

STEWARDS' REPORT
Gosford Race Club

GOSFORD RACECOURSE

Friday 11 January 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +3m

STEWARDS: D L Carr (Chairman), D M Greer, J J E Earl and cadets J P Dunn and J Marshall
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RACE 1: Nanas Dress Shorts & Braces Benchmark 64 Handicap 1000m

Sergeant – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Vincero – slow to begin.

Time And Again – slow to begin. Held up rounding the home turn and approaching the 200m made contact with *Epic Dan* on a number of occasions when endeavouring to improve between that runner and *Koonunga*, which shifted out. **Time And Again** was ultimately able to secure clear running approaching the 150m. The filly then laid out in the run to the finish.

Solera – on jumping was bumped by *Garryfromthebull*, which shifted out. When questioned, T Clark stated that, although his mount was not the best to begin, it mustered speed quickly and was able to obtain the lead comfortably in the early stages. He said his mount travelled well, however, when *Koonunga* improved to his outside near the 500m, his mount became immediately under pressure and was disappointing in the manner in which it weakened in the home straight. He added the only explanation he could offer was that the filly may not have handled the step up in distance and grade today. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Garryfromthebull – passing the 200m had to be steadied when awkwardly positioned close to the heels of *Epic Dan*, which was taken out by *Time And Again*.

Koonunga – laid out under pressure in the home straight.

Epic Dan – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

RACE 2: Aussie Night Markets 2YO Maiden Plate 1000m

Shrug – slow to begin.

Royal Banquet – slow to begin.

Capitoline Lady – slow to begin.

Samphire Hoe – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. When questioned, rider M Bell stated that his mount felt awkward in its action throughout the event,

failed to lengthen when placed under pressure and in his opinion may have been shin sore. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr E O'Rourke undertook to report back on the progress of the filly in the days subsequent.

Miraculous – laid out under pressure in the home straight.

RACE 3: Signarama Erina/Gosford Class 2 Handicap 1100m

Banter – as C Lever was ill, Stewards permitted G Buckley to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. Lost its off-hind plate rounding the home turn.

Koonunga – trainer Mr M Smith, represented by Mr C McCullagh, was fined \$200 under LR42(1) for failing to scratch the dual accepted horse from one of its engagements by close of business on acceptance day.

Texas Storm – knuckled on jumping and was then shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

He's Super Lucky – slow to begin. For some distance passing the 600m was steadied away from the heels of *Sugar Buzz*. In the early part of the straight, when inclined to lay in, had difficulty being shifted to the outside of *Texas Storm*, which was inclined to shift out. **He's Super Lucky** ultimately obtained completely clear running near the 200m.

Belle Of Portugal – slow to begin and was then shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Luddenham Lass – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

RACE 4: De Bortoli Wines Takeover Target On 17th January Maiden Plate 2100m

Our Dawn – slow to begin, then shortly after was steadied when crowded by *Sytus*, which shifted out. For some distance rounding the turn out of the home straight on the first occasion was steadied when racing in restricted room to the inside of *Lil' Beauty*.

Just Like Jessie – began awkwardly and was then shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier.

Sytus – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Rounding the first turn was hampered and carried wider by *Lil' Beauty*, which shifted out to relieve tightening to *Our Dawn*.

Membro D'Oro – a post-race veterinary examination gelding, which was beaten 39 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr M Johnston, representing, trainer Mr J Thomsen, was told that the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Triplicate – when questioned, rider T Marquand stated that the gelding made an abnormal respiratory noise throughout the event and in his opinion this was the reason it compounded from the 700m. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 25 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr W Freedman advised that the gelding would undergo an endoscopic examination on return to the stables, the results of which he will report back to the Stewards. The inquiry was adjourned pending this advice.

Dynamic Moss – a post-race veterinary examination of the filly, which was beaten 42 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr C McCullagh was told that the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

RACE 5: Justin Wren's 40th Birthday Benchmark 64 Handicap 1600m

Sensacova – began awkwardly.

Inherit – crowded on jumping between *Hendo's Magic* and *Northern Lights*, which shifted in. Hung out rounding the home turn and ran wider.

Northern Lights – slow to begin.

Black And Tan – slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance, rider A Gibbons stated that his mount raced a little keenly throughout the event due to the slow tempo and for this reason he asked his mount to improve into the race from the 600m. He said, however, his mount became unbalanced rounding the home turn and commenced to hang out and when balanced up in the straight failed to respond to his riding and was disappointing. A Gibbons added that in his opinion the mare's manners are a consequence of this being only its second race start in the clockwise direction. He said his mount made an abnormal respiratory noise after the winning post. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr L Miller was told he would be required to furnish a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination prior to the mare racing again.

Victime De L'Amour – raced wide and without cover until near the 800m, where it assumed a position outside the leader *Northern Lights*.

Coolaminyah Kid – rider G Buckley was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out fully to the finish of the race.

