

STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club
KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE
Saturday 12 May 2018

Weather: Showers
Track: Good (3); downgraded to Good (4) at 10.52 a.m. prior to Race 1.
Rail: True

STEWARDS: T. A. McDonald (Chairman), T. P. Moxon, T. J. Vassallo and Cadets
F. J. Dale, T. J. Lee and R. W. Loughlin

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Supplementary Report:

Hawkesbury: Thursday 10 May 2018

Race 7: Windsor RSL Club Benchmark 60 Handicap 1600m:

Bohdi Blue – Trainer Mr G. Portelli was advised that the mare would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to being permitted to race again.

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As C. Lever was indisposed due to injury, Stewards permitted the following rider replacements:

Race 1	N. Heywood on Skaldak
Race 4	J. Grisedale on Withering
Race 6	Y. Ichikawa on Sasuba
Race 7	G. Buckley on Alvin Purple
Race 8	G. Buckley on Follow Suit

RACE 1: Keely Maiden Plate 1500m:

Bon Warrior – bumped on jumping by *Kiria*, which shifted out.

Skaldak – began awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Joyous Times – When questioned regarding his riding in the early stages, App. P. Scorse, assisted by industry training mentor Mr R. Quinn, stated that the instructions issued to him today were to ride his mount out of the barriers in an attempt to take up the lead or a position outside the lead, given that when racing with cover at its last start on 22 April 2018 at Goulburn it was inclined to overrace and resented racing in behind runners. He added that, after beginning very awkwardly, he rode his mount in an attempt to take up a forward position in the early stages, however, was unable to do so when *Skaldak*, drawn to his inside, and *Bon Warrior* showed superior speed. He further said that, leaving the 1400m, he considered taking a position with cover behind *Skaldak*, however, being mindful of his instructions and the filly's racing manners, he elected to maintain his position, racing wide and without cover throughout. App.

Scorse agreed with Stewards that, given the slow early tempo of the race and his instructions, he should have made more use of his mount to take up a leading position rather than travel wide, without cover and cover additional ground.

Nautibernie – hampered on jumping by *Joyous Times*, which began very awkwardly and shifted out. Had some difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight. Rider Y. Ichikawa reported that, after suffering interference at the start, his mount settled further back than intended.

Tianma – bounded on jumping and lost ground.

RACE 2: Laughter Is The Best Medicine 3YO Fillies Maiden Handicap 1200m:

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

All Too Free – change of tactics - to be ridden midfield with cover: settled midfield with cover.

Stage Pass – approaching the 300m had to be eased when crowded between *Aalto*, which shifted out slightly, and *All Too Free*, which laid in and shifted in abruptly despite the efforts of its rider. *Sophilo*, which was following, had to be eased.

Dabster – Rider J. Penza reported on return to scale that his mount's action was short in front and as a consequence he desisted from riding it out over the final 200 metres. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Iva Lilo - dipped shortly after the start.

Sophilo – laid in in the early part of the straight requiring its rider B. Spriggs to transfer the whip to his right hand. Passing the 100m was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Aalto*. B. Spriggs reported that he became concerned with the filly's action when it was inclined to lay in in the straight and for this reason he did not ride it out fully to the line. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 3: Camp Quality 3YO Colts and Geldings Maiden Handicap 1200m:

Magnifica – slow to begin. Shifted out under pressure in the straight.

Napoli – slow to begin. Hung out rounding the home turn. Shifted out under pressure in the straight. Rider N. Heywood reported that his mount raced greenly throughout.

So Shy – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider J. Penza stated that after obtaining cover his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages. He stated that in his opinion the gelding did not feel comfortable in its action in the home straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Roy John – raced wide in the early stages and, passing the 800m, was allowed to stride forward and take up a position outside the lead.

RACE 4: Spooks Courage 2YO Maiden Plate 1000m:

Big Data – from its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Shortly after straightening had to be steadied from the heels of *Withering* when that runner was carried wider by *Brunetta* (B. Spriggs), which shifted out when not clear. B. Spriggs was reprimanded.

Commissioner – shortly after jumping, was hampered by *Kitchener*, which began awkwardly and shifted in. Rider M. Bell stated that he intended to take up a more forward position, however, after receiving some interference at the start and due to the fast early tempo of the race, the colt settled further back than he had intended. He stated that his mount became under pressure upon entering the home straight and finished its race off only fairly. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

My Rajah – slow to begin.

