

STEWARDS REPORT
Illawarra Turf Club

KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE
Saturday 13 January 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (5); upgraded to Good (4) at 1.50 p.m. (after Race 2)
Rail: +3m

STEWARDS: T. A. McDonald (Chairman), R. W. Livingstone, C. G. Polglase and
Cadet R. T. Debels

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Riding Changes:

As N. Heywood was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted the following rider substitutions:

Race 4	S. Lisnyy on Dijaawat
Race 5	J. Grisedale on Painted Wall
Race 6	S. Pollard on Boston Blues
Race 7	J. Grisedale on It's A Lottery

RACE 1: Duck Creek Dash Maiden Plate 1000m:

Hashtag Hero – hung out rounding the home turn, which allowed *Rotterdam*, which was briefly held up on its heels, to establish a narrow run to its inside.

Dark Haze – approaching the 200m made slight contact with *Hashtag Hero* to its inside and when *Deity* to its outside then shifted in slightly was steadied. **Dark Haze** then commenced to weaken noticeably. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Ten Carat – was withdrawn by order of the Stewards at 7.55 a.m. after Co-trainer Mr E. Cummings advised that he had failed to withdraw the gelding by the prescribed time. Mr Cummings was fined the sum of \$100 under LR36.

Hollywood Rose – began awkwardly, got its head up and lost ground.

Behold The Queen – raced keenly in the early stages when being restrained in an attempt to find cover. Passing the 800m laid in and bumped *Deity*, became unbalanced and shifted back out. This allowed *Deity* to shift out and improve into clear running after making further contact with **Behold The Queen**. Raced wide and without cover throughout.

Deity – began awkwardly and got its head up, and was then bumped by *Rotterdam*, which bounded on jumping and shifted out. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Over the concluding stages was brushed by *Rotterdam*, which shifted out slightly.

RACE 2: Berkeley Benchmark 67 Handicap 1500m:

Excited Prince – slow to begin (2L). Overraced in the middle stages.

Saint Jerome – A post-race veterinary examination of **Saint Jerome**, which laid in and made the home turn awkwardly, did not reveal any abnormality.

Victory Anthem – passing the 350m was briefly tightened by *Roya's Dream*, which laid in and shifted in slightly.

Roya's Dream – raced ungenerously in the early stages. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

RACE 3: Port Kembla Beach Benchmark 64 Handicap 2000m:

Stately Lord – When questioned regarding her riding in the early and middle stages of the event, App. C. Macfarlane, assisted by apprentice mentor Mr R. Quinn, advised that her instructions had been to have the gelding take up a forward position with cover. She added that after beginning well she took up a position in the first half of the field, however, rounding the first turn approaching the 1600m when *Captain Manering*, which was racing in advance of her, ran out making the turn, her mount was inclined to follow that runner and as a result made the turn very awkwardly. She further added that when that runner commenced to shift back in she took up a position directly behind it, however, did not realise that at that point she was travelling in a three-wide position. This ultimately allowed for the eventual winner *Lucky Legend* to shift from a position on the fence and take up a more advantageous position one off behind the leader *Midnight Obsession*, leaving her mount three wide without cover. When questioned as to whether she had considered allowing her mount to stride forward and take up the lead while racing in the back straight, she advised that in her view, as the tempo was strong, it would have been disadvantageous to make use of her mount in this fashion. When asked whether she had considered restraining her mount and taking up a position behind *Lucky Legend* where there was ample room to do so, App. Macfarlane advised that she was not aware of the position that she could have assumed behind *Lucky Legend* at that point and, in her view, it would have halted the momentum of her mount to restrain at this point of the race. Stewards advised App. Macfarlane that she had erred in not being more decisive approaching the 1600m by not shifting her mount into the one-off position, which would have left the eventual winner racing on the rail. Stewards further advised App. Macfarlane that they were satisfied with her explanation as to why she did not roll forward in the middle stages as the sectionals established that the tempo was strong, however, she should have made herself aware of the position available behind *Lucky Legend* and should have restrained her mount to take up this position, which would have afforded **Stately Lord** the best opportunity to finish the race off strongly and avoid covering additional ground.

Midnight Obsession – when caught wide in the early stages was allowed to stride forward by its rider in an attempt to take up a position outside the leader, however, approaching the 1600m, when *Captain Manering* ran off the track rounding the first turn, **Midnight Obsession** was carried very wide and was severely hampered. On straightening, was brushed by *Lucky Legend*, shifted out and bumped *Stately Lord*. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Battle Zone – raced keenly in the middle stages.

Just Keep Giving – C. Lever advised that the mare travelled well, however, in his view, struck a softer section of track near the 800m, did not stretch out thereafter and failed to finish its race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr G. Thompson advised that on return to the stables he will assess **Just Keep Giving** before making a decision on its immediate racing future. The post-race plans regarding **Just Keep Giving** will be followed up with Mr Thompson.

