

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Wine Country Race Club Cessnock Racecourse Tuesday 8 January 2019

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (3) upgraded to a Firm (2) at 12:30pm prior to Race 1.  
Rail: True

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

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#### **RACE 1: Hungerford Hill Class 2 Handicap 900m:**

**Rowling in Riches** – Laid in under pressure in the home straight and proved difficult to ride out.

**Flying Inferno** – Began awkwardly. When questioned, rider S Guymer stated that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, although it was inclined to race a little keenly, however when *Penny Dreadful* improved to his mount's outside near the 500m his mount was reluctant to hold its position between *Penny Dreadful* and *Rowling In Riches*. He added that when placed under full pressure shortly after straightening his mount was disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding and in his opinion the filly may be better suited in races over further distance. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly revealed it to have sustained a laceration to the near side corner of its mouth.

**Penny Dreadful** – Bumped shortly after the start by *Lana's Magic*, which shifted out. Raced keenly in early and middle stages.

**Lana's Magic** – Prior to the declaration of correct weight connections of the second placegetter **Lana's Magic** viewed the Official footage of the race to ascertain whether there were grounds to lodge an objection against *Dream Charge* being declared the winner. When connections were of the view that there were insufficient grounds, and Stewards agreed, correct weight was declared. Began awkwardly. D McLellan (*Dream Charge*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that he permitted his mount to shift in near the 800m when insufficiently clear of *Penny Dreadful*, which was taken in across the running of **Lana's Magic**, which had to be checked. D McLellan's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 13 January 2019 and expire on Monday 21 January 2019, on which day he may ride.

#### **RACE 2: Cessnock Leagues Club Maiden Plate 900m:**

**Philip** – Raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages.

**Shoot** – Slow to begin.

**Knight's Helmet** – Raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be 1/5 lame in the near-fore leg. Trainer

Mr M Smith was advised that he would be required to furnish a veterinary clearance for **Knight's Helmet** prior to the gelding racing again.

**Hot Dreamer** – Began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly. Hung out rounding the first turn near the 500m and shifted out abruptly then continued to hang out until straightening. Trainer Mr P Farrell was told that a warning would be placed on the mare's record regarding its racing manners.

**Long Island** – Raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages.

**Got The Knack** – Began awkwardly and lost ground (2L). Raced ungenerously and hung out from the 500m until straightening.

**Star Factor** – Began awkwardly. Approaching the 600m was bumped on the hindquarter by *Knight's Helmet* and became unbalanced.

**Wicked Missile** – Slow to begin, then shortly after shifted out abruptly and lost additional ground. Hung out rounding the home turn, then raced greenly when placed under pressure in the home straight.

**RACE 3: East Cessnock Bowling Club Class 1 Handicap 1570m:**

**Eden Vale** – Rider R Murray was reminded of her obligation to ride her mounts out fully to the winning post wherever possible. When questioned regarding racing further forward today, R Murray stated that as the gelding has missed the start at its two most recent starts and settled towards the rear of the field, she was instructed to have it begin with the field today with a view to trailing the anticipated leaders *Harry And The Duke* and *Onemore Prince*. She stated that after beginning well she rode her mount along in order to cross *Hollywood Rose* and *She's Just Sayin'* to her inside, however her mount showed more speed than she had anticipated and when *Harry And The Duke* and *Onemore Prince*, which were drawn to her mount's outside, did not show intent to lead in the early stages, her mount was left racing in the lead, where it travelled comfortably, albeit further forward than she would have liked.

**Hollywood Rose** – Began awkwardly with its head up. Near the 1300m got its head up on a number of occasions when being restrained. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it to have been galloped on to the off-hind leg, to be mildly heat stressed and to be displaying the thumps. Trainer Ms G Englebrecht was advised that she would be required to furnish a veterinary clearance for **Hollywood Rose** prior to the mare racing again.

**RACE 4: Sharp Electronics Group Class 3 Handicap – Heat Of the Rising Star 1150m:**

**Emperor Harada** – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**More Chilli** – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Laid in when placed under pressure in the home straight, then shifted ground outwards approaching the winning post.

**Rekindled Force** – When questioned regarding the performance, apprentice J Van Overmeire stated that he was instructed to settle in a prominent position, however

when the tempo in the early stages was strong and his mount was caught wide he restrained to obtain cover trailing Winner's Lane and settled further back than intended. He stated that his mount travelled comfortably throughout the middle stages and when asked to improve approaching the home turn it initially responded to his riding, before being one-paced over the final 200m. A post-race veterinary examination of **Rekindled Force** revealed no abnormalities.

**Shoal River** – Stewards permitted apprentice C Williams to ride Shoal River at 1kg over its allotted weight of 54kg. Slow to begin, then failed to muster speed in the early stages and lost contact with the remainder of the field. Apprentice Williams was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out fully to the winning post whenever possible.

