

**STEWARDS' REPORT
Newcastle Jockey Club**

NEWCASTLE RACECOURSE

Tuesday 4 September 2018

Weather: Overcast
Track: Soft (7)
Rail: +10m

STEWARDS: D L Carr (Chairman), D M Greer, J J E Earl and cadets R T Debels and J P
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Supplementary Reports:

NEWCASTLE – Saturday 11 August 2018

Race 1: Peoplefusion Hunter Stayers Cup – Benchmark 70 Handicap 2900m

It's A Silvertrail – part-owner Mr J Lovett advised that the gelding had now been retired.

RACE 1: Tew Property Consultants Class 1 & Maiden Plate 2360m

Dad's Boy – a veterinary examination of the gelding, which became fractious after being loaded into the barriers, deemed it suitable to race. When questioned regarding the performance, rider B El-Issa stated his mount never travelled well at any stage of the event, was under pressure as far out as the 1000m and was disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding from that point. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Iron Duke – slow to begin. Laid in when placed under pressure in the straight.

Star Bid – slow to begin.

Power From Within – raced wide and without cover until near the 1400m where it was allowed to stride forward to race outside the leader *Iron Duke*.

Only You – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 2: PKF Newcastle 3YO Maiden Plate 900m

Andiamo Fica – as C Reith was overweight, Stewards permitted R King to be substituted as the rider of the filly. C Reith was fined \$100 under AR120(b). Slow to begin. Rider R King reported that her mount hung in throughout the event and as a consequence she was unable to test it at any stage in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr B Smith was told the filly must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before racing again.

Glamour Factor – slow to begin. For some distance after the 800m raced in restricted room between *Hashtag Viking* and *Adamina* (C Brown), which shifted in when not quite clear. C Brown was told to ensure he leaves sufficient racing room for runners to his inside

Prince George – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. On straightening was hampered and taken slightly wider by *Glamour Factor* (J Grisedale), which shifted to the outside of *Adamina* to obtain clear running. J Grisedale was told to exercise more care.

Hashtag Viking – rider App. L Day dropped her whip approaching the 200m.

Adamina – lost its near-hind plate in running.

Sheeran – a post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which raced wide and without cover throughout the event, did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 3: The Albion Hotel Wickham Maiden Handicap 1600m

Dubai's Got Talent – slow to begin.

Empowered Madam – slow to begin. Raced wide and without cover from the 800m.

At The Glenburn – near the 1300m laid in away from *Holy Reign* and brushed the running rail. **At The Glenburn** then commenced to overrace and passing the 1200m had to be checked away from the heels of *Holy Reign*. Held up rounding the home turn.

Ready's Queen – raced keenly in the early stages and for some distance passing the 1100m had to be checked away from the heels of *Wild Impact*.

Holy Reign – raced greenly over the final 250m and shifted ground on a number of occasions.

Given Time – approaching the 200m was hampered and carried wider by *Holy Reign*, which shifted out abruptly.

RACE 4: Alfabs Class 2 Handicap – Heat Of The Rising Star 1400m

Showminder – slow to begin. Raced fiercely throughout the early and middle stages when racing wide and without cover.

Lady Wahoo – began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly. When the pace slackened passing the 1000m commenced to overrace and then continued to overrace throughout the middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Aliferous – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Held up rounding the home turn and did not obtain completely clear running until approaching the 200m. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

Wisdom Tree – when the pace slackened passing the 1000m commenced to race keenly and near the 800m was steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Home Ground*. Held up rounding the home turn and made contact with *Spring Charlie* on a number of occasions when attempting to improve to the outside of *Showminder*.

Spring Charlie – near the 800m was hampered and carried wider by *Splash Of Lime*, which was taken out by *Wisdom Tree*. **Spring Charlie** then raced wide and without cover until passing the 600m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have sustained a laceration to its off-fore canon.

Oakfield General – when the pace slackened passing the 1000m commenced to overrace and near the 800m had to be checked away from the heels of *Home Ground*. **Oakfield General** then continued to overrace throughout the middle stages. Near the 250m was disappointed for clear running to the inside of *Home Ground*, which shifted in, and had to be directed to the outside of that runner to continue into clear running.

RACE 5: McDonalds Singleton F&M Benchmark 64 Handicap 1200m

Bryan's Babe – as A Gibbons was ill, Stewards permitted J Ford to be substituted as the rider of the mare.

County Crown – as G Buckley was indisposed and there was no senior rider available at the weight, Stewards permitted App. A Skerritt to be substituted as the rider of the mare. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare, which was beaten 30 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr S Thomas was told the mare must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before racing again.

Annandale Lass – slow to begin. Raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event.

