

STEWARDS' REPORT
Wyong Race Club

WYONG RACECOURSE

Saturday 5 January 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4); downgraded to Soft (5) at 4.27pm retrospectively to include race 6.
Rail: +3m

STEWARDS: D M Greer (Chairman), D L Carr, J J E Earl and cadet J P Dunn

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LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As R Hutchings was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

Race 4	K O'Hara on <i>Home Scene</i>
Race 5	K Jennings on <i>Unify</i>

R Hutchings was advised that he will not be permitted to fulfil any engagements until providing a medical certificate.

RACE 1: Jim Beam Maiden Handicap 1600m

Totten – trainer Mr T Green was reminded of his obligation to notify changes of tactics no less than 30 minutes before the race. When questioned regarding leading in the early stages, bearing in mind the change of tactics to be ridden with cover, App. C Graham explained that from the start she did not pressure her mount as she attempted to find a position with cover, however, when *Kingston Heath* and *Commander's Watch* held their positions approaching the first turn and when she was racing wide, she elected to improve and take up the lead near the 1400m and ultimately was able to take up a position behind *Sazavee* near the 1200m. She said, after travelling comfortably in that position throughout the middle stages, **Totten** become under pressure and weakened from the 400m and the only explanation she could offer was that it failed to handle the hot conditions. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Construe – began awkwardly.

Lohan Princess – slow to begin.

Our Parisian Star – slow to begin.

Boston Blues – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Kingston Heath – approaching the first turn had to be steadied when crowded by *Totten* (App. C Graham), which shifted in when not fully clear. App. Graham was told to exercise more care.

Oakfield Ella – inclined to lay in when placed under pressure over the final 150m and proved difficult to ride out fully to the finish.

RACE 2: Canadian Club Maiden Plate 1200m

Russian Ahead – began awkwardly, then shifted out abruptly and lost ground. Raced greenly throughout the event and hung out making the home turn and in the straight and proved difficult to ride out.

Slight Adjustment – began awkwardly.

Starring – slow to begin. Raced wide and without cover from the 700m. Over the concluding stages was crowded for room by *Russian Ahead*, which hung out and shifted out abruptly.

Russian Romeo – slow to begin. Inclined to lay in from the 400m and became unbalanced approaching the 300m after making slight contact with the running rail.

Mandatum – from its wide barrier was restrained shortly after the start and shifted back across runners to obtain cover. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be mildly heat stressed.

Duchess Of Windsor – held up for some distance rounding the home turn and when placed under pressure in the straight hung out.

Montana Thunder – shortly after straightening, after being struck with the whip, shifted in abruptly and became unbalanced. Then continued to hang in when placed under pressure thereafter. App. C Williams, rider of 4th placegetter, was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out to the finish when in contention.

Ballad – when questioned, rider G Buckley explained that despite racing wide and without cover throughout the event, the filly travelled well until approaching the 400m when it became under pressure and weakened thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Stunned – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding had lost its off-fore and off-hind plates in running.

RACE 3: Sea FM's Family Raceday January 27 Class 2 Handicap 1600m

Master Of The Turf – slow to begin. Hung in when placed under pressure from the 400m.

Something Shocking – overraced approaching the first turn.

Battle Zone – When questioned, rider W Costin explained that her mount travelled well throughout the event in a position trailing the leader *Rapido Chaparro*, however, when that runner improved from the 600m **Battle Zone** was unable to quicken and weakened noticeably thereafter. She added that the gelding coughed on a number of occasions on return to scale. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 26 lengths, revealed it to be coughing. Trainer Mr S Marr expressed disappointment with the performance and advised that **Battle Zone** will be spelled. Mr Marr was told the performance was deemed to be unsatisfactory and **Battle Zone** will be required to trial prior to racing again.

Sostenido – when questioned, rider C Reith explained that his mount never travelled well at any stage throughout the event, was under pressure as far out as the 800m and proved disappointing in its failure to finish off the race thereafter. He added that in his opinion the gelding did not handle the quick backup after racing at Randwick on New Year's Day. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be 2/5 lame in the off-foreleg. Trainer Mr B Gentle advised that **Sostenido** will be spelled. Mr Gentle was told a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Sostenido** racing again.

Oakfield Captain – lost its off-fore plate in running.

