

STEWARDS' REPORT

Gosford Race Club GOSFORD RACECOURSE

Thursday 11 January 2018

Weather: Overcast
Track: Good (4)
Rail: True

STEWARDS: D L Carr (Chairman), P C Dingwall, T J Carlton and cadets F T Dale and M W Purse
(mkm)

Supplementary Report:

ROUAL RANDWICK: Saturday, 6 January 2018

RACE 7: 2018 ATC Membership Handicap 1400m

Live The Dream – Stable representative M Berkley advised that the mare had only been given light work after its disappointing performance and as they were satisfied with the post race condition of **Live The Dream** they will continue with the mare's preparation and will step it up in distance at its next start.

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As J Parr was stood down after riding in Race 3 due to dehydration, the following rider substitutions were approved:

Race 6	J Penza on <i>Kuro</i>
Race 7	C O'Brien on <i>What Could Be</i>

RACE 1 – tab.com.au Benchmark 61 Handicap 1000m

Thorn In My Side – as declared rider non-claiming apprentice L Magorrian was injured at trackwork this morning, Stewards permitted J Collett to be substituted.

Satirical Dame – kicked out as the start was effected and as a consequence began awkwardly and lost ground.

Wing Snipper – on jumping was buffeted between *Fortune Star* and *Cash Strapped*, which shifted out. When questioned in the presence of her master, trainer A Denham, apprentice M Toms stated that she was instructed to settle in a forward position and anticipated racing outside the leader, however after striking some interference at the start she had to make some use of her mount to obtain a prominent position. She stated that near the 800m her mount was carried wider by *Cash Strapped* which shifted out after being crossed by *Bridyn May* and her mount then raced wide without cover. Apprentice Toms added that near the 450m her mount was bumped by *Fortune Star* which shifted to the outside of *Cash Strapped* to improve and as a consequence both she and her mount became unbalanced. Mr A Denham confirmed the instructions and after viewing the official replays of the race, stated that in his opinion apprentice Toms should have been more decisive in endeavouring to maintain a position at the 800m and again at the 450m. Apprentice Toms was told that she had erred on two occasions, namely, near the 800m and again near the 400m, by not positioning her mount whereby runners to her inside would be unable to manoeuvre her mount wider, thereby covering more ground unnecessarily. Apprentice Toms was told that her ride would be referred to the Riding Skills Panel under AR92A for remedial training. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Bridyn May – raced keenly in the middle stages and proved difficult to settle during this time.

Fortune Star – approaching the 400m made heavy contact with *Wing Snipper* when endeavouring to improve between that runner and *Cash Strapped* where there was insufficient room. Rider T Clark was spoken to regarding placing his mounts in dangerous positions close to heels.

Cash Strapped – when questioned regarding the performance, rider T Angland stated that his mount travelled well outside the leader throughout the event however when *Fortune Star* improved to his outside

passing the 400m his mount became immediately under pressure and was disappointing in the manner in which it weakened in the straight. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 2 – Tooheys Maiden Plate 2100m

Havazac – slow to begin and shortly after was hampered by *Dad's Boy* which shifted out. When the pace slackened in the middle stages commenced to overrace and near the 1200m when positioned near the tail of the field was shifted wider and allowed to improve to assume the lead near the 1000m.

Dad's Boy – began awkwardly.

Everly Girl – slow to begin.

Hailstorm – raced keenly in the lead throughout the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding which weakened from the 800m did not reveal any abnormalities.

I Am Baymax – raced wide and without cover until near the 900m.