Screen Shot – When questioned, rider A. Layt stated that the colt laid out making the home turn, however, when under full pressure inside the 300m his mount commenced to hang out significantly, shifted wider on the track, and he was unable to fully test **Screen Shot** in the run to the line. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr P. Robl advised that **Screen Shot** will now barrier trial and that he will experiment with the use of blinkers. Given the racing manners of the colt, Stewards ruled that such course of action must be taken.

Writing Unexpected – from its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Brunetta – passing the 800m had to be eased to avoid the heels of *Banjo's Voice*, which was carried in by *My Rajah* (S. Pollard), which shifted in when not clear. S. Pollard was advised to exercise more care.

Vainity – bumped at the start. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider G. Buckley stated that, although obliged to race wide, his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, 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 did not reveal any abnormalities.

Withering – leaving the 400m had to be steadied to avoid the heels of *Brunetta*, which shifted out.

RACE 5: Project Dry Hire Benchmark 70 Handicap 1000m:

Argent D'or – was hampered badly by *Bounding Badger*, which began awkwardly and shifted in. When questioned regarding his riding between the 600m and the 500m and as to whether he may have been able to place his mount under more pressure at that point of the race, M. Bell explained that, although he was aware that his mount had become somewhat detached from the field, with the gelding being first up today and carrying top weight of 61 kilograms he felt that it may not benefit the horse to place it under pressure so far out. He stated that he was mindful that, due to those factors, **Argent D'or** may not be able to sustain a 600-metre run and, as such, elected to wait until the 500m before placing his mount under pressure where it finished the race off well.

Malaigo – hampered on jumping by *Argent D'or*, which shifted in. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider R. Hutchings stated that his mount never travelled comfortably and, despite his efforts to ride the gelding along throughout the race, it did not respond to his riding. He added that he had concerns with his mount's action after placing it under pressure rounding the home turn and for this reason desisted from riding the gelding out. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Moss My Name – leaving the 600m, when hanging out, was steadied to avoid the heels of *Le Dejeuner*.

Nonpareil – approaching the 600m was steadied to avoid the heels of *Anna's Joy* (J. Grisedale), which shifted in when not clear. J. Grisedale was advised to exercise more care.

Williamson – began awkwardly. Held up rounding the turn and in the early part of the straight, and did not obtain clear running until passing the 200m.

Le Dejeuner – rounding the home turn shifted out to find clear running and made contact with *Anna's Joy*, resulting in both horses becoming unbalanced.

Skyway – despite being ridden along in the early stages, failed to muster speed and raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 6: Alltech Payroll Class 1 Handicap 1200m:

Black Chilli – raced keenly in the middle stages.

Catmosphere – began awkwardly.

Key To Glory – App. C. Williams, assisted by industry training mentor Mr R. Quinn, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding in that passing the 300m he permitted *Boston Light* to shift out when insufficiently clear of **Key To Glory**, which had to be checked and lost its running. App. Williams' permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 22 May 2018 and to expire on Thursday 31 May 2018, on which day he may ride. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Key To Glory** to be 1/5 lame in the near hind leg. Trainer Mr M. Newnham advised that the gelding will now be spelled. Mr Newnham was advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to the gelding's next race start.

Artemis Rose – change of tactics - to be ridden midfield with cover: settled worse than midfield. Overraced in the early and middle stages.

Cuban Royale – hampered on jumping by *Buffy*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. Leaving the 600m, when racing in restricted room between *Artemis Rose* and *Key To Glory* (App. R. Dolan), had to be eased when *Key To Glory* shifted in slightly. App. R. Dolan was advised to exercise more care.

Buffy – Rider J. Grisedale reported that he had to make some use of the filly in the early stages to take up a forward position, however, was nevertheless disappointing

in the manner in which it finished the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Sasuba – change of tactics – to be ridden back from its wide draw: settled back. Began awkwardly. From its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Our Girl Hollie – bumped on jumping by *Monsieur Macron*, which shifted in.

Lady Demi – in the early stages, from its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners.

