

STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE

Tuesday 6 November 2018

Weather: Overcast
Track: Good (3)
Rail: Out 4m

STEWARDS: T. J. Vassallo (Chairman), T. P. Moxon and cadets J. A. Dinopoulos and J. P. Dunn

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Supplementary Report:

Newcastle – Saturday 3 November 2018

Race 8: Aspect Hunter School Benchmark 64 Handicap 1200m:

Annandale Lass – The frequency of race starts of **Annandale Lass**, which has competed on 20 occasions this preparation (since April 2018), have been monitored by Racing NSW. The Stewards have acceded to a request from Trainer Mr D. Jackson that **Annandale Lass** be permitted to start at Armidale this Sunday, however, he has been directed that the mare must be sent for a minimum of an eight-week spell following this event.

RACE 1: Genesis Shellharbour Benchmark 64 Handicap 1400m:

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

Bolord – slow to begin (2L). When questioned, rider C. Lever stated that near the 900m, after trailing *First Courier*, he elected to shift to the outside of that runner and, as a result, raced wide and without cover. He said that he commenced to improve to that runner's outside near the 800m, however, he anticipated *First Courier* shifting out and rather than risk being carried wider he elected to allow *First Courier* to improve whereby he was able to obtain a trailing position behind that gelding. He added that, after the 600m, when *First Courier* commenced to improve into the race, **Bolord** came under pressure and was unable to quicken, and as a result *First Courier* drew a margin on his mount. He said that shortly after straightening his mount began to respond well to his riding and he was pleased with the manner in which **Bolord** finished its race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

D'oro Rain – When questioned, App. J. Duggan stated that the filly travelled well in the lead at a moderate tempo throughout the early and middle stages. She added that soon after straightening, when *Celebris* raced upside her mount, **D'oro Rain** became immediately under pressure and was disappointing in the manner in which it finished its

race off. She stated that, in her opinion, **D'oro Rain** may have come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities other than the filly had lost its off-fore plate in the running. Trainer Mr B. Baker stated that the filly was stepping up in grade today, however, he undertook to report back on the progress of **D'oro Rain** in the days subsequent and the filly's immediate racing future.

Feisty Fox – near the 400m, when endeavouring to shift to the outside of *Celebris* to secure clear running, made slight contact with *Just Dylan*, which was carried out and made contact with *First Courier*, resulting in both runners becoming unbalanced. Shortly after securing clear running to the outside of *Celebris*, **Feisty Fox** was inclined to hang out when placed under pressure and proved difficult for W. Costin to ride the mare out in her usual manner.

Just Dylan – after being crossed by *Celebris* near the 1200m commenced to race keenly, and near the 1100m had to be checked when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Celebris*, which was being restrained by its rider. **Just Dylan** continued to race keenly thereafter.

First Courier – after being slow to begin was crowded between *Feisty Fox* and *D'oro Rain*, which began awkwardly and shifted in.

RACE 2: Carlton Draught 4YO and Up Maiden Plate 1000m:

Archedemus – Stewards considered an objection lodged by C. Lever, rider of the 2nd placegetter **Archedemus**, against *Battle Anthem* (App. R. Dolan) being declared the winner alleging interference near the 600m. After taking evidence from all parties it was established that near the 600m *Battle Anthem* shifted in when not clear of **Archedemus** resulting in **Archedemus** being crowded and losing ground. Bearing in mind the proximity of the interference to the winning post and also the manner in which **Archedemus** and *Battle Anthem* finished the race off, Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that had this interference not occurred **Archedemus** would have beaten *Battle Anthem* and therefore the objection was dismissed. At a subsequent inquiry, App. R. Dolan was reprimanded. Passing the 800m **Archedemus**, which was racing greenly, had to be steadied when awkwardly placed between *Battle Anthem* and the running rail.

Dashing Badger – slow to begin.

Kid Galahad – shortly after the start was hampered and carried wider by *Mick's New Chick*, which shifted out. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (2/5) in the near foreleg. Trainer Mr D. Pfeiffer was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

Mick's New Chick – laid in under pressure in the early part of the straight resulting in W. Costin changing the whip to her right hand near the 200m.

Miss Goodnight – from the outside barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

RACE 3: The i98FM Illawarra Convoy Class 1 Handicap 1000m:

Better Take Cover – held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight, and passing the 400m had to shift back to the inside of *Usain Brockstar* to secure clear running. Shortly after, **Better Take Cover** had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *A Snip Of Cyndy*.

After Thought – near the 600m, when hanging in, was awkwardly placed inside the heels of *Usain Brockstar*, which laid in despite the efforts of its rider. **After Thought** then continued to hang in badly and as a result rider W. Costin changed the whip to her right hand near the 350m, however, **After Thought** continued to hang in and proved difficult for her to ride the mare out until approaching the 100m. Co-trainer Mr L. Price was advised that a warning would be placed on the racing manners of the mare.

A Snip Of Cyndy – after being slow to begin was bumped heavily by *Better Take Cover*, which shifted in. Over the concluding stages was unable to ridden out fully to the end of the race when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Fortune's Path*.