New Horizons – when questioned regarding the performance T Angland stated that his mount travelled only fairly in a midfield position throughout the early and middle stages and when the leader *Hailstorm* commenced to lose ground from the 800m his mount became badly held up until near the 400m. T Angland added however that once in clear running **New Horizons** was one paced and was disappointing in that it failed to make up any appreciable ground. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Rotoiti – when questioned regarding her riding R Freeman-Key stated that she was under no specific instructions other than not to make her run before the home turn. She said she was able to obtain a midfield position where her mount travelled well. She said that when *Havazac* improved around the field from the 1200m the tempo increased and as her mount, which was up in distance today, was travelling comfortably, and bearing in mind her instructions she was reluctant to make use of it at this point of the race to maintain her position directly outside *Tsubame*, which afforded *I Am Baymax* the opportunity to cross her mount near the 1000m. She stated that approaching the 600m her mount was carried wider when *Tsubame* shifted off the fence and she was then obliged to race wide without cover until near the 400m. R Freeman-Key was told that in the opinion of the Stewards she had erred in not maintaining her position to the outside of *Tsubame* near the 1100m which would have prevented her mount being carried wider and covering additional ground from the 600m.

RACE 3 – Eve Electrical & Communications Benchmark 68 Handicap 1600m

The start of this race was delayed when the starting mechanism failed, necessitating all horses being unladen while the starting mechanism issue was being rectified.

Allez Bien – to be ridden further forward; despite being ridden along aggressively took some time to muster speed and lead.

Zaveena – slow to begin.

The Iron Maiden – slow to begin. Pulled hard in the middle stages and near the 800m had to be steadied away from the heels of *No Effort Needed*. Passing the 150m became held up behind the weakening *My Friend Charlie* and was unable to be fully tested in the run to the finish.

No Effort Needed – knuckled on jumping. When the pace slackened from the 1300m commenced to race fiercely and had to be checked away from the heels of *Allez Bien* (D McDonogh) for some distance.

No Effort Needed then continued to race keenly throughout the middle stages. D McDonogh was cautioned again excessively slowing the tempo.

Mull Over – when the pace slackened from the 1300m commenced to race fiercely and got its head up. **Mull Over** then continued to race keenly throughout the middle stages.

Sculptures – held up rounding the home turn and on straightening was shifted to the outside of *Mull Over* to obtain clear running.

Triumphant Star – raced wide and with cover throughout the event.

RACE 4 – Huckel Excavations 2yo Maiden Plate 1000m

Emperor Arli – began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with *In Lighten Me*. An inquiry into interference suffered by the colt near the 800m was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

In Lighten Me – bumped on jumping by *Emperor Arli*.

Our Dawn – slow to begin.

Burbank – raced keenly in the early stages. Hung out rounding the home turn and shifted wider and in the straight continued to hang out and over the final 100 metres shifted out away from *Lilith*.

Lilith – laid out rounding the home turn and in the straight and shifted wider over the final 150 metres.

Boudicea Belle – shortly after straightening was steadied away from the heels of *Lilith* which shifteout.

RACE 5 – ICU Security Cameras Maiden Handicap 1100m

Knock Toff – Stewards deferred the declaration of correct weight as they were of the prima facie view that *Thirty Knots* had caused sufficient interference to fifth placegetter **Knock Toff** over the concluding stages to cast doubt on whether *Thirty Knots* should be declared fourth placegetter. Having regard to the circumstances of the incident, Mr P Dingwall, Deputy Chairman of Stewards, exercised his discretion under AR164 and lodged a formal objection on behalf of the connections of the fifth placegetter **Knock Toff** against *Thirty Knots* on grounds of alleged interference near the 50m. After taking evidence from all relevant parties, the Stewards found that over the final 50 metres *Thirty Knots* shifted out significantly resulting in **Knock Toff** being heavily bumped, crowded and then being checked. As the Stewards were comfortably satisfied that had the interference not occurred that **Knock Toff** would have finished ahead of *Thirty Knots* they upheld the objection and correct weight was declared on No.9 *Spanish Dream* 1st, .2nd *Excellent Design*, 3rd *Oxford Angel* and 4th *Knock Toff*. When questioned regarding his failure to lodge an objection, T Angland stated that during the race he was of the opinion that the pressure had come from runners to his outside and he therefore did not feel he had sufficient grounds to lodge an objection. T Angland was reprimanded under AR165(1) and advised in similar circumstances he should avail himself of the opportunity of viewing the official footage. J Collett, the rider of *Thirty Knots*, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 137(a) in that near the 50m he permitted his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of **Knock Toff** resulting in **Knock Toff** being heavily bumped, crowded and then being checked. J Collett's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Thursday 18 January 2018 and to expire on Friday 2 February 2018 on which day he may ride.

