

## STEWARDS' REPORT

Wine Country Race Club  
Cessnock Racecourse

*Tuesday 13 March 2018*

**Rail-** True.

**Weather-** Fine

**Track-** Good (3)

**Stewards-** C McIntosh (Chairman), R Livingstone, D Greer, D Carr, and cadet's R Loughlin, T Lee.

### Supplementary.

#### From Hawkesbury Race 5: Platinum Park Racing Class 1 Handicap 1100m.

**Behrooz** - R Brewer pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he applied the whip on 10 occasions (5 more than permitted) prior to the 100m. R Brewer was fined \$400. In assessing penalty stewards were mindful that *Behrooz* finished 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### Wyong Barrier Trials: Tuesday 16 January 2018 - Trial 14

**Bring Back Time** - Stewards continued their inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the filly collapsing and dying when returning to the mounting enclosure after winning the aforementioned barrier trial. A necropsy report from the University of Sydney Veterinary Teaching Hospital at Camden was tendered, which found that **Bring Back Time** died of exercise-associated sudden death, and whilst the cause could not be conclusively determined the findings were consistent with exercise-induced cardiovascular failure. A certificate from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory was tendered, which showed that analysis of a urine sample taken from the filly during necropsy found it to be free of prohibited substances. Trainer Mr K Lees also tendered veterinary and treatment records for the filly. On the available evidence Stewards were satisfied that there was no pre-existing condition which could have led to the sudden death of **Bring Back Time** and the inquiry was concluded.

#### Race 1- XXXX Gold Class 1 Handicap 900m

**Garryfromthebull** – Laid out over the concluding stages.

**D'Last Za** – On straightening was obliged to alter course to the outside of *Garryfromthebull* to continue to improve when that horse after making the home turn awkwardly then shifted back in.

**Swift Arrival** – After being a little slow to begin. N Callow reported that the filly then did not muster speed despite being ridden along and was unable to hold a prominent position.

**Ms Wicked Nicca** – Raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Snipex Abaa** – Began awkwardly. Rounding the home turn became awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Ms Wicked Nicci*. After shifting to the outside of *Ms Wicked Nicci* to improve on straightening was then disappointed for a run between that horse and *Aqua Chimera* when *Ms Wicked Nicci* shifted out. **Snipex Abaa** was then held up for clear running until passing the 150m.

**Snasybird** – Raced wide and without cover throughout. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

### **Race 2- Anzac Day @ Cessnock Class 2 Handicap 1570m**

**Longchamp Lass** – When questioned App L Day advised that in the early stages she endeavoured to move *My Friend Charlie* towards the rail which would have then enabled her to take cover behind *Miss Kyeema* who was moving forward and on her outside. She added that however when *My Friend Charlie* held its position she restrained and took cover as opposed to riding forward as she felt her mount was not travelling well enough to do so. She added that *Longchamp Lass* has only a short sprint and the way the race was run did not suit the horse as she was obliged to make a long run on the horse from the 800m. She added as a result *Longchamp Lass*' run ended at the 200m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Lightning Lockie** – Began awkwardly.

**Jackknife** – Raced keenly in the early stages and near the 1100m was steadied away from the heels of *Longchamp Lass*. *Duchess Darla* which was racing to the inside of *Jackknife* was briefly tightened. Laid in when under pressure and proved difficult to ride out.

### **Race 3- Buyable.com.au/NJC Class 1 Handicap 1350m**

**Kitana** – Was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 9.38am when it was found to be displaying soreness in both of its front heels. Trainer Mr G Hickman was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to *Kitana* racing again.

**Lugard Road** – Blundered near the 500m.

**Unattainable** – When questioned regarding the mare racing further forward, T Wolfgram advised that the plan had been to have the horse ridden quiet. He added in the early stages he endeavoured to restrain and race with cover however when the tempo of the race was slow and when it became apparent he may be caught wide he allowed the horse to stride forward and ultimately raced outside the leader.

**Great Body** – From its wide barrier was steadied and shifted back in across runners after the start.

### **Race 4- Royal Oak Hotel Cessnock Benchmark 65 Handicap 2125m.**

**Zigamore** – A Bullock advised that whilst in his view *Zigamore* is capable of running out similar journeys of today's race he felt the main reason the gelding did not finish its race off as expected was due to the horse's impost of 61.5kg. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Something Borrowed** – Began awkwardly and made contact with *Pretty Pine*.

**Nightspun** – Approaching the winning post on the first occasions commenced to over race and was steadied away from the heels of *Dayarama*. **Nightspun** then shifted out resulting in *Packen* being carried wider. **Nightspun** continued to over race for some distance thereafter.

**Packen** – Raced keenly in the early stages and was eased away from the heels of *Zigamore* near the 1900. Was hampered and carried wider rounding the first turn by *Nightspun*. Raced wide and without cover for the remainder of the race.

**Parnossos** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the horse to have lost both front plates during the race.

**Hi Caliber** – Was fractious in the race day tie-up stalls and suffered minor abrasions to near fore and near hind hock. *Hi Caliber* underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to start.

*Hi Caliber* then underwent a further veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and was found to be lame in the near hind leg. Acting on veterinary advice *Hi Caliber* was a late withdrawal at 3.37pm. All bets placed on *High Caliber* were ordered to be refunded and all successful bets to be less the following deductions:

- 1st) **Stan** – Less 15c Win, 14c Place
- 2nd) **Parnossos** – Less 12c Place
- 3rd) **Dayarama** – Less 16c Place

Stable representative Mr K Forbes was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing again.