RACE 4: Cavarni Design Maiden Plate 1350m

Bollente – began awkwardly, made contact with *Lincoln County* and knuckled over, resulting in its rider A Gibbons almost being dislodged and losing the use of his near-side iron until near the 1200m. As a result **Bollente** lost ground. Then ultimately raced wide and without cover throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Zori – slow to begin and was severely crowded shortly after the start when *Micawber* shifted in abruptly. *Micawber* became unbalanced in this incident.

Sinnerman – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Inside the 50m was eased away from the heels of *Destination Rocks*, which shifted out marginally.

Destination Rocks – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Supreme Boss – for some distance approaching the 150m was held up after improving onto the heels of *Turakina* and had to be shifted back to the inside of that runner to improve near the 50m.

Mr Stix – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 5: Ryan's Metal Roofing Class 1 Handicap 1100m

Captain Courageous – slow to begin.

Yalanji – slow to begin.

Fallgold – made contact with *Mighty Marmalade* on jumping.

Unify – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Raced wide and without cover from the 650m. Hung out over the final 200m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Oakfield Twilight – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

The Runner – raced wide and without cover for the major part of the race and hung out making the home turn. Rider C Lever momentarily lost the use of his offside rein on straightening. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Accoustix – inside the 100m improved onto the heels of *Fallgold* and had to be shifted to the inside of that runner to continue.

RACE 6: Lakes Printers Colts-Geldings-Entires Benchmark 64 Handicap 1350m

Cossetot – the gelding was a late withdrawal at 1.53pm on veterinary advice when the gelding was found to have a laceration to the near-hind leg and was deemed unsuitable to race. Stable representative Mr S Thompson was told a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Cossetot** racing again.

Chilcotin – slow to begin. Rider K Jennings lost the use of his off-side rein for a brief distance approaching the 150m.

Sparkling L'Amour – began awkwardly and lost ground (2L).

Sausalito – began awkwardly. Over the last 100m had difficulty obtaining clear running and was unable to be fully tested to the finish.

Profiler – raced keenly in the middle stages.

Jexerlent – near the 400m was steadied to avoid the heels of *Fratellino* (App. L Day), which shifted in when not fully clear. App. L Day was advised to exercise more care in future. When questioned in relation to her riding of the gelding, in particular in the middle stages, whereby *Fratellino* and **Jexerlent** established a sizable margin from the remainder of the field, App. C Graham explained that she was instructed to have her mount in a forward position and anticipated leading. She said she was able to establish that position near the 1200m, however, when *Fratellino* improved to her outside, she was reluctant to allow that runner to cross and take up the lead, as she felt her mount was travelling comfortably in that position. She added that **Jexerlent** travelled well, however, the gelding was disappointing over the final 150m in its failure to finish the race off. App. Graham agreed with the Stewards that the better option would have been to allow *Fratellino* to cross her mount and lead, bearing in mind they had established a margin on the remainder of the field throughout the middle stages and that would have allowed **Jexerlent** to race behind the speed and afforded it greater opportunity to finish its race off.

RACE 7: Happy 50th Birthday Kev Fillies-Mares Benchmark 64 Handicap 1350m

Denim Street – near the 200m when weakening was steadied when crowded between *Zavance* and *Moana Marie* (D McLellan), which shifted out when not clear. D McLellan was reprimanded. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Oxford Angel – when questioned, App. L Day explained that she was able to establish a position behind the leaders where her mount travelled comfortably, however, was under pressure from the 400m and was disappointing in its failure to finish the race off. She added that in her opinion the mare did not run out a strong 1350m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Construe.

Race 2: Mandatum, Duchess Of Windsor, Pop Girl (2).

Race 3: Battle Zone, Something Shocking.

Race 4: Big Data.

Race 5: The Runner.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Race 7: D McLellan (<i>Moana Marie</i>) – careless riding (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 3: <i>Battle Zone</i> (trainer S Marr) – poor performance.
Certificates:	Race 3: <i>Sostenido</i> (trainer B Gentle) – 2/5 lame off-foreleg. Race 6: <i>Cossetot</i> (trainer J Cumming) – laceration to near-hind leg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Race 1: <i>Totten</i> – to be ridden with cover behind the speed; led. Race 4: <i>Home Scene</i> – option to be ridden with cover; settled on pace. Race 5: <i>Verlan</i> – to be ridden more conservatively; settled back.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.