

STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club
KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE
Tuesday 5 February 2019

Weather: Overcast
Track: Good (3)
Rail: +3m

COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS: S. T. Matthews (Chairman), T. P. Moxon, T. J. Vassallo and Cadets J. A. Dinopoulos and R W. Loughlin

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RACE 1: Duck Creek Dash Class 2 Handicap 1000m:

Fortification – slow into stride. Near the 700m was steadied off the heels of *Royal Witness* (R. King), which shifted inwards when not quite clear. R. King was reprimanded.

Royal Witness – near the 400m shifted inwards across the heels of *Hostwin Shadow* in order to obtain clear running.

Lewinski – was a late withdrawal at 7.34 a.m. Stewards accepted the explanation tendered by Trainer Mr M. Connors that he had he provided evidence that he contacted Racing Australia at 7.31 a.m. Stewards therefore used their discretion and decided to take no further action.

Greyt Weekend – raced wide and without cover until the 400m. Shifted outwards away from the whip over the final 100 metres.

RACE 2: Kembla Grange Maiden Handicap 1300m:

Arrogant Lass – laid outwards over the concluding stages.

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

She's Sureel – required replating after casting its off-hind plate in the tie-up stalls. **She's Sureel** was then inspected by the club's veterinary officer and was deemed suitable to race. Jumped awkwardly and, shortly afterwards, shifted inwards behind runners. Near the 100m laid inwards obliging its rider to stop riding and straighten his mount.

RACE 3: Wongawilli Provincial and Country Maiden Plate 1300m:

Shadow Of Mordor – cast its off-fore plate in the running.

Big Data – When questioned regarding the performance, K. Latham stated that he was instructed to ride in a forward position today, however, after being slowly away, his mount settled further back than expected. He added that he urged his mount along

in the early stages, however, **Big Data** did not respond to his riding and as a result settled in a rearward position. He said that passing the 200m **Big Data** commenced to make ground and near the 100m shifted outwards across the heels of *Milawa* in order to obtain clear running. He added that whilst **Big Data** finished the race off well, he felt that the gelding may not have backed up after its last start at Warwick Farm on 16 January 2019 and might be coming to the end of its preparation. Trainer Ms G. Markwell stated that **Big Data** had a hard run when the gelding raced at Warwick Farm last start and it is her intention to give **Big Data** a freshen-up before continuing with its preparation.

Kentucky Award – on jumping was crowded for room between *Lord Tony* and *War Cabinet* both of which shifted ground. Raced keenly in the early stages and near the 1000m was steadied after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Two Seas*.

Lord Desanimaux – As App. B. Owen was indisposed, App. R. Dolan was substituted as the rider of the colt. **Lord Desanimaux** raced wide and without cover.

Lord Tony – B. Shinn, the rider of *Holy Reign*, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 1050m he allowed his mount to shift inwards when insufficiently clear of **Lord Tony**, thereby causing that gelding to check and lose its rightful running. B. Shinn's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 10 February 2019 and to expire on Wednesday 20 February 2019, on which day he may ride. Near the 300m was steadied off the heels of *Milawa*, which shifted out marginally. Near the 50m **Lord Tony**, which was giving ground, was steadied off the heels of *Big Data* (K. Latham), which shifted outwards when not quite clear. K. Latham was told to exercise more care when shifting ground in future. A post-race veterinary examination of **Lord Tony** did not reveal any abnormalities.

War Cabinet – near the 1100m was steadied off the heels of *Holy Reign* (B. Shinn), which shifted inwards when not quite clear. B. Shinn was reprimanded.

Two Seas – passing the 100m shifted out abruptly obliging its rider to stop riding and straighten his mount. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 4: Dapto Leagues Club Fillies and Mares Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Layton Abbey – jumped awkward and lost ground. Shortly after the start, from the outside barrier, was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

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

High Potential – rounding the home turn was steadied when briefly crowded by *Youwantmetoo* (J. Ford), which hung inwards. J. Ford was told to exercise more care when shifting ground in future.

RACE 5: Jack Primmer Electronics Colts, Geldings and Entirees Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Schnapps – near the 200m bumped *Lion's Head*.

Chicansalade – raced wide and without cover until the 800m.

Home Made – jumped awkwardly and lost ground.

Cosimo – near the 150m App. R. Dolan momentarily lost the use of his offside rein before regathering shortly afterwards.

Sugarland Express – jumped awkwardly and lost ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 6: Dean Group Benchmark 64 Handicap 1200m:

Homework – Change of tactics – to be ridden further forward: settled off-pace.

Laburnum – Change of tactics – to be ridden further forward if possible: settled on-pace.

