

STEWARDS' REPORT

Wyong Race Club WYONG RACECOURSE

Monday 12 March 2018

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4) – at 1.55pm Good (3) after Race 2.

Rail: Out 2m entire circumference

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

(mkm)

Supplementary Reports:

NEWCASTLE Trackwork: Monday, 27 November 2017

Rustic Melody – An inquiry was concluded into the circumstances surrounding the death of **Rustic Melody** which collapsed after being exercised in the pool at Newcastle trackwork. Evidence was taken from Trainer K Lees who provided a copy of the mare's treatment records for the preparation. Mr Lees explained that he was pleased with **Rustic Melody** throughout its preparation and that the mare had not been treated for any injury. Blood samples were taken from **Rustic Melody** and veterinary records were also provided by stable veterinarian G Dougherty. On confirmation that **Rustic Melody** had suffered acute cardiac failure, and there was no evidence of any pre-existing injuries or veterinary issues that could have led to the mare collapsing, the inquiry was concluded.

HAWKESBURY: Saturday 10 March 2018

RACE 6: Rygate Racecourse Design Maiden Handicap 1300m:

Crystal Billy – co-trainer M Hawkes advised that he was satisfied with the post race condition of the gelding, however it would nevertheless be spelled.

RACE 1 – ww.tab.com.au 3yo Maiden Handicap 1350m

Fields Of Glory – began awkwardly and made contact with *Supreme Rhythm* and became unbalanced. Laid in when placed under pressure in the straight obliging its rider to stop riding and straighten near the 150m.

RACE 2 – Great Northern On Tap At Wyong Class 1 Handicap 1350m

Missybeel – to be ridden further forward; settled midfield. Slow to begin. From the 400m was held up on the heels of *Anne's Gift* and approaching the home turn had to be checked away from the heels of that runner when it commenced to give ground, and then continued to be held up until straightening.

Cavellton – slow to begin.

Casino Angel – shortly after the start was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier to find cover.

Chicago Stomp – near the 350m was bumped by *Cavellton* which shifted out to improve. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils for the first time. Trainer K Waugh was advised that **Chicago Stomp** would now incur the mandatory three months ban from racing.

The Patrician – laid in when placed under pressure in the straight.

Anne's Gift – passing the 100m shifted in and brushed the running rail.

RACE 3 – De Bortoli Wines Class 1 Handicap 1600m

Her Highness – slow to begin and then shortly after the start was checked when crowded by *Our Mantra* which shifted out slightly despite the efforts of its rider.

Raptor – slow to begin and shortly after was steadied when crowded by *Kevacca's Girl* which shifted in. Laid out rounding the home turn.

Decroux – laid out rounding the home turn.

Our Mantra – was held up rounding the home turn and on straightening made contact with *Kevacca's Girl* when attempting to improve into a narrow run between that runner and *Decroux*.

Kevacca's Girl – laid out rounding the home turn and on straightening was hampered and carried wider by *Our Mantra* which shifted out to improve.

RACE 4 – Hudson Homes 2yo Maiden Handicap 1200m

Farranfore – slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Trumbull – began awkwardly and lost ground. In the early stages got its head up on a number of occasions when being restrained to obtain cover. After the 700m was left racing wide and without cover where it was inclined to race keenly. Laid in under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride out.

Autumn – made the home turn awkwardly.

Stunts – laid out rounding the home turn. Rider T England reported that he was instructed to obtain cover on the colt, however when his mount began well, and when runners drawn to his inside did not show intent to lead, he allowed it to stride forward and assume the lead without placing it under any pressure.

RACE 5 – Winning Commercial Maiden Plate 2100m

The Intern – trainer M Conners was fined \$50 under AR140B for the late application to remove the blinkers from the horse's racing gear. Near the 500m was steadied when momentarily crowded between *Glasgow Grey* and *Love Waves* both of which shifted slight ground.

I Want – slow to begin.

Love Waves – began awkwardly, bumped heavily with *Practical* and became unbalanced. **Love Waves** was then shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier to obtain cover.

Practical – began awkwardly and bumped heavily with *Love Waves*.

Regal Cannon – on jumping was hampered by *Glasgow Grey* which shifted out. Near the 300m when weakening was hampered by *Mad Pirate* which was taken in by *Petite* which shifted in when inclined to lay in. When questioned rider K Mallyon stated that she was instructed to lead and was able to assume the lead in the early stages where her mount travelled comfortably at a genuine tempo. She stated that after the 1000m her mount commenced to make an abnormal respiratory noise and became under pressure from as far out as the 700m and was disappointing in the manner in which it weakened from that point. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative N Paine expressed disappointment with the performance and indicated that the stable would now reapply a tongue tie to the gelding's gear. Mr Paine added that in his opinion **Regal Cannon** may not have run out a strong 2100m. Mr Paine was told that a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination, would be required prior to **Regal Cannon** barrier trialing to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again. K Mallyon was reprimanded for using her whip on her mount when it was out of contention.