Excellent Design – reared on jumping and lost ground (3L).

Oxford Angel – passing the 800m bumped on at least two occasions with *Citizen's Arrest* as both runners contested a position in the one off line. Inside the 50m was bumped heavily on the hindquarter by *Knock Toff*, which was taken out by *Thirty Knots* and as a consequence became badly unbalanced.

Citizen's Arrest – overraced in the middle stages. Near the 50m was hampered by *Golden Hits* and shifted closer to the running rail. As a result **Citizen's Arrest** was not tested over the concluding stages.

Spanish Dream – near the 500m pulled its way up to the inside of *Avago Boy* where there was insufficient room to do so and had to be steadied. Was bumped near the 50m, by *Knock Toff*, which was taken out by *Thirty Knots* and as a consequence became unbalanced

Golden Hits – the gelding, which was following *Knock Toff* near the 50m, was checked and shifted in causing *Citizen's Arrest* to be hampered and shifted to a position closer to the running rail. After taking

evidence from apprentice B McDougall, the stewards adjourned the inquiry into the running and handling of the gelding to a date to be fixed.

Sun Valley – when questioned regarding the performance D McDonogh stated that his mount was unusually stirred up prior to the event and after jumping he rode it along to obtain a forward position, however when it did not have sufficient speed to cross runners to his inside he was left racing wide and without cover throughout the event. D McDonogh stated that his mount travelled only fairly and was disappointing in the manner in which it weakened when placed under pressure from the 300m. D McDonogh added that in his opinion **Sun Valley** would be better suited ridden quieter in its races and over further distance. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities other than it had lost its near hind plate.

RACE 6 – De Bortoli Wines Takeover Target Stakes Listed Race 1200m

Chetwood – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding, which weakened significantly over the final 150 metres, did not reveal any abnormalities.

Kuro – for some distance approaching the 400m raced in restricted room to the inside of *Isorich* which shifted in slightly. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Kudero – slow to begin.

RACE 7 – Bill Rutledge Cusick Prelude – Class 3 Handicap 1100m

Ellie's Encore – as declared rider A Hyeronimus was stood down by the club's doctor after riding in race 4 due to dehydration, permission was granted for J Penza to be substituted.

Star Of Monsoon – slow to begin.

What Could Be – began awkwardly and made contact with its offside front gate and then shifted in and bumped heavily with *Niccobelle*.

Parlay Vous – on jumping was steadied when crowded between *Niccobelle*, which was taken in by *What Could Be*, and *Ellie's Encore*, which was taken out by *Ferniehurst*, which shifted out abruptly.

Ellie's Encore – on jumping was hampered by *Ferniehurst* which shifted out.

Niccobelle – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Allegheny – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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

Race 1: Fortune Star

Race 2: Hailstorm, Tsubame, Everly Girl, Dad's Boy(2), Perun, Time To Rethink

Race 3: My Friend Charlie, Mull Over, Allez Bien, No Effort Needed, Triumph Star, Zaveena

Race 4: Burbank(2)

Race 5: Excellent Design, Oxford Angel

Race 6: Chetwood, Kuro, Calanda(2), Oxford Poet, Isorich, Supreme Effort, Kudero, No Interest, Randki

Race 7: Spending To Win, Niccobelle, Parlay Vous, Allegheny, Star Of Monsoon(2), What Could Be, Ellie's Encore, Ferniehurst

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 5: T Angland – no lodge objection [AR154(1)]
Suspensions:	Race 5: J Collett [AR 137(a)] from 8/1/18 to 2/2/18 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil

Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Nil
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 1: Apprentice M Toms – Riding Skills Panel' Race 4: <i>Emperor Arli</i> inquiry adjourned to a date to be fixed. Race 5: B McDougall – riding of <i>Golden Hits</i>