Readabeel – began awkwardly and lost ground.

RACE 4: WIN Network 3YO Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Bijalee – near the 700m the gelding, which was racing keenly after being crossed by *Manly Cove*, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of that runner.

Manly Cove – began awkwardly.

Amplified – began awkwardly, shifted out and made heavy contact with *Madam Oaks*. Approaching the 600m was hampered and carried wider by *She'sinthelimitelite*, which shifted out slightly.

French Frolic – slow to begin. Experienced difficulty in the early stages of the home straight obtaining completely clear running and near the 350m had to shift to the outside of *Elusive Nature* to secure clear running.

Madam Oaks – raced greenly throughout.

Elusive Nature – shortly after the start was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier.

Infinite Dreams – slow to begin.

RACE 5: T C Air and Electric Class 2 Handicap 1600m:

The Cartoonist – held up rounding the home turn and, on straightening, shifted to the inside of *Neruda* to secure clear running.

Cool And Neat – slow to begin. Rounding the home turn became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Lucky Legend*.

Weekend Affair – when the pace slackened near the 700m, improved onto the heels of *Lucky Legend*, shifted out and as a result raced wide and without cover thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Lucky Legend – on jumping was hampered by *The Cartoonist*, which began awkwardly and shifted out.

Captain Americain – slow to begin. Commenced to hang in after the 200m and proved difficult to ride out.

Lovespeed Girl – When questioned regarding **Lovespeed Girl** racing more forward today, App. Q. Yong stated that he was instructed to have the mare race prominently. He said that after beginning well he was positive in the early stages and allowed his mount to follow the eventual leader *Neruda*, which was drawn to his inside, across whereby it settled outside that runner approaching the 1400m. Trainer Mr M. Cattell confirmed the instructions issued to App. Yong, however, was surprised to see the mare race as forward as it did today. Nonetheless Mr Cattell was reminded of his obligations to notify the Stewards of any change in riding tactics.

RACE 6: Go Hire Maiden Handicap 1600m:

Bulwark – when the pace commenced to slacken near the 1200m had to be steadied when placed close to the heels of *Merlinite*. As a result, **Bulwark** commenced to race keenly and for some distance near the 1100m had to be continually steadied from the heels of *Merlinite*.

California Longbow – after being slow to begin was hampered by *Pasaga*, which shifted out after beginning awkwardly. For some distance after the 600m **California Longbow**, which was endeavouring to shift to the outside of *Hubble*, made contact on several occasions with *Bulwark*, which was laying in. Near the 400m, when endeavouring to improve to the outside of *Merlinite*, made contact with *Bulwark* on two occasions.

Scarlet Dream – raced wide and without cover after the 1000m.

Hubble – after being crossed by *Salon Miss* passing the 1400m commenced to race keenly for some distance and, approaching the 1300m, had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of that runner.

Merlinite – after being caught wide in the early stages was allowed to stride forward and obtain a position outside the leader *Salon Miss* near the 1200m.

Celebrator – shortly after the start, shifted in behind runners from its wide draw. Passing the 800m had to be steadied when placed close to the heels of *Bulwark*.

Provocative Man – shortly after the start, shifted in behind runners from its wide draw. Over the concluding stages was unable to be fully ridden out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Hubble* which was laying out under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (1/5) in the off-foreleg. Trainer Mr D. Pfeiffer was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Provocative Man** racing again.

Salon Miss – rider S. Guymer replaced K. Latham (overweight) as the rider of the mare. After taking evidence from K. Latham, the Stewards accepted his explanation for being overweight.

Pasaga – approaching the 1200m, when the pace commenced to slacken, clipped the heels of *Bulwark* and blundered. As a result, **Pasaga** shifted to the outside of *Bulwark* and when caught wide and without cover was allowed to stride forward and obtain a position outside the leader *Salon Miss* near the 1000m.

RACE 7: Marty, Christie and Crammy i98FM Breakfast Show (6am-9am) Maiden Handicap 1300m:

Bentley Magic – raced wide and without cover throughout.

He's Imposing – began awkwardly and made contact with its nearside barrier partition.

Noble House – crowded on jumping between *Picaro* and *Bentley Magic*, which shifted in.

Picaro – Trainer Mr G. Portelli was fined \$200 under LR35(2) for failing to declare W. Costin as the rider of the gelding by the prescribed time. Rider W. Costin could offer no tangible explanation for the disappointing performance of the gelding today. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr G. Miles advised that **Picaro** will undergo a thorough veterinary examination upon return to the stables, the results of which will be forwarded to Stewards. The inquiry was adjourned pending receipt of the results of the examination.

Angel Of Truth – passing the 1200m was eased when awkwardly placed to the inside of *Astree* (B. El-Issa), which shifted in when not quite clear. B. El-Issa was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

Mistress Rosetta – began awkwardly and lost ground. Shortly after the start, shifted in behind runners from its wide draw.

Psittacine – fractious in the barriers and slow to begin.