Dorf Star – jumped awkwardly outwards and bumped *Master Agar*, which in turn bumped *Soir De Lune* causing that gelding to blunder. As a result, **Dorf Star** lost ground. Passing the 400m **Dorf Star** suffered an injury to its near foreleg and was retired from the race. **Dorf Star** was subsequently humanely euthanased. **Dorf Star** was transported to University Veterinary Teaching Hospital at Camden for necropsy. The relevant section of track was inspected by the Stewards who reported no areas of concern. After taking evidence from Trainer Mr C. Conners and App. S. Weatherley the inquiry was adjourned to a date to be fixed pending the results of the necropsy and for Stewards to obtain veterinary and stable treatment records for **Dorf Star**.

Lulu Raez – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Your Witness – near the 150m shifted outwards away from the whip, obliging its rider to stop and straighten.

RACE 7: Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club Maiden Handicap 1600m:

Sir Harry – over the concluding stages was taken inwards by *Reposition*.

Reposition – slow to begin and, shortly after, shifted behind runners.

Monterey Lad – from the 1200m to the 900m raced wide and without cover.

Tic Tock Man – near the 1200m steadied off the heels of *Ephesian*, which shifted inwards when not quite clear. App. Ryan was told to exercise more care when shifting ground in future.

Better Not Rain – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Ephesian – hung outwards in the straight obliging its rider to stop and straighten on two occasions.

RACE 8: Mullet Creek Mile Benchmark 64 Handicap 1600m:

Better Than Elle – As R. Brewer was indisposed, G. Buckley was substituted as the rider of the mare. After being loaded into the barriers, **Better Than Elle** became

fractious, damaging the gates of its barrier, and was a late withdrawal at 5.26 p.m. acting on veterinary advice. The Stewards ruled that all moneys invested on Better Than Elle be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 5.26 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1st *Ikara Miss* 6 cents win, 6 cents place;

2nd *Pamela* 5 cents place;

3rd *Captain Manering* 9 cents place.

Due to the gate being damaged, Stewards ordered that all horses be removed from their respective barriers in order to allow remedial work to be carried out and to test the starting mechanism of the barriers. Such work resulted in a significant delay to the start of this race. Trainer Ms M. Ritchie was advised that a warning would be placed on the mare's barrier manners and a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Better Than Elle** being permitted to race again.

Ikara Miss – Stewards considered an objection lodged by G. Schofield, the rider of 2nd placegetter **Ikara Miss**, against *Pamela* (J. Collett) being declared the winner alleging interference near the 50m and the winning post. After considering all the evidence, Stewards found that, approaching the 50m, *Pamela* shifted out under pressure resulting in **Ikara Miss** having to be severely checked and losing the running to which it was rightfully entitled. Bearing in mind the significant nature of the interference suffered by **Ikara Miss**, the manner in which **Ikara Miss** was finishing off its race, Stewards were satisfied that had this interference not occurred **Ikara Miss** would have beaten *Pamela*, and therefore the objection was upheld and the placings amended to:

1st – **Ikara Miss**;

2nd – *Pamela*;

3rd – *Captain Manering*.

At a subsequent inquiry, J. Collett (*Pamela*) was found guilty of a charge of careless riding in that near the 50m he permitted his mount to shift outwards whilst riding along when insufficiently clear of **Ikara Miss**, which was checked and lost its rightful running. As a result **Ikara Miss** lost ground. J. Collett's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 10 February 2019 and to expire on Thursday 21 February 2019, on which day he may ride.

Louis' Choice – near the 50m was steadied off the heels of *Ikara Miss*.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Royal Witness

Race 3: Uno That

Race 4: High Potential

Race 5: Home Made, Schnapps

Race 7: Golden Boy, Better Not Rain

Race 8: Better Than Elle, Hypernicus

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	G. Buckley (McCormack)	6 strikes
Race 3	W. Costin (Uno That)	7 strikes

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Race 1: R. King (Royal Witness) – shifted in when not quite clear (AR137(a)). Race 3: B. Shinn (Holy Reign) – shifted in when not quite clear (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Race 3: B. Shinn (Holy Reign) – careless riding (AR137(a)) – 10/2/19 to 20/2/19, on which day he may ride. Race 8: J. Collett (Pamela) – careless riding (AR137(a)) – 10/2/19 to 21/2/19, on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 8: Better Than Elle (Trainer Ms M. Ritchie) – barrier manners.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 8: Better Than Elle (Trainer Ms M. Ritchie) – fractious in the barriers.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Follow-up:	Race 6: Dorf Star (Trainer Mr C. Connors) – Inquiry adjourned.
Change of Colours:	Race 1: Hostwin Shadow – club colours. Race 3: Spicy Menu – club colours. Race 6: Lulu Raez – club colours.