**Settlers** – Near the 700m was steadied when crowded for room between *Emperor Harada* and *More Chilli* (apprentice L Day), which shifted to the outside of *Better Not Fly* when not clear of **Settlers**. Apprentice Day was advised to exercise more care.

#### **RACE 5: Nationwide Super Maiden Handicap 1350m:**

**Hiemal** – Raced keenly in the early stages.

**Carmel Bay** – A veterinary examination of the gelding, which made contact with the gate when leaving the mounting enclosure, deemed it suitable to race. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. When questioned regarding her riding out of the gelding, apprentice L Day stated that approaching the winning post her mount improved onto the heels of *Hiemal*, which had commenced to weaken and shift ground, and as a consequence she was unable to ride it out fully to the finish of the race.

**Equiseta** – Began awkwardly.

**Chouxitorial** – Raced wide and without cover until near the 900m, where it was allowed to stride forward to assume a position outside the leader *Hiemal*.

**Nicoff Bob** – On jumping was crowded between *Chouxitorial* and *Equiseta*, which shifted out. Raced keenly in the early stages.

**Truly Madly** – Hung out rounding the home turn.

**Qadira** – Trainer Ms G Englebrecht was fined \$100 under AR 140A for presenting the filly into the mounting enclosure without blinkers, which are part of its approved gear. Slow to begin.

#### **RACE 6: Yarraman Park Benchmark 58 Handicap 1350m:**

**Ghetto Boy** – Began awkwardly.

**Mister Rossa** – Passing the 800m clipped heels and blundered when crowded between *Belle De Vega* (S Lisnyy) and *Musical Family* (A Morgan), which both shifted ground slightly. In all of the circumstances both S Lisnyy and A Morgan were advised to exercise more care.

**Belle de Vega** – Hung out rounding the home turn. After the 600m bumped with *Musical Family* on a number of occasions when endeavouring to improve between that runner and *Son D’Amour*.

**Star Wars** – Passing the 800m had to be checked and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Treasured Art* and then raced wide and without cover for the remainder of the event.

**Celtic Tiger** – As B Looker was indisposed, Stewards permitted non-claiming apprentice J Van Overmeire to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. Slow to begin. Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

**Musical Family** – Began awkwardly. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Treasured Art** – Passing the 800m had to be checked away from the heels of *Mister Rossa*.

**RACE 7: Cessnock Advertiser Maiden Handicap 1150m:**

**Time of The Dragon** – Slow to begin, then shortly after was bumped by *Megalodon*.

**Megalodon** – Trainer Mr G Portelli, represented by Mr T Anderson, was fined \$100 under AR 59A for failing to present the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the gelding when requested. Began awkwardly, shifted in and bumped *Time Of The Dragon*. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Spirited Belle** – Began awkwardly.

**Zizania** – Slow to begin, then shortly after was crowded between *Cliff’s Choice* and *Spirited Belle*, which shifted out. Near the 500m was checked away from the heels of *Miss Sibley*.

**Miss Sibley** – Near the 500m was crowded by *Rehamla*, which laid in despite the efforts of its rider, and as a consequence made contact with the running rail and became unbalanced.

**GENERAL:**

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

Race 3: Harry And The Duke (2), Lucky Starlet.

Race 4: Emperor Harada, Undaoaf (2).

Race 6: Belle De Vega (2).

Race 7: Cadence.

| <b>SUMMARY</b>     |   |
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| <b>Fines:</b>      | Race 5: Ms G Englebrecht ( <b>Qadira</b> ) – Present in other than approved gear (AR 140A) – \$100.<br>Race 7: Mr G Portelli ( <b>Megalodon</b> ) – Fail to produce TIC (AR 59A) - \$100. |
| <b>Reprimands:</b> | Nil.  |

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| <b>Suspensions:</b>       | Race 1: D McLellan ( <b>Dream Charge</b> ) – Careless riding (AR 137(a)) – 13/1/19-21/1/19.  |
| <b>Bleeders:</b>          | Nil.   |
| <b>Warnings:</b>          | Race 2: <b>Hot Dreamer</b> (trainer P Farrell) – Hung out.   |
| <b>Trials:</b>            | Nil.   |
| <b>Certificates:</b>      | Race 2: <b>Knight's Helmet</b> (trainer M Smith) – Lamé (1/5) near-fore leg.<br>Race 3: <b>Hollywood Rose</b> (trainer G Englebrecht) – Mild heat stress and thumps. |
| <b>Fall/Injuries:</b>     | Nil.   |
| <b>Change of Colours:</b> | Race 5: <b>Chouxitorial</b> – Red Cap.<br>Race 7: <b>Rehamla</b> – Royal Blue, Yellow Checked Band and Sleeves.  |
| <b>Change of Gear</b>     | Nil.   |
| <b>Follow up:</b>         | Nil.   |