Astree – passing the 400m, when shifting to the outside of *Bentley's Magic* to secure clear running, *The Sinnerman* was hampered and carried out onto *Angel Of Truth*.

Delight – reared as the start was effected and lost ground. Shortly after the start, shifted in behind runners from its wide draw. Commenced to hang out approaching the home turn and continued to hang out when placed under pressure in the straight, and as a result ran wide on the track. N. Barzalona, rider of the 5th placed **Delight**, was fined \$200 under AR137(b) for failing to ride his mount out to the end of the race. N. Barzalona was also reprimanded under AR137A(4)(b) for raising his whip arm above shoulder height.

Sonic Power – approaching the 1100m had to be eased and shifted out when placed close to the heels of *Angel Of Truth*. Laid in under pressure in the early part of the straight.

RACE 8: Melbourne Cup Day Class 2 Handicap 1300m:

Lilith – near the 400m, when shifting to the outside of *Art Of More* to secure clear running, made contact with *High Tranquility* and carried that runner wider.

Sparkly Star – When questioned, rider K. Latham stated that he was issued with no specific instructions on how to ride the gelding however was able to obtain a midfield position with cover behind *Art Of More* in the early stages. He said that when the pace commenced to slacken after the 1000m his mount commenced to race fiercely and for some distance thereafter was continually checked from the heels of *Art Of More*. He added that approaching the 800m, when continuing to race keenly, **Sparkly Star** had to be steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of *So Magic*. He said that when he placed **Sparkly Star** under pressure on straightening his mount failed to respond to his riding and was disappointing in the manner in which it finished its race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Myprayer – passing the 700m had to be steadied to avoid the heels of *Grand Awakening*, which shifted in after being awkwardly placed inside *Rubino Veloce*. **Myprayer** experienced difficulty obtaining completely clear running between the 400m and the 200m. After being slow to begin was then hampered by *Showminder*, which shifted out.

Cavellton – shortly after the start was shifted in behind runners from its wide draw.

So Magic – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. An inquiry into the reasons for **So Magic** suffering interference after the 900m will be conducted on a date to be fixed.

Showminder – near the 250m, when laying in, had to be eased from the heels of *Art Of More*, which laid out slightly under pressure. Passing the 1000m, when racing keenly, had to be steadied from the heels of *High Tranquility*.

Art Of More – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Sacred Son – raced wide and without cover after the 900m.

Juaphikoa – in the early stages was shifted in behind runners from its wide draw. Laid out during the early and middle stages.

Grand Awakening – shortly after the start was eased when crowded between *Cavellton* and *Art Of More*, which shifted out slightly. When racing keenly in the early stages, after the 1000m, was steadied when awkwardly placed between *Murrmaid* and *Rubino Veloce*, which after being steadied from the heels of *Sparkly Star* then shifted in slightly. Passing the 800m had to be checked when racing in restricted room between *Murrmaid* and *Rubino Veloce*.

Murrmaid – began awkwardly.

GENERAL:

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted that 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	W. Costin (Feisty Fox)	6 strikes
Race 1	J. Taylor (First Courier)	6 strikes
Race 1	C. Lever (Bolord)	6 strikes
Race 2	App. R. Dolan (Battle Anthem)	2 consecutive strikes
Race 2	C. Lever (Archedemus)	6 strikes
Race 2	W. Costin (Mick's New Chick)	6 strikes
Race 5	L. Magorrian (Cool And Neat)	6 strikes
Race 5	M. Bell (Neruda)	7 strikes (2 consecutive)
Race 6	J. Adams (Merlinite)	6 strikes
Race 7	C. Lever (Angel Of Truth)	6 strikes
Race 7	App. R. Dolan (He's Imposing)	6 strikes
Race 8	J. Taylor (So Magic)	6 strikes
Race 8	J. Adams (Showminder)	6 strikes

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

Race 1: Feisty Fox

Race 2: Archedemus

Race 4: Unify

Race 5: Neruda, Lucky Legend, Captain Americain, Lovespeed Girl, Cool And Neat

Race 6: California Longbow, Pasaga

SUMMARY	
Fines:	<p>Race 7: Trainer Mr G. Portelli fined \$200 for failing to declare the rider of Picaro by the prescribed time (LR35(2)).</p> <p>Race 7: N. Barzalona (Delight) fined \$200 for failing to ride his</p>

	mount out to the end of the race (AR137(b)).
Reprimands:	Race 2: App. R. Dolan (Battle Anthem) – shifting in (AR137(a)). Race 7: N. Barzalona (Delight) – raising his whip arm above shoulder height (AR137A(4)(b)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 3: After Thought (Co-trainer Mr L. Price) - racing manners.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 2: Kid Galahad (Trainer Mr D. Pfeiffer) – lame (2/5) in the near foreleg. Race 6: Provocative Man (Trainer Mr D. Pfeiffer) - lame (1/5) in the off-foreleg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 1: D'oro Rain (Trainer Mr B. Baker) – poor performance. Race 7: Picaro (Trainer Mr G. Portelli) – Inquiry adjourned pending receipt of veterinary examination results. Race 8: So Magic – Inquiry into interference.