

STEWARDS' REPORT
Hawkesbury Race Club
CLARENDON RACECOURSE

Thursday, 10 May 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good 4, upgraded to a Good 3 at 12.32pm following Race 1,
retrospectively to include Race 1
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 4.85

STEWARDS: T P Moxon (Chairman), T J Vassallo, T A McDonald, and cadet F J Dale.

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Supplementary Reports:

WARWICK FARM: Wednesday, 9 May 2018

RACE 4 – Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap 2400m

Hoof Hustler – Stable representative Mr C Duckworth advised that the stable veterinarian had found no abnormalities with **Hoof Hustler** subsequent to the event. Mr C Duckworth was advised that **Hoof Hustler** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to being admitted to race again.

RACE 1 – J.K. Williams Contracting 3yo Maiden Handicap 1600m

African Academy – After passing the 200m, was bumped by *Stealthy* which shifted out under pressure.

Soir De Lune – After being slow to begin was crowded on jumping between *Stealthy* and *African Academy*, which began awkwardly and shifted in. When questioned regarding its disappointing performance, Rider T Clark stated that in his opinion the gelding did not handle today's track conditions and that it was not comfortable in its actions throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Ms C Cunningham advised that **Soir De Lune** would now be spelled. Miss Cunningham was advised that **Soir De Lune** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to being permitted to race again.

Hiero – Slow to begin. Briefly held up making the home turn.

*Following the running of this race, the track was upgraded to a Good 3 at 12.32pm to retrospectively include Race 1.

RACE 2 – Grange Growing Solutions Class 2 Handicap (Scaled +1.5kg) 2000m

Georgica – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1300m was eased to avoid the heels of *High Dude*, which after shifting out slightly, shifted back in to reassume its position one off the rail. Over-raced in the middle stages. Passing the 600m was eased when disappointed for a run between *High Dude* and *My Friend Charlie*.

Itasca – Held up making the home turn.

My Friend Charlie – When questioned regarding her riding and the reason **My Friend Charlie** raced wide and without cover throughout the event, App M Weir stated that she was under no specific instructions, other than to assess how **My Friend Charlie** began and that if in a position to lead that was available, however, as the horse has not been finishing its races off, to obtain cover if possible. She stated that after beginning well, she rode her mount along in the early stages, however, **My Friend Charlie** did not respond to her riding and was unable to improve and cross both *High Dude* and *Dark Force* which were positioned to her inside. She stated that after the 700m, she endeavoured to shift *Georgica* to the rails and obtain cover behind *High Dude*, however, was unable to perform this maneuver due to *Kevacca's Girl* being established to the inside of *Georgica*. App M Weir stated that as a result, **My Friend Charlie** was then obliged to race three wide and without cover throughout the event. Stewards advised App M Weir that whilst they noted she had made some effort in the early stages to improve forward, when she was aware that she was unable to obtain cover and given the slow early tempo, she should have made more use of her mount in an attempt to stride forward and race closer to the rail.

Miss Shanti – To be ridden further forward and lead, if circumstance permit; settled worse than midfield. Laid in under pressure in the home straight. When questioned regarding the filly settling worse than midfield when the Stewards had been notified that it was the intention to have the horse ridden further forward with the option of leading, rider B Shinn added that he was issued with similar instructions to what had been notified to the Stewards. B Shinn stated that after beginning moderately, he rode **Miss Shanti** along in the early stages, however, the filly did not show sufficient speed to have the horse ridden in accordance with instructions and when caught wide, he ultimately eased his mount and settled in a position worse than midfield.

RACE 3 – Irresistible Pools And Spas Maiden Plate 1800m

Happy Hustler – After being slow to begin was crowded shortly after the start between *Sacrifice* and *Zedge*.

Manhattan Drive – Near the 1300m was eased to avoid the heels of *Kaapfever* (J Collett) which shifted in when not clear. J Collett was advised to exercise more care.

Kaapfever – To be ridden further forward; led. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider J Collett stated that he had to make too much use of his mount from a wide barrier to obtain the lead, and as a result of this, was unable to finish its race off when placed under pressure in the straight. He stated that his mount

then laid in under pressure when weakening over the final 300m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Zedge – Began awkwardly. Held up making the home turn. Rider J Ford reported that his mount laid in under pressure in the straight and eventually he was unable to fully test his mount.

Stock Up – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider C Reith reported that his mount traveled well throughout the early and middle stages and he felt the filly was a winning chance, however, when he placed **Stock Up** under pressure, the filly failed to respond to his riding. He attributed this to today's track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 4 – Abax Contracting Maiden Handicap 1300m

Jonjo's Comet – Slow to begin.

Toroso – Slow to begin. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event. Co-trainer Mr Peter Snowden advised Stewards this morning that **Toroso** had bone chips removed since its last start at Goulburn on 19 June 2017. **Toroso** was examined by the club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. Mr Snowden was reminded of his obligations to notify Stewards of such treatment no later than acceptance time.

Tactical Formation – Slow to begin.

Calaway Dancer – Raced keenly throughout the middle stages. Held up rounding the home turn. When questioned regarding the filly settling further back today, Rider W Costin stated that as the filly has not been finishing its races off at its most recent runs, she was instructed to allow the horse to settle in a midfield position. She stated that bearing in mind her instructions, she eased **Calaway Dancer** and ultimately took up a position worse than midfield. Trainer T Croft confirmed the instructions issued and was reminded of his obligation to notify Stewards of any change in riding tactics.

