

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Illawarra Turf Club KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE Saturday 9 February 2019

Weather: Fine  
Track: Soft (7); upgraded to Soft (6) at 1.22 p.m. retrospectively to include Race 1; upgraded to Soft (5) at 3.42 p.m. following the running of Race 5.  
Rail: +5m from 1100m to Winning Post; +3m remainder.

**COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS:** S. T. Matthews (Chairman), T. P. Moxon, T. J. Vassallo and Cadets T. B. Kearney and T. J. Lee  
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#### **RACE 1: Illawarra Turf Club Class 1 and Maiden Plate 2000m:**

**My King's Counsel** – slow to begin. Lost its near fore plate near the 1300m. Laid inwards in the early part of the home straight.

**Heroic Fighter** – near the 300m was steadied when momentarily crowded for room by *Mrs Madrid*, which shifted inwards away from the whip, obliging its rider B. El-Issa to stop riding and straighten his mount.

**Uber Lux** – slow into stride.

#### **RACE 2: Kembla Grange Maiden Plate 1000m:**

**Sound Off** – approaching the 100m shifted outwards from the heels of *Last Girl Standing* to continue into clear running.

**Charm Offensive** – jumped awkwardly and became unbalanced

**Willy Wilson** – on jumping was crowded for room between *Clara Et Moi* and *Charm Offensive*, both of which shifted ground. Shortly after the start was again crowded when racing tight between *Clara Et Moi* and *Charm Offensive*. As a result, **Willy Wilson** was steadied and lost ground. In the home straight hung outwards under pressure.

**Easy Leica** – jumped awkwardly.

#### **RACE 3: A J Bert Lillye Lounge Benchmark 64 Handicap 1000m:**

**Zarhron** – near the 800m attempted to buck and was unbalanced for some strides before regaining its gait. When questioned, App. B. Owen stated that his saddle had shifted backwards in the early stages of the race, which in his opinion may have been caused by the bump it received on jumping. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Zarhron** to be lame (1/5) in the off-foreleg. Stable representative Mr B. Molloy stated that it was the first time in the gelding's career that it had attempted to buck. The Stewards were satisfied, after viewing the films, that the saddle did shift backwards in the early stages of the race, which may have contributed to the gelding attempting to buck. Mr Molloy was told that a warning would be placed on **Zarhron's**

racing manners and furthermore a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to **Zarhron** racing again.

**Koorinal Star** – The start was delayed when **Koorinal Star** became fractious and reared in the barriers. **Koorinal Star** was removed from the barriers, examined by the club's veterinary officer and deemed suitable to race. *Captain Courageous*, which was in an adjoining stall, was also examined by the club's veterinary officer and deemed suitable to race. **Koorinal Star** jumped awkwardly, making contact with the near side of its barrier. Shortly after the start, the gelding attempted to buck and became unbalanced for some strides before regaining its gait. When questioned, rider B. Ward stated that **Koorinal Star** has been known to be fractious in the barriers, but today was the first occasion it had attempted to buck. Trainer Mr M. Gee was advised that **Koorinal Star** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race again.

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

**Can Party** – underwent a pre-race examination by the club's veterinary officer, as the gelding was resuming after a lengthy spell, and was deemed suitable to race.

**RACE 4: JRO Services Maiden Handicap 1200m:**

**Superbowl Sunday** – fractious in the barrier and reared. Trainer Mr M. Newnham was advised that a warning would be placed on the gelding's barrier manners.

**Big Bad Bruce** – near the 200m was steadied off the heels of *Superbowl Sunday* (T. Wolfgram), which shifted outwards. T. Wolfgram was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground.

**Carambola** – Near the 600m **Carambola**, which was racing keenly, steadied off the heels of *Big Bad Bruce* and shifted outwards, thereby taking *Girl You Want* slightly wider on the track.

**Girl You Want** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**In The Zone** – was a late withdrawal at 7.33 a.m. Stewards accepted the explanation tendered by Trainer Mr G. Frazer and, using their discretion, took no further action.

