

STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE Friday 15 March 2019

Weather: Overcast
Track: Heavy (8); upgraded to Soft (7) at 3.21 p.m. following Race 4.
Rail: Normal

COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS: T. J. Vassallo (Chairman), P. C. Dingwall, T. P. Moxon and Cadets J. A. Dinopoulos, J. B. Marshall and R. W. Loughlin

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RACE 1: Jim Beam Maiden Handicap 1600m:

Notabadharada – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners shortly after the start. Near the 350m, when laying in, had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Galahad's Quest** (J. Collett), which shifted out when not quite clear. J. Collett was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

Loveseat – stood flatfooted as the start was effected and lost ground (3L). **Loveseat** then did not muster any early speed despite being ridden along in the early stages.

Blucarat – began only fairly and was then shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Galahad's Quest – began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with *Notabadharada*. From a wide barrier, was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Near the 100m was hampered and carried in by *Loveseat*, which shifted in under pressure.

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

RACE 2: Stella Artois Metro and Provincial Maiden Plate 1300m:

Aldasha – near the 1000m was steadied from the heels of *Against The Tide*, which was being steadied to allow *Luck's Fortune* to cross.

Euroblaze – slow to begin.

Reoffender – slow to begin and, shortly after, was shifted behind runners from its wide barrier. Near the 1000m had to be steadied from the heels of *Euroblaze*.

Taj – Change of tactics – to be ridden conservatively from the outside barrier: settled midfield. When questioned, rider G. Schofield stated that, as notified by the stable, he was to ride the gelding conservatively with cover, if possible. He said that after beginning reasonably well, when racing wide and without cover, he elected to ride his mount along in an endeavour to obtain a position in advance of *Ivira*, which was positioned to his inside. He added that approaching the 1000m, when *Aldasha*, which was positioned in advance of him, maintained its position one off the fence to the

outside of *Cappamore*, **Taj** was not able to obtain a trailing position behind that runner and as such, he was left racing wide and without cover for the remainder of the race. Passing the 400m, when shifted wider, made slight contact with *Ivira*. For some distance near the 250m had to be eased when reluctant to maintain its position between *Aldasha* and *Ivira*.

Glamarama Girl – from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Ivira – When questioned regarding the filly racing further back today, App. R. Dolan stated that, although he was issued no specific instructions, he anticipated taking up a midfield position. He said that, whilst beginning on terms, **Ivira** blundered and lost ground. He added that, despite his urgings in the early stages, his mount did not show the necessary speed and, as a result, settled towards the rear of the field. **Ivira** laid in when placed under pressure over the final 200 metres.

Polished Penny – began awkwardly.

RACE 3: Edgell Class 2 Handicap 1400m:

Highway – after being slow to begin was then shifted behind runners in the early stages. Between the 300m and 200m had difficulty obtaining clear running.

Restrained – laid out under pressure over the final 75 metres.

Happy Seventy – near the 900m had to be steadied when crowded between *Restrained* and *Beidi* (G. Schofield), which when inclined to lay in shifted in when not clear despite some effort by G. Schofield to prevent his mount from shifting in further. G. Schofield was advised that he must ensure that he leaves sufficient racing room for runners to his inside and that he should have made a greater effort on this occasion to prevent his mount from shifting in.

Mandalong Tapit – began awkwardly.

King's Peak – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Sir Owen – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Sir Owen**, M. Bell stated that he was obliged to make some use of his mount in the early stages to obtain a position outside the lead near the 900m. He said that **Sir Owen** travelled well thereafter, however, after initially responding to his riding in the early part of the straight, **Sir Owen** failed to finish its race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden stated that **Sir Owen** was disadvantaged by being ridden prominently and in his opinion would be better ridden with cover. He added that it would be the stable's intention to have **Sir Owen** ridden conservatively at its next race start. Mr Snowden undertook to report back on the post-race condition of **Sir Owen**.

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

Accoy – raced keenly in the early stages. Raced wide and without cover from the 1000m.