Von Galleta – rounding the first turn near the 1000m made contact with the running rail when racing in restricted room to the inside of *Michelle's Gift*, which was taken in slightly by *County Crown*.

Michelle's Gift – passing the 1000m had to be steadied away from the heels of *County Crown* which, when inclined to hang in, shifted in despite the efforts of its rider.

Dreamnomore – raced wide and without cover until near the 600m.

RACE 6: Newcastle Stevedores F&M Maiden Plate 1300m

Seamagic – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Feather - raced keenly in the middle stages. Became held up for clear running on straightening and for some distance after the 200m raced in restricted room between *Our Dawn* and *Lady Cuvee*, which shifted out when weakening. **Feather** was ultimately able to secure completely clear running near the 75m where it finished its race off strongly.

Our Dawn – held up rounding the home turn and did not obtain clear running until passing the 250m.

Lamplight Lili – raced wide and without cover throughout the event. Hung in when placed under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride out.

Mimi – held up rounding the home turn and near the 300m had to be steadied away from the heels of the weakening *Lady Cuvee*. **Mimi** then continued to be held up until passing the 100m.

Lady Cuvee – When questioned regarding the performance, App. S Weatherley stated that he was instructed to ride his mount with cover, however, after beginning well and when the tempo was slow in the early stages and no other runner showed intent to go forward, he was

obliged to race outside the leader *Angiolini*. He said his mount travelled comfortably throughout the early and middle stages, however, when the pace increased passing the 600m his mount immediately became under pressure and was disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding from that point. App. Weatherley added that in the home straight when weakening **Lady Cuvee** raced greenly and was inclined to shift away from other runners. He said that on pulling up the filly made an abnormal respiratory noise and in his opinion it may have held its breath during the run. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Angiolini – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be displaying a poor post-race recovery. Co-trainer Mr A Bott was told a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the filly racing again.

RACE 7: Cessnock Rugby League Old Boys CG&E Maiden Plate 1300m

Primitivo – slow to begin. Rounding the home turn was crowded between *Seel The Deel* and *King's Peak*, which was taken out by *Psicopatico*, which laid out away from *Coltrane*. Laid in when placed under pressure in the straight, obliging its rider to change his whip to his left hand approaching the 200m.

Psicopatico – began awkwardly, shifted out and bumped *Invictus Warrior*.

Seel The Deel – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Coltrane – raced keenly in the middle stages. Laid out when placed under pressure in the straight, obliging its rider to change the whip to his right hand approaching the 100m.

RACE 8: Newcastle Hunter Men Of League CG&E Benchmark 64 Handicap 1200m

Sneaky Fella – the gelding was a late withdrawal at 7.43am acting on advice it was lame in the near-foreleg. Trainer Mr T Bartley was told a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Sneaky Fella** racing again.

He's Our Toy Boy – bounded on jumping.

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

Tabrobane – held up in the early part of the straight and for some distance after the 300m had difficulty improving into a run between *Masterati* and *Allez Rev* when both runners were inclined to shift ground. **Tabrobane** was ultimately able to secure completely clear running passing the 200m.

Del Fuego - held up rounding the home turn and did not obtain clear running until passing the 200m. Over the final 150m raced tight when *Oscar's Choice*, which was inclined to lay in.

Masterati – when questioned regarding the performance, rider J Ford stated that he was instructed to lead and, after beginning well from the outside barrier, he rode his mount along to comply with his instructions, however, when a number of runners drawn to his inside showed similar speed he was unable to cross and was left racing wide and without cover rounding the first turn. He said when it became apparent that he would be unable to cross he attempted to restrain to obtain cover behind the leaders, however, his mount failed to respond, commenced

to overrace and as a consequence raced wide and without cover throughout the event. J Ford said that as a consequence of the tough run and under its big weight **Masterati** weakened in the straight. He added that in his opinion the gelding performs best when able to lead and dictate terms. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

GENERAL:

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted 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	S Guymer (<i>Financial</i>)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 3	K McEvoy (<i>Given Time</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 8	C Brown (<i>Jack's Bar</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Race 1: Annie Saturday, Financial, Star Bid.

Race 2: Adamina.

Race 3: Wild Impact (2), Empowered Madam, Dubai's Got Talent.

Race 5: Power Command.

Race 7: Coltrane.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 2: C Reith (<i>Andiamo Fica</i>) \$100 – overweight (AR120(b)).
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 2: <i>Andiamo Fica</i> (trainer B Smith) – poor performance. Race 5: <i>County Crown</i> (trainer S Thomas) – poor performance.
Certificates:	Race 6: <i>Angiolini</i> (co-trainer A Bott) – poor post-race recovery. Race 8: <i>Sneaky Fella</i> (trainer T Bartley) – lame near-foreleg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 5: <i>County Crown</i> – red cap.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.