**What A Vision** – Change of tactics – to be ridden more forward: settled off pace. Co-trainer Mr L. Price informed Stewards that **What A Vision** will be retired from racing.

**RACE 5: Tiarn Warner Class 2 Handicap 1200m:**

**Noviero** – Change of tactics – to be ridden more forward: settled on pace. Jumped awkwardly. Raced wide and without cover throughout. Laid inwards in the home straight.

**Nuke** – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**Major Wager** – Change of tactics – to be ridden more forward: settled outside the leader.

**Napoli** – When questioned regarding the performance, M. Bell stated that **Napoli** was slow to begin and thereafter he endeavoured to urge his mount along in order to race closer to the field, however, the gelding did not respond and raced at the back of the field. He said that the tempo of today's race was quite fast, which did not suit **Napoli**, and he felt that the gelding may be better suited over 1400 metres at its next start. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Napoli** to be lame (2/5) in the off-foreleg. Stable representative Mr P. Murphy was advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to **Napoli** racing again.

**Bold Dapper** – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Winch** – underwent a pre-race examination by the club's veterinary officer, as the gelding was resuming after a lengthy spell, and was deemed suitable to race.

**RACE 6: Carrin Di Milia Benchmark 64 Handicap 1500m:**

**Grand Finalist** – jumped awkwardly.

**Stryke Rock** – near the 300m shifted outwards across the heels of *Captain Manering* in order to obtain clear running. Approaching the winning post bumped *Tenorino*.

**Gravitate** – was a late withdrawal acting on veterinary advice at 4.13 p.m when the gelding was found to have blood present in the nearside nostril upon arrival at the barriers. The Stewards ruled that all moneys invested on **Gravitate** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 4.13 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1<sup>st</sup> *Captain Manering* – 6 cents win, 9 cents place;

2<sup>nd</sup> *Grand Finalist* – 8 cents place;

3<sup>rd</sup> *Doosey* – 9 cents place.

A post-race veterinary examination confirmed the presence of blood in the nearside nostril. Ms A. Double, representing Trainer Mr J. Coyle, was advised that **Gravitate** must barrier trial or complete a 1000m gallop to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race again.

**Chilcotin** – A post-race veterinary examination of **Chilcotin**, which raced wide and without cover throughout, did not reveal any abnormalities other than that the gelding had lost its off-fore plate during the running of the race.

**RACE 7: Shane Eades Transport Class 2 Handicap 1600m:**

**Fastnet Cyclone** – approaching the 600m shifted outwards from behind *Eden Vale* when commencing to improve its position, and thereafter raced wide and without cover.

**Storm Attack** – held up approaching and rounding the home turn, and did not obtain clear running until passing the 300m.

**Tearaway Charlie** – bumped on jumping by *Eden Vale*.

**Eden Vale** – When questioned regarding the gelding being ridden back in the field today compared to its recent starts when ridden in a forward position, rider W. Costin

stated that she was not given any specific instructions other than to allow her mount to find its feet and race where comfortable. She said that **Eden Vale** jumped awkwardly and, as such, she allowed her mount to settle back in the field as the gelding can overrace when being urged along. She added that she rode **Eden Vale** in the same manner at Canberra on 28 December 2018 when on that occasion it was back in the field.

**RACE 8: Wayne Harris Maiden Handicap 1400m:**

**Vosti** – When questioned regarding the performance of **Vosti**, rider W. Costin stated that her mount travelled well during the race, settling outside the leader, however in the home straight **Vosti** was making an abnormal respiratory noise and commenced to give ground over the concluding stages of the race. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Bearing in mind the comments of W. Costin, Co-trainer Mr A. Bott was advised that a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination, must be provided prior to **Vosti** racing again.