RACE 5 – PF Formation Sand And Concrete Class 2 Handicap (Scaled – 0.5kg) 1100m

Royal Phoenix – Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the middle stages and after passing the 700m was steadied to avoid the heels of *Choice Harvest*. *Choice Harvest* was then held up rounding the home turn, and then in the early part of the straight before being shifted to the outside of *Teodosio* approaching the 300m to obtain clear running. Approaching the 200m was inconvenienced by *Teodosio*, which shifted out.

Nine Enough – Raced keenly in the middle stages, and approaching the 600m was eased away from the heels of *Military Academy* which shifted in slightly. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider K O'Hara stated that in her opinion, the mare did not handle today's track conditions and is better suited on surfaces with more give. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Teodosio – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider B Avdulla stated after being slow to begin his mount settled further back than what he had intended. He stated that the gelding traveled well in a position worse than midfield, however, did not respond to his riding in the straight and was disappointing in the manner in which it finished the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover.

RACE 6 – Turtle Nursery And Landscape Supplies Maiden Plate 1100m

Avago Boy – Bumped on jumping by *Cortesta*.

Bullseye Score – Approaching the 200m and again approaching the 150m was hampered by *Epirus Bow* which shifted out.

Epirus Bow – began awkwardly and shifted out making contact with *Redemption Road*. **Epirus Bow** was inclined to lay out under pressure in the home straight.

Redemption Road – Approaching the 200m was brushed out by *Bullseye Score* which had been taken out slightly by *Epirus Bow*.

Music – Was a late withdrawal at 3.11pm on veterinary advice after the filly shifted a plate and trod on a nail and was found to be lame in the off-hind leg. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on **Music** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 3.11pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1st *Epirus Bow* 12 cents win 8 cents place

2nd *Redemption Road* 20 cents place

Trainer E O'Rourke was advised that a veterinary clearance will be required prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

Cortesta – A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Despite being ridden along in the early stages, failed to muster speed.

RACE 7 – Windsor RSL Club Benchmark 60 Handicap 1600m

Legistation – To be ridden forward; led. Began awkwardly. Slow to begin. Got its head up and raced very ungenerously throughout the early and middle stages. Laid out under pressure in the home straight.

Rosherville – When caught wide in the early stages was steadied and shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

Bodhi Blue – When questioned rider B Shinn stated that he was instructed to settle in a position behind the leaders with cover. He stated that from a wide barrier when **Bodhi Blue** began particularly well, rather than ease his mount to comply with those instructions, he allowed **Bodhi Blue** to stride forward and ultimately race in a position outside of the leader, *Legistation*. He stated that **Bodhi Blue** traveled well throughout the race, however, failed to respond to his riding when asked to improve upon entering the home straight and he attributed this to today's track

conditions. He stated that he was not comfortable with **Bodhi Blue** action over the final 400m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer G Portelli concurred with the views of rider B Shinn and stated that his opinion the mare is better suited on tracks with more give. An inquiry into the immediate racing future of **Bodhi Blue** was adjourned to allow the mare to be inspected upon return to the stables by stable veterinarian.

Curata Princess - When questioned rider B Ryan stated that he was instructed to obtain a forward position. He stated that the after beginning well, he rode his mount vigorously in the early stages, however, **Curata Princess** did not respond to his riding and when caught wide he elected to ease and ultimately settled at the rear of the field. He stated that approaching the home straight, he anticipated shifting to the outside of *Rosherville*, however, as he was racing to the inside of that horses heels he was unable to perform this manoeuvre. He stated that after obtaining clear running upon entering the home straight, he was able to place his mount under full pressure, however, near the 150m *Polar Blast* shifted out and he was obliged to shift to the inside heels of *Legistation*, and he obtained clear running passing the 100m where his mount finished the race off strongly.

Save The Best – Shifted its near-fore plate in the tie up area which required replating.

Race 8 – Hawkesbury Equine Veterinary Centre Class 1 Handicap 1400m

Golden Organic - Near the 100m was inconvenienced by *Sweet Deal* which shifted out while hanging out.

Sweet Deal – To be ridden further forward; led. Rider T Angland stated that **Sweet Deal** his mount hung out badly in the straight which required him to stop riding and straighten his mount on a number of occasions. He added that he recommended to connections a lugging bit and bubble cheeker to be added to the horses gear.

Evonne's Magic – Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

Kitty's Own - From the wide barrier was steadied and shifted in across behind runners in the early stages. Trainer J Attard that a warning would be recorded against the filly for being uncompetitive.

Extreme Measure - Crowded short shortly after the start between *Golden Organic* and *Triumph Star* which shifted out. From the wide barrier was then steadied and shifted in across behind runners in the early stages.

All Too Sweet – Began awkwardly. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

GENERAL:

Summary of Whip Use

The Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii):

Race 8	A Adkins (Phoenix Charm)	8 strikes prior to the 100m
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Bearing in mind the totality of the whip use, no action was taken.

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

Race 1: Soir De Lune

Race 2: Itasca, Dark Force, Kevacca's Girl

Race 3: Happy Hustler, Manhattan Drive, Sacrifice, Kaapfever (2), Stock Up

Race 4: Toroso

Race 5: Military Academy

Race 6: Redemption Road

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 1: Soir De Lune (Rider T Clark) – poor performance.
Certificates:	Race 6: Music (E O'Rourke) – lame in the off-hind leg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 2: Miss Shanti – to be ridden further forward and lead if circumstance permit; settled worse than midfield. Race 3: Kaapfever – to be ridden further forward; led. Race 7: Legistation – to be ridden further forward and lead if circumstances permit; led. Race 8: Sweet Deal – To be ridden further forward; led.
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 7: Trainer G Portelli (Bohdi Blue) – poor performance.