18.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 1: Trust Who (trainer J Coyle) – stood flat footed (4L). True Success (trainer N Hudson) – poor performance (19.5L).
Trials:	Race 5: Shadow Bridge (trainer M Newnham) – cardiac arrhythmia.
Certificates:	Race 3: Darajilla (trainer J Pride) – 2/5 lame off-hind leg. Race 5: Shadow Bridge (trainer M Newnham) – cardiac arrhythmia.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Race 7: Kiarra Rose – to be ridden with cover; settled midfield.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.