**Aloneinabaa** – approaching the 600m raced keenly when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Terpsichorean*. Shortly afterwards made contact with the running rail. Approaching the home turn **Aloneinabaa** was held up behind *Vosti*, which commenced to give ground, and near the 300m shifted inwards across the heels of *Vosti* in order to obtain clear running.

**Pop Girl** – near the 1000m raced keenly with its head up.

**Terpsichorean** – When questioned regarding the performance, rider S. Guymer stated that the filly was having its first start today over 1400 metres and it was the intention to race prominently. He stated that **Terpsichorean** travelled well during the race, however, did not feel comfortable in the straight and began to give ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr L. Curtis was advised that **Terpsichorean**, which was beaten by 23.6 lengths, would be required to barrier trial satisfactorily before being permitted to race again.

**Saluting To Win** – on jumping was bumped by *The Sinnerman*, which was bumped and taken outwards by *Pop Girl*. From a wide barrier, was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**Celebrator** – was a late withdrawal at 7.35 a.m. acting on veterinary advice.

**Loveseat** – from a wide barrier, was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**Expiredtime** – from the outside barrier, was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**Lady Lucienne** – When questioned regarding the filly's racing manners today, rider J. Taylor stated that her mount hung outwards throughout the race, placing her at a disadvantage as she was on one rein for the entire journey. Trainer Mr P. Cave was advised that **Lady Lucienne** would be required to barrier trial satisfactorily before being permitted to race again.

**The Sinnerman** – from a wide barrier, was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**GENERAL:**

Stewards obtained samples from seven jockeys to be sent to the ARFL for the testing of any substances banned under AR81(b).

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

Race 1: Uber Lux, Mrs Madrid

Race 2: Charm Offensive

Race 3: Captain Courageous

Race 4: Superbowl Sunday

Race 5: Nuke

Race 6: City Of Kirkwall, Chilcotin, Doosey

Race 7: Red Brocade, Tearaway Charlie, Fastnet Cyclone

Race 8: Loveseat

**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.

<b>Race 1</b>	A. Layt ( <b>Heroic Fighter</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 1</b>	J. Taylor ( <b>Uber Lux</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 1</b>	M. Bell ( <b>Sytus</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 1</b>	C. Lever ( <b>My King's Counsel</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 4</b>	J. Innes Jnr ( <b>Ivira</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 5</b>	A. Layt ( <b>Nuke</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 5</b>	C. Lever ( <b>Our Mantra</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 6</b>	J. Innes Jnr ( <b>Grand Finalist</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 6</b>	B. El-Issa ( <b>Doosey</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 7</b>	C. Lever ( <b>Angel Of Truth</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 7</b>	A. Layt ( <b>Fastnet Cyclone</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 7</b>	T. Wolfgram ( <b>Beaufort Park</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 8</b>	C. Lever ( <b>Renalot</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 8</b>	G. Buckley ( <b>Loveseat</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 8</b>	Y. Ichikawa ( <b>All Tiara</b> )	7 strikes

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 3: Zarhron</b> (Trainer Mr A. Molloy) – racing manners. <b>Race 4: Superbowl Sunday</b> (Trainer Mr M. Newnham) – barrier manners.
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 3: Koorungal Star</b> (Trainer Mr M. Gee) – attempted to buck and fractious in barriers. <b>Race 6: Gravitate</b> (Trainer Mr J. Coyle) - blood present in nearside nostril.

	<p><b>Race 8: Terpsichorean</b> (Trainer Mr L. Curtis) – poor performance.</p> <p><b>Race 8: Lady Lucienne</b> (Trainer Mr P. Cave) – racing manners.</p>
<b>Certificates:</b>	<p><b>Race 3: Zarhron</b> (Trainer Mr A. Molloy) – lame (1/5) off foreleg.</p> <p><b>Race 5: Napoli</b> (Trainer Ms T. Burleigh) – lame (2/5) off foreleg.</p> <p><b>Race 8: Vosti</b> (Co-trainer Mr A. Bott) – veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination.</p>
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow-up:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 2: Litchfield</b> – club colours.