Mad Pirate – approaching the home turn was bumped and became unbalanced when *Petite* shifted in when inclined to lay in.

RACE 6 – www.wyonggraceclub.com.au 3yo & Upward Maiden Plate 1200m

Rhode Island – trainer W Ganderton was fined \$100 under LR 35(2) for the late declaration of A Hyeronimus as the rider.

King Billy – to be ridden further forward; led. Rider B Shinn was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out fully to the winning post.

The Happy Lady – began awkwardly. When *Princess Kandis* shifted out slightly approaching the 600m improved to that runner's inside and then had to be steadied shortly after when it resumed its position one off the fence.

Jawhara – slow to begin. Lost its offside winker near the 600m. Was held up for a short distance rounding the home turn.

John's Maryanne – slow to begin (2L).

Mighty Marmalade – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Laid in when placed under pressure in the straight.

Princess Kandis – got its head up passing the 800m. When questioned regarding the performance, rider J Innes Jnr stated that his mount travelled well behind the leaders in the early stages however when *Accountant* improved to his outside near the 700m his mount commenced to overrace and had to be checked away from the heels of *Denials*. J Innes Jnr stated that his mount then continued to overrace and as a consequence was left without a finishing effort. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Accountant – raced wide without cover throughout. Laid out rounding the home turn.

RACE 7 – Lakes Printers Benchmark 73 Handicap 1100m

Ecellere – slow to begin and then steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Hong Qigong – slow to begin.

Bella Vella – on jumping was bumped by *Lady Jivago* which shifted out.

Sebring Express – was steadied from its wide barrier and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Lady Jivago – rounding the home turn made contact with *Molten* on a number of occasions when endeavouring to improve between that runner and *Bella Vella*. Over the final 100 metres was unable to be tested when awkwardly positioned close to the heels of *Molten* (K McEvoy) which shifted in under riding. K McEvoy was reprimanded.

Johnny Roo Boy – passing the 100m when racing in restricted room to the inside of *Lady Jivago* brushed the running rail.

Molten – laid in over the final 100 metres and proved difficult to fully test.

Music Magic – raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 8 – Go Electrical Tuggerah Class 2 Handicap 1100m

Tapavino – laid out rounding the home turn.

Easy Eddie – When questioned regarding the performance, C Brown stated that after beginning well he rode his mount along to take up its customary forward position, however when *Lakota* held its position to his inside he was obliged to make more use of his mount in the early stages than he would have liked. He stated that **Easy Eddie** travelled well throughout the event however near the 400m became immediately under pressure and was disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding from that point and raced somewhat greenly in the straight. C Brown added that in his opinion the early work that the gelding was required to do in combination with its big weight took away from its finishing effort. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer J Pride agreed with C Brown and added that at each of its first up runs **Easy Eddie** has performed disappointingly and in his opinion would

derive benefit from today's run. Mr Pride undertook to report back on the progress of **Easy Eddie** in the days subsequent to the race.

Myambat – When questioned regarding the performance, rider R Thompson stated that after beginning well he rode his mount along to assume a forward position, however his mount did not show sufficient speed to cross runners to his inside and as a consequence was left racing wide and without cover. R Thompson stated that his mount, which was resuming from a spell today, travelled keenly in the middle stages however was disappointing in the manner in which it weakened over the final 400 metres. R Thompson added that in his opinion **Myambat** would derive fitness from today's first up run. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative J Verkade agreed with the views of R Thompson and undertook to report back on the gelding's progress in the days subsequent.

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

Race 2: The Patrician

Race 3: Our Mantra (2), Her Highness

Race 4: Autumn

Race 5: Practical, I Want, Mad Pirate, Regal Cannon, Love Waves

Race 7: Honq Qigong

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 5: trainer M Conners, \$50 – late removal of blinkers (AR140B) Race 6: Trainer W Ganderton, \$100 – late declaration of rider [LR35(2)]
Reprimands:	Race 6: K Mallyon – use of whip on horse out of contention [AR137A(4)(c)] Race 7: K McEvoy – shifting in [AR 137(a)]
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Race 2: <i>Chicago Stomp</i> – bled for first time (trainer K Waugh)
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 5: <i>Regal Cannon</i> – poor performance (Waterhouse & Bott stable)
Certificates:	Race 5: <i>Regal Cannon</i> – abnormal respiratory noise (Waterhouse & Bott stable)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Race 5: <i>The Intern</i> – blinkers off.
Follow up:	Race 8: <i>Myambat</i> – stable to report back on progress. <i>Easy Eddie</i> – stable to report back on progress.