

**STEWARDS' REPORT**  
**Gosford Race Club**

**GOSFORD RACECOURSE**

**Thursday 6 December 2018**

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (4)  
Rail: True

**STEWARDS:** S T Matthews (Chairman), D L Carr, D M Greer, T P Moxon and cadet J A Dinopoulos  
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**LATE RIDING CHANGES:**

As J Parr was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

Race 2	G Schofield on <i>Transmitter</i>
Race 3	G Schofield on <i>Wokurna</i>
Race 7	C Reith on <i>Hidden Hills</i>

**RACE 1: Ladies Day 28<sup>th</sup> December 4 Or More Starts Maiden Plate 1100m**

**Koufax** – was a late withdrawal at 12.56pm acting on veterinary advice when the gelding was found to be lame in the near-foreleg and near-hind leg. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on **Koufax** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 12.56pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1<sup>st</sup> *That Song* 0 cents win 0 cents place

2<sup>nd</sup> *Impurity* 1 cents place

3<sup>rd</sup> *Nivalis* 1 cents place

Trainer Ms N Hudson was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Koufax** racing again.

**Nivalis** – jumped outwards at the start and bumped *That Song*. In the early part of the straight was inclined to lay outwards and near the 100m shifted inwards under pressure.

**The Happy Lady** – slow into stride.

**Trust The Boss** – from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages

**Banjo's Voice** – rounding the home turn was steadied off the heels of *Nivalis*. Near the 200m and 150m shifted inwards away from the whip whilst inclined to lay in.

**Stunned** – laid outwards rounding the home turn. When questioned regarding the gelding being ridden forward today, App. B Owen stated that in the small field he was instructed to be positive if the gelding began well. He said that his mount did begin on terms and as such from his wide barrier he was able to go forward without making too much use of his mount. Trainer Mr S Schofield was advised that in future he would be expected to notify the Stewards of any significant change of tactics.

**RACE 2: Egroup Protective Services Benchmark 64 Handicap 1000m**

**Miss Gigi** – jumped awkwardly and lost ground.

**Four More Millers** – jumped awkwardly and then shortly after the start, from its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners.

**Fine Hero** – near the 500m the gelding, which was racing keenly became awkwardly placed between *Transmitter*, which shifted out slightly, and *Dreamy Belle*, which shifted in slightly, causing **Fine Hero** to become crowded for room, become unbalanced and bumped the hindquarter of *Dreamy Belle*, resulting in that mare becoming unbalanced. Near the 200m shifted outwards across the heels of *Dreamy Belle* in order to obtain clear running and approaching the 100m was briefly held up between *Dreamy Belle* and *Four More Millers*.

**Dreamy Belle** – raced wide and without cover throughout. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Mount Darragh** – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**RACE 3: Christmas At TEG 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Class 1 Handicap 1600m**

**Conductress** – on jumping was bumped by *Beauty Kanas*.

**Laguna Mountains** – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. When questioned regarding the performance, rider C Reith stated that he was instructed to ride the gelding conservatively from its wide barrier, which he was able to do. He said that he commenced to improve his position approaching and rounding the home turn. He added that in the home straight his mount did not respond when asked for an effort and commenced to hang inwards over the concluding stages of the race. C Reith further stated that, whilst today was a change of tactics, he felt that the gelding would be better ridden in a forward position in the future based on today's performance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Bossy Rose** – rounding the home turn was steadied off the heels of *Rubino Veloce* (T Berry), which shifted outwards when not quite clear. Jockey T Berry was told to exercise more care when shifting ground in future. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Wokurna** – near the 150m laid inwards, obliging its rider to stop riding and straighten.

**RACE 4: Gosford Quarries Conditional Benchmark 70 Handicap 1600m**

**Underground** - jumped awkwardly and lost ground. Approaching the home turn was steadied off the heels of *Stanza* and had to shift outwards across the mare's heels. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Weekend Affair** – near the 600m hung inwards and bumped the running rail.

**Sculptures** – when questioned regarding the improved performance of the gelding, trainer Mr C Bermingham stated that this preparation **Sculptures** had resumed from a seven month spell and was of the view that the gelding had condition leading into its Newcastle run on 20 October 2018 and subsequent to that it had raced on a firm track at Muswellbrook on 4 November 2018. He added last start the gelding was not suited by having to carry 61.5

kilograms at Scone on 19 November 2018. He said today **Sculptures** appreciated the drop in weight, had derived a fitness benefit with three runs this preparation and has a good record over this distance at Gosford.

**Stanza** – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### **RACE 5: Vital Hospitality Group 3 Or Less Starts Maiden Handicap 1100m**

**Hopscotch** – as G Schofield was unable to make the weight, he was subsequently replaced by non-claiming apprentice J Van Overmeire. G Schofield was fined the sum of \$100 under AR120(b).

**Mustafa** – this race was delayed due to blinkers and earmuffs having to be fitted to **Mustafa**. Trainer Ms W Roche was fined \$100 under AR140A for presenting the gelding in the parade ring without blinkers and earmuffs. Ms Roche was fined \$100 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the gelding when requested by the Stewards. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Tormund** – jumped awkwardly and bumped *Montalis*.

**Minneapolis Miss** – jumped awkwardly and as a result took *Eveleigh* and *Mustafa* wider.

**Gottabe Red** – near the 900m commenced to race ungenerously with its head up and shortly afterwards was crowded for room by *Tormund*, which was racing greenly and shifted ground and which also received some pressure from *Swelt* (C Reith), which shifted inwards when not quite clear. In all the circumstances jockey C Reith was told to exercise more care when shifting ground in the future.