Captain Manering – rounding the first turn approaching the 1600m, ran off severely and hampered *Midnight Obsession*. Trainer Ms G. Markwell was advised that the gelding would be required to trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

RACE 4: Mullet Creek Mile Maiden Plate 1600m:

Cambridge Don – was slow to begin and was hampered by *Plea Bargain*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. Commenced to overrace passing the 1200m.

Plea Bargain – laid out and shifted out under pressure in the straight over the final 100 metres.

Royalty Rising – began awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early stages.

Stately Boy – from its wide barrier, was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. The gelding had some difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight and had to be shifted to the outside of *California Fox* to continue into clear running passing the 200m.

Timeless Melody – passing the 900m became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Royalty Rising* and was shifted out, carrying *Apache Junction* wider. After racing in restricted room for some distance approaching the 350m, was disappointed for a run between *Apache Junction* and *Ming Hoi Master*, which shifted out. Passing the 100m, had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Ming Hoi Master* (App. A. Skerritt), which shifted out. App. A. Skerritt was advised to exercise more care.

California Fox – was slow to begin.

Funky Music – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Kentucky Diva – reared in the barriers, struck its head on the superstructure and dislodged its rider, C. Lever. The mare then underwent a veterinary examination and was withdrawn at 2.51 p.m. acting on veterinary advice. *Cambridge Don*, which was in the adjacent stall, underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies placed on **Kentucky Diva** be refunded in full and, with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers made prior to 2.51 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st **Ordos Honor** less 9 cents win, 9 cents place;

2nd **Plea Bargain** less 8 cents place;

3rd **Royalty Rising** less 9 cents place.

Trainer's representative Ms M. Beardmore was advised that the mare would be required to trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again. C. Lever was examined by the Club's medical officer and ruled unfit to fulfil his remaining engagements. Stewards approved the following rider replacements:

Race 5	S. Pollard on Power Law
Race 6	S. Lisnyy on Komorebi

The Intern – began awkwardly and shifted out.

Angelify – slow to begin (3L). The filly was then shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Dijaawat – began awkwardly and shifted out. Passing the 1200m, got its head up when being restrained in an attempt to find cover.

Ming Hoi Master – raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 5: Shane Eades Transport Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Madame Moustache – on straightening, commenced to weaken, and was bumped and carried wider by *Nathula*, which shifted out to improve into clear running.

Midnight Delight – blundered on jumping, and was then steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Painted Wall – blundered passing the 1300m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Mozart's Work – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Passing the 1100m was briefly hampered when *Power Law* laid out and shifted out slightly. App. R. Hunt was fined \$200 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for applying the whip on nine occasions prior to the 100m.

RACE 6: Warrawong Maiden Handicap 1300m:

Only Tiger – which was caught wide in the early stages, was allowed to stride forward by its rider and take the lead.

Komorebi – missed the start (2L).

Emoclew – began awkwardly.

Beauty Kanas – became fractious and reared in the barriers, striking its head on the superstructure. The filly underwent a veterinary examination and was withdrawn at 4.08 p.m. on veterinary advice. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies placed on **Beauty Kanas** be refunded in full and, with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers made prior to 4.08 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st **Emoclew** less 2 cents win, 3 cents place;

2nd **Aeecee Tianhu** less 2 cents place;

3rd **Only Tiger** less 6 cents place.

Mr M. Whiteman, representing Trainer Mr D. Payne, was advised that the filly would be required to trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

Little Renegade – raced keenly in the early stages.

Piccata – slow to begin.

Sharp Tune – stable representative Ms A. Double, representing Trainer Mr J. Coyle, was fined \$50 for failing to produce the thoroughbred identity card for the filly.

Smart Enough – began awkwardly and lost ground (2L). Approaching the 900m, had to be restrained and lost its running when *Little Renegade* (App. B. Ryan), which initially shifted out rounding the turn, then shifted in to resume its position when not clear of **Smart Enough**. Stewards determined that at the point where *Little Renegade* shifted out it was two lengths clear of **Smart Enough**, which then commenced to race keenly and pulled its way to the inside of the heels of *Little Renegade* and, as such, App. Ryan was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Our Ally – Trainer Mr D. D'Arcy was advised that **Our Ally**, which stood flatfooted once the gates were opened and took no part in the event, must barrier trial on two consecutive occasions to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

RACE 7: Dapto Benchmark 65 Handicap 1300m:

Crafty Tycoon – slow to begin. Passing the 1100m, after initially being tightened for room by *Territorial* (P. King), which shifted in slightly, had to be checked and lost its running when *Territorial* was directed in by *Seething Jackal* (App. R. Hunt) when not clear. Stewards established that after *Territorial* initially placed **Crafty Tycoon** in restricted room, some effort was made by its rider P. King to relieve the pressure, however, when *Seething Jackal* then shifted in, it directed that runner across the running of **Crafty Tycoon**. In the circumstances P. King was reprimanded and advised that, while he made some effort initially to relieve pressure, in the Stewards' view he could have made more effort. App. R. Hunt pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding in that she permitted her mount to shift in when not clear of *Territorial*, which was taken in and contributed to the interference to **Crafty Tycoon**. App. Hunt's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on 18 January 2018 and to expire on 21 January 2018, on which day she may ride.