RACE 7: Team Illawarra Benchmark 65 Handicap 1400m:

Fireman Sam I Am – Prior to the declaration of correct weight, Stewards identified from the inquiry room that rider R. Bensley had struck his mount on nine occasions prior to the 100m. When Stewards could not be satisfied that R. Bensley had gained an advantage that resulted in **Fireman Sam I Am** winning, in accordance with AR168(2), they declined to exercise their powers under AR137A(9) and did not proceed with a formal objection. At a subsequent inquiry, R. Bensley pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii). R. Bensley was fined \$300.

Clifton County – bumped on jumping by *Fireman Sam I Am*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. Overraced in the early stages and refused to settle. Raced wide without cover thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Royal Stamp – began very awkwardly, losing ground, and was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Alvin Purple – slow to begin.

Can Dream – When questioned, M. Bell stated that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, however, as it is one-paced, he elected to put the mare into the race near the 500m. He added that, after initially responding to his riding, **Can Dream** then commenced to weaken over the final 100 metres.

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

It's A New Day – raced wide and without cover throughout.

RACE 8: Escarpade Class 2 Handicap 1600m:

Golden Organic – was a late withdrawal at 8.26 a.m. by order of the Stewards. Trainer Mr M. Vella will be interviewed regarding the failure to withdraw the horse by the prescribed time.

Follow Suit – from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Stable representative Mr C. Duckworth was advised that a veterinary clearance, including the results of an ECG, must be provided prior to **Follow Suit** barrier trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards.

Lifeline Princess – Rider M. Bell reported that over the final 150 metres he was concerned something may be amiss and for this reason desisted from riding and eased the mare out of the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Stable representative Mr J. Bruce was advised that a veterinary clearance, including the results of an ECG, must be provided prior to **Lifeline Princess** barrier trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards.

First Courier – bumped on jumping by *Vontaine*, which began awkwardly and shifted out.

Biscuit – slow to begin.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Kiria, Uber Lux, Nautibernie

Race 2: Iva Lilo, Speed Camera (2), Sophilo

Race 3: Napoli

Race 4: Banjo's Voice (2), Screen Shot, Yalanji, Brunetta, Natalia, Vainity, Withering

Race 5: Argent D'or, Sweet Surprise, Malaigo, Moss My Name, Nonpareil, Anna's Joy, Dashley Dubh, Williamson, Bounding Badger, Le Dejeuner, Skyway

Race 8: Follow Suit, Our Anniversaire, Lifeline Princess, Subban, Vontaine, First Courier, Admission, Ironheart, Biscuit

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted that 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. Penza on Uber Lux	6 strikes
Race 1	K. Latham on Bon Warrior	7 strikes
Race 1	N. Heywood on Skaldak	6 strikes
Race 2	C. Ings on Speed Camera	7 strikes
Race 3	N. Heywood on Napoli	6 strikes
Race 4	R. Brewer on Banjo's Voice	7 strikes
Race 5	A. Layt on Dashley Dubh	7 strikes

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 7: R. Bensley (Fireman Sam I Am) fined \$300 for using the whip on nine occasions prior to 100m (AR137A(5)(a)(ii)).
Reprimands:	Race 4: B. Spriggs (Brunetta) – shifted out when not clear (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Race 6: App. C. Williams (Boston Light) – careless riding (AR137(a)) – permit to ride suspended from 22/5/18 to 31/5/18, on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.

Trials:	<p>Supplementary - Hawkesbury 10/5/18 Race 7: Bohdi Blue (Trainer Mr G. Portelli).</p> <p>Race 4: Screen Shot (Trainer Mr P. Robl) – hanging out.</p> <p>Race 8: Lifeline Princess (Trainer Mr B. Baker) – cardiac arrhythmia.</p> <p>Race 8: Follow Suit (Trainer Mr C. Waller) – cardiac arrhythmia.</p>
Certificates:	<p>Race 6: Key To Glory (Trainer Mr M. Newnham) – veterinary clearance.</p> <p>Race 8: Lifeline Princess (Trainer Mr B. Baker) – cardiac arrhythmia – veterinary clearance including ECG.</p> <p>Race 8: Follow Suit (Trainer Mr C. Waller) - cardiac arrhythmia – veterinary clearance including ECG</p>
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Follow-up:	Race 8: Trainer Mr M. Vella to be interviewed regarding failure to withdraw Golden Organic by the prescribed time (LR36).
Change of Colours:	Race 4: Kitchener – white cap.