**Montalis** – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### **RACE 6: New Years Eve Racing at TEG Maiden Plate 2100m**

**Dreamfyre** – jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin.

**Mushroom Rock** – near the 200m was steadied off the heels of *Bulwark*, which shifted out slightly.

**Bulwark** – hung inwards in the home straight.

**Triplicate** – when questioned regarding the performance, rider G Schofield stated his mount was up in distance today and, although the increase in distance, it was under pressure throughout the middle stages to hold its position. He said in the home straight **Triplicate** made some improvement between the 300m to and 100m, which gave him the indication that his mount would be better suited over a longer distance with the addition of head gear. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Trematon** – a post-race veterinary examination of the colt, which finished distant (79L), did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr M Roland was told the colt must trial prior to racing again due to the uncompetitive performance.

**RACE 7: Signarama Erina/Gosford 3YO Maiden Handicap 1200m**

**Battle Cry** – on jumping was bumped by *Lonely Heart*.

**Mr Costigan** – near the 200m shifted inwards across the heels of *Mosht Up* whilst improving its position and shortly after from the 100m to the winning post was held up behind of *Gogoldcoast*, which was giving ground. As such **Mr Costigan** was unable to be fully tested over the concluding stages of the race.

**Cosmic Caper** – over the final 100m was held up when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Mr Costigan*.

**Go Garlic** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Gogoldcoast** – when questioned regarding the performance, rider T Berry stated that his mount travelled well during the race and when asked for an effort in the home straight became awkward in its action and thereafter weakened over the concluding stages of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding was displaying a poor post-race recovery and to be showing signs of tying up. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior the gelding racing again.

**Efficiently** – when questioned regarding the performance, rider G Schofield stated his mount jumped outwards at the start and bumped *Mr Costigan*. He said that near the 150m he was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Mr Costigan* when that runner shifted in. He added he was held up behind the heels of *Mosht Up* between the 100m and the 50m before obtaining clear running between *Mosht Up* and *Lonely Heart* when that runner shifted out.

**Sir Leo** – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Hidden Hills** – when questioned, rider C Reith stated that he was instructed to shift inwards from a wide barrier to obtain cover and not to race three or four wide. He said that when he endeavoured to obtain this position his mount commenced to race keenly and proved difficult to settle for some distance. He added that he chose not to race behind *Go Garlic* when there was an opportunity to do so as this would have resulted in him racing in a four wide position, which was contrary to his instructions. C Reith further stated that **Hidden Hills** was unsuited by the slow tempo in the middle stages of the race, resulting in his mount racing keenly and being reluctant to settle. He said that when the pace quickened near the 500m he was able to improve his position, however, rounding the home turn it hung inwards and was steadied off the heels of *Efficiently*. He added that in the home straight **Hidden Hills** raced greenly. Hung in and did not appreciate racing amongst other horses and in his opinion would be better suited being ridden forward in its races.

**RACE 8: Central Coast Mariners Cusick Preview Class 2 Handicap 1100m**

**Anna's Joy** – as App. N Barzalona was delayed due to transport difficulties, Stewards permitted B Spriggs to be substituted as the rider of the mare. App. Barzalona will be interviewed as to the reason he failed to arrive on course at Gosford.

**Oxford Angel** – on jumping was crowded for room between *Little Steiny*, which jumped outwards, and *Sophiella*, which jumped inwards, resulting in **Oxford Angel** losing ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Little Steiny** – jockey A Gibbons became unbalanced at the start after his mount bumped with *Oxford Angel*.

**Fruitful Warrior** – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages with its head up.

**Cosimo** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Northern Lights** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

### GENERAL:

Co-trainer Mr E O'Rourke pleaded guilty to a charge under LR82(3) in that he had an unregistered person in his employment. For this breach Mr O'Rourke was fined the sum of \$500.

### 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 5	C Reith ( <i>Swelt</i> )	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 6	B Spriggs ( <i>Bulwark</i> )	6 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Race 1: Nivalis, Impurity.

Race 2: Gunnaza.

Race 3: Wokurna (2), Rubino Veloce, Beauty Kanas.

Race 4: Stanzza.

Race 6: Desert Fox, Dreamfyre, Man And Superman.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	General: Co-trainer Mr E O'Rourke \$500 – unregistered person in employment (LR82(3)). Race 5: G Schofield ( <i>Hopscotch</i> ) \$100 – unable to make weight (AR120(b)). Trainer W Roche \$100 – present in parade ring without blinkers and earmuffs (AR140A). Trainer W Roche \$100 – fail to produce Thoroughbred Identity Card (AR59E).
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 6: <i>Trematon</i> (trainer P Perry) – uncompetitive performance.
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 1: <i>Koufax</i> (trainer N Hudson) – lame near-foreleg and near-hind leg. Race 7: <i>Gogoldcoast</i> (trainer C Waller) – poor post-race recovery and tying up.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Tactics Notified:</b>	Race 3: <i>Laguna Mountains</i> – to be ridden conservatively from wide

	barrier; settled back. Race 4: <i>Underground</i> – to be ridden further forward; settled 7 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Race 4: <i>Nines Enough</i> (trainer G Engelbrecht) – Equilox both front hooves.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Race 8: App. N Barzalona ( <i>Anna's Joy</i> ) – fail to arrive on course.