**Pretty Pine** – Bumped and was hampered at the start by *Something Borrowed*.

**Chocolate Coated** – Slowly away and then was shifted back in across runners after the start.

**Tiger's Story** – Slowly away and then was shifted back in across runners after the start.

#### **Race 5- Cessnock Leagues Maiden Handicap 1350m**

**Anchor Woman** – When questioned regarding the mare leading today, S Guymer advised that he was under no specific instructions however was to ride the horse on how it began. He added that after the horse began particularly well he allowed the horse to go forward and whilst he did not wish to lead when that position was available to avoid being caught wide he rode *Another Woman* forward and assumed the lead.

**As You Say** – Slowly away and then raced wide and without cover from the 900m.

**Gotta Run** – Stood flatfooted as the start was effected and lost ground (5L). Trainer Ms A Grives was advised that *Gotta Run* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again.

**Herebaneek** – Slowly away. Near the 400m was tightened for room between *Lochinvar Charger* which shifted out away from the heels of *As You Say* and *Treferanian*. *Professor Marvel* which was trailing was steadied as a result.

**Live In Space** – Near the 1000m was checked when crowded for room by *Diamond Deluxe (N Callow)* which after initially shifted in was then unable to shift back out when *Septango* shifted in. In the circumstances N Callow was reprimanded.

**Professor Marvel** – As W Costin was ill permission was granted for to be substituted. Steadied off heels near the 400m. Was held up for clear running rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

**Sacred Peak** – Began awkwardly, shifted out and was checked away from the heels of *Treferanian*.

**Trefrainian** – Raced wide and without cover throughout. Trainer Mr N Mitchell was advised that a warning would be placed on the horse which was beaten 21L.

**Whitty Woman** – Began awkwardly and then was taken back in across runners after the start.

### **Race 6- IGA Liquor Maiden Plate 1570m**

**Chekkapen** – Slowly away.

**Dynevor Downs** – Raced wide and without cover in the early stages.

**Zoffany's Lad** – Slowly away. Raced wide and without cover until nearing the 1100m. Hung out from the 400m and ran out and was unable to be tested. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr G Allard was advised that *Zoffany's Lad* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again.

**Glen Appin** – Hampered and carried wider by *Zoffany's Lad* on the home turn when that horse hung out.

**Grand Peril** – Slowly away. Raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Remembering Sam** – Slowly away.

**Smokin' Miss** – J Hull (*Zoffany's Lad*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137 (a) in that near the 1100m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of *Dynevor Downs* and *Smokin' Miss* both of which were crowded and lost their rightful running. J Hull's licence to ride in races were suspended for a period to commence on Monday 19 March 2018 and to expire on Saturday 24 March 2018 on which day he may ride. *Glen Appin* which was trailing was steadied.

**She's Just Sayin** – In the early stages when racing keenly got its head up when being steadied away from the heels of *Carnegie's Monaco*.

**Kalisa's Secret** – Slowly away (2L).

### **Race 7- East Cessnock Bowling Club Benchmark 55 Handicap 1150m**

**Frogmarch** – Raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Teravette** – Slowly away. Steadied when crowded near the 900m.

**Viscount Lad** – Hung out throughout and near the 900m ran out resulting in *Terravette* being steadied when crowded for room. A post-race veterinary examination of *Viscount Lad* did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Ms A Grives was advised that a warning would be placed on the horse.

**Sammi Jain** – When questioned regarding her riding over the concluding stages App A Skerritt advised that she applied the whip in the straight and in her view gained a narrow margin on the eventual winner *Son D'Amour* near the 75m. She added that however when *Son D'Amour* then commenced to improve again, shortly after she elected to at the winning post desist from using the whip to stay as balanced as possible and to try to push her hands forward to endeavour to try to get her mounts head forward as she was aware the finish would be close.

**Bells Creek** – Slowly away.

**Clever Gent** – Began awkwardly and got its head and subsequently lost ground (2L).

**General.**

App L Day was fined \$200 under LR 64 (1) (2) for failing to attend apprentice school as required on Monday 18 March 2018.

**Summary of whip use**

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

<b>Race 7</b>	A Skerritt ( <b>Sammi Jain</b> )	6 strikes
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**Swabs-** Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners,

**Race 2:** Longchamp Lass, Miss Kyeema

**Race 4:** Pretty Pine, Tiger's Story

**Race 7:** Dynevor Downs, She's Just Sayin

**SUMMARY**

<b>Fines</b>	Supplementary – R Brewer (Behrooz) - \$400 – Use of whip. General – App L Day - \$200 – Fail to attend apprentice school.
<b>Reprimands</b>	Race 5: N Callow ( <b>Diamond Deluxe</b> ) – Shifting in.
<b>Suspensions</b>	Race 6: J Hull ( <b>Zoffany's Lad</b> ) – Careless Riding (18/3/18 – 23/3/18)
<b>Warnings</b>	Race 7: <b>Viscount Lad</b> (A Grives) – Hung out.
<b>Certificates</b>	Race 3: <b>Kitana</b> (G Hickman) – Late withdrawal Race 4: <b>Hi Caliber</b> (K Lees) – Lamé near hind.
<b>Trials</b>	Race 5: <b>Gotta Run</b> (A Grives) – Stood flatfooted at start Race 6: <b>Zoffany's Lad</b> (G Allard) – Hung out
<b>Bleeders</b>	Nil
<b>Falls &amp; Injuries</b>	Nil
<b>Follow Ups</b>	Nil.