Weekend Affair – leaving the 200m, when inclined to shift out, rider R. Brewer had to stop riding and straighten his mount.

Klisstra – Trainer Mr R. Litt was fined the sum of \$50 under LR35 for failing to declare G. Buckley as the rider of the mare by the prescribed time.

Your Witness – in the early stages commenced to race keenly, got its head up and refused to settle for some distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Moss Trip – slow to begin. Leaving the 400m was disappointed for a run between *Dependable* and *It's A Lottery*, which shifted out and away from *Your Witness*, which

shifted out slightly. **Moss Trip** had to be shifted to the outside of the heels of *Dependable* to continue into clear running.

Lostasock – As App. C. Macfarlane was unable to claim her full allowance, Stewards permitted App. B. Ryan to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. App. Macfarlane was reprimanded. In issuing a reprimand, Stewards were mindful that this was App. Macfarlane's first offence under LR70.

GENERAL:

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into a report provided by Mr Nathan Hayward (Chief Investigator, Surveillance and Investigation Unit, Racing NSW) regarding a complaint received from licensed owner Ms Michelle Johnstone on 8 November 2017 with respect to an incident which Ms Johnstone alleged took place on Kingston Town Drive at Kembla Grange on Thursday 2 November 2017 regarding the conduct of then licensed stablehand Mr J. Carroll. Evidence was taken from Mr Carroll (in person), licensed stablehand Mr Michael McTegg (by telephone) and independent witness Mrs D. Grisedale (by telephone) regarding an unnamed Akeed Mofeed two-year-old colt. After considering all of the evidence, the Stewards could not be satisfied that the allegations against Mr Carroll could be substantiated to the relevant burden of proof. Further, the Stewards were similarly satisfied that a cross-allegation made against Mr McTegg could also not be established to the relevant burden of proof. As such, the Stewards concluded the matter on that basis.

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

Race 1: Rotterdam, Deity

Race 2: Victory Anthem

Race 3: Lucky Legend, Dalalah

Race 4: Royalty Rising, Stately Boy, Plea Bargain

Race 7: Lostasock, Dependable

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted 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	P. King (Rotterdam)	7 strikes
Race 2	R. Brewer (Excited Prince)	6 strikes
Race 3	App. C. Macfarlane (Stately Lord)	7 strikes
Race 3	P. King (Lucky Legend)	6 strikes
Race 4	P. King (Ordos Honor)	6 strikes
Race 4	S. Pollard (Plea Bargain)	7 strikes

SUMMARY	
Fines:	<p>Race 1: Co-trainer Mr E. Cummings fined \$100 for failing to withdraw Ten Carat by the prescribed time (LR36).</p> <p>Race 5: App. R. Hunt (Mozart's Work) fined \$200 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for applying the whip on nine occasions prior to the 100m.</p>

	<p>Race 6: Trainer Mr J. Coyle fined \$50 for failing to produce thoroughbred identity card for Sharp Tune (AR59A).</p> <p>Race 7: Trainer Mr R. Litt fined \$50 for the late declaration of the rider of Klisstra (LR35).</p>
Reprimands:	<p>Race 7: App. C. Macfarlane (Lostasock) – unable to claim full allowance (LR70).</p> <p>Race 7: P. King (Territorial) – shifting in when not clear (AR137(a)).</p>
Suspensions:	<p>Race 7: App. R. Hunt (Seething Jackal) – careless riding (AR137(a)) – permit to ride in races suspended from 18/1/18 to 21/1/18, on which day she may ride..</p>
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	<p>Race 3: Captain Manering (Trainer Ms G. Markwell) – ran off.</p> <p>Race 4: Kentucky Diva (Trainers Messrs Hawkes) – fractious in the barriers.</p> <p>Race 6: Beauty Kanas (Trainer Mr D. Payne) – fractious in the barriers.</p> <p>Race 6: Our Ally (Trainer Mr D. D'Arcy) – barrier trial on two consecutive occasions - stood flatfooted at the start and took no part in the event.</p>
Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 4: C. Lever (Kentucky Diva) – dislodged in barriers.
Follow-up:	Race 3: Just Keep Giving (Trainer Mr G. Thompson) – future plans.
Change of Colours:	Nil.