RACE 6: Gosford Quarries Gosford Gold Cup On 17th January Colts-Geldings-Entires Maiden Handicap 1100m

Versifier - the gelding was declared a late withdrawal at 6.06pm when it refused to load. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on **Versifier** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 6.06pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1st *Starismo* 0 cents win 12 cents place

2nd *Coolgardie* 2 cents place

3rd *Commander Bell* 12 cents place

Trainer Mr M McInerney was told **Versifier** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Classy Fella - the gelding was declared a late withdrawal at 6.07pm when it was fractious in the barriers, reared and became cast. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on **Classy Fella** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made between 6.06pm and 6.07pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1st *Starismo* 0 cents win 7 cents place

2nd *Coolgardie* 1 cents place

3rd *Commander Bell* 8 cents place

Trainer Ms I Cowell was told a warning would be placed on the gelding's record. Rider S Lisny was reported to be suffering soreness to his right ankle following the incident and he was transported to Gosford Hospital for further assessment.

Coolgardie – began awkwardly.

Feelin' Alright – slow to begin.

Poseidon Star – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Terminate – raced greenly when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Sound Off – when questioned, rider App. S Weatherley stated that his mount travelled comfortably behind the leaders throughout the early and middle stages, however, when placed under pressure from the 400m failed to respond to his riding and was disappointing. He said **Sound Off** made an abnormal respiratory noise on pulling up and in his opinion may have held its breath during the run. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. The Lee stable were told that they would be required to furnish a veterinary clearance, including an endoscopic examination, prior to **Sound Off** racing again.

RACE 7: Signarama Erina/Gosford Fillies-Mares Maiden Handicap 1100m

Gottabe Red – the filly was a late withdrawal at 6.20pm when rider S Lisny was injured following a barrier incident in race 6 and there was no other rider available. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on **Gottabe Red** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 6.20pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1st *Le Lude* 4 cents win 4 cents place

1st *Walk The Run* 4 cents win 5 cents place

3rd *Menagerie* 4 cents place

Walk The Runway – the declaration of correct weight was delayed to allow App. S Weatherley to view the official photo finish image. When App. Weatherley was satisfied with the judge's placings and Stewards were similarly satisfied correct weight was declared. When questioned regarding his riding out of the mare over the final 100m, App. S Weatherley stated that his mount, which was having its first race start, raced greenly when placed under pressure and initially shifted outwards, obliging him to change his whip through to his left hand passing the 100m. He said that, after striking his mount with the whip in his left hand, he felt it commence to shift in and, as he could hear a runner improving to his inside, he looked at the infield screen to ascertain whether his mount would cause interference to that runner. He added that for this reason he desisted from applying the whip over the final 75m as he felt that his mount would continue to shift in, however, he rode his mount with full vigour hands and heels over the final 75m. App. Weatherley was told that, whilst Stewards accepted his explanation for not applying the whip over the final 75m and were satisfied that he rode his mount at full vigour during this time, he was nevertheless advised against unnecessarily looking around during races.

Menagerie – slow to begin.

Jenaya – on jumping had to be steadied when crowded between *Rebukes* and *Social Smile*, which both shifted ground.

Rebukes – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Rider T Clark explained that his mount travelled comfortably throughout the event, however, when placed under pressure over the final 300m the filly responded only fairly. He added in his opinion **Rebukes**, being first up from a spell, would derive benefit from the run. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Mirfa – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Le Lude – held up and unable to improve from the 400m until straightening. Near the 150m improved onto the heels of *Menagerie* and had to be shifted out to continue into clear running.

Eveleigh – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Weeping Waters – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Madam Ilithya – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Sweet Thief – passing the 100m was hampered by *Le Lude*, which shifted out.

GENERAL:

Summary of whip use:

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

Race 1: Time And Again.

Race 2: Miraculous.

Race 3: Sugar Buzz, Texas Storm.

Race 4: Democracy, Dynamic Moss, Just Like Jessie.

Race 5: Black And Tan, Coolaminyah Kid, Northern Lights.

Race 6: Coolgardie.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 3: Trainer M Smith (<i>Koonunga</i>) \$200 – fail to scratch by prescribed time (LR42(1)).
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 6: <i>Classy Fella</i> (trainer I Cowell) – barrier manners.
Trials:	Race 4: <i>Dynamic Moss</i> (trainer M Smith) – poor performance. <i>Membro D'Oro</i> (trainer J Thomsen) – poor performance.
Certificates:	Race 5: <i>Black And Tan</i> (trainer K Lees) – respiratory noise. Race 6: <i>Sound Off</i> (G & J Lee) – respiratory noise.
Fall/Injuries:	Race 6: S Lisnyy (<i>Classy Fella</i>) – injury to right ankle.
Tactics Notified:	Race 1: <i>Sergeant</i> – to be ridden quieter; settled back. Race 2: <i>Samphire Hoe</i> – to be ridden conservatively; settled back. Race 5: <i>Inherit</i> – to be ridden further forward; settled midfield. Race 6: <i>Terminate</i> – if begins well will be ridden further forward; led.
Change of Colours:	Race 1: <i>Solera</i> – white cap. Race 2: <i>Roman Wolf</i> – black cap. Race 7: <i>Mirfa</i> – white cap.

Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 2: <i>Samphire Hoe</i> (co-trainer E O'Rourke) – poor performance. Race 4: <i>Triplicate</i> (trainer R Freedman) – poor performance.