One Of The Kind – As C. Reith was indisposed, Stewards permitted J. Ford to replace him as the rider of the gelding. C. Reith was advised that a medical clearance will be required prior to him being permitted to ride again.

RACE 4: Assett Professional Services Stayers Cup Benchmark 70 Handicap 2400m:

Equipped – When the tempo commenced to slacken near the 1000m, **Equipped** was shifted out from behind *My King's Counsel* and, when racing wide and without cover, was allowed to stride forward to commence improving its position.

Fairlight – slow to begin.

Ahmad – When questioned regarding the performance of **Ahmad**, rider K. McEvoy stated that the gelding, as per its last start at Kensington on 20 February, was stirred up in its preliminary. He said that from the wide barrier he made some use of his mount to obtain the lead in the early stages and thereafter the gelding travelled well, however, when placed under pressure in the straight **Ahmad** made a respiratory noise and, in his opinion, may have come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr E. O'Rourke indicated that the horse will likely be spelled, however, he will confer with the owners before a decision is made. Notwithstanding this advice, Mr O'Rourke was advised that a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination, would be required prior to **Ahmad** being permitted to race again.

Resort – slow to begin. When the pace slackened near the 900m, **Resort** was briefly crowded when racing between *Diamond Star Halo*, which itself was steadied and shifted out slightly, and *Joe's Joy*.

My King's Counsel – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **My King's Counsel**, rider C. Brown stated that the gelding raced flat and in his opinion may have come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr D. Pfeiffer advised Stewards that **My King's Counsel** would now be spelled and, acting on this assurance, no further action was taken.

Diamond Star Halo – despite being ridden along in the early stages, failed to muster any early speed.

Joe's Joy – Change of tactics – option to be ridden further forward with cover: settled worse than midfield. Began awkwardly and made contact with *Chilli Beauty*. Despite being ridden along in the early stages, and when racing wide, **Joe's Joy** was shifted behind runners approaching the winning post on the first occasion. Raced wide and without cover throughout.

Chilli Beauty – when caught wide and without cover passing the winning post on the first occasion was allowed to stride forward and obtain a position outside the leader *Ahmad* near the 1800m.

Cool One – As A. Robinson was indisposed, Stewards permitted G. Buckley to replace him as the rider of the mare. Approaching the 600m **Cool One** was held up

and unable to improve until near the 400m when it was shifted to the outside of *Equipped*.

First Courier – when the tempo slackened approaching the 900m had to be steadied from the heels of *Cool One*, which itself was being steadied from the heels of *Ahmad*. When questioned regarding the performance of **First Courier**, rider A. Hyeronimus stated that he anticipated racing prominently and, whilst he was able to achieve this in the early stages, his mount was not able to maintain its position despite his efforts. As a result, **First Courier** settled further back in the field than intended. He added that from the 600m **First Courier** became under pressure and weakened out of the race shortly after straightening. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr L. Price advised that **First Courier** will now be spelled.

RACE 5: Canadian Club Benchmark 64 Handicap 1200m:

Come Along – began awkwardly.

Colombina – slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages when endeavouring to obtain cover behind *Franquare*.

Tootz – When questioned, K. McEvoy stated that his mount enjoyed a comfortable run in the lead, however, when *Segalas* commenced to improve to its outside on straightening, **Tootz** became immediately under pressure and was disappointing in its failure to finish its race off over the final 200 metres. He added that in his opinion the mare was not suited by leading today. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

All In Rhythm – shortly after the start was bumped on the hindquarters by *Adaboycharlie*, which shifted out. From the wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Falling Waters – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Franquare – raced wide and without cover for the majority of the race.

RACE 6: PFD Food Services A. J. 'Bert' Lillye Memorial Handicap 1200m:

Intuition – slow to begin.

Bolero King – Following the event, **Bolero King** was found to have blood present in both nostrils. As this was the first occurrence, Trainer Mr C. Conners was advised that **Bolero King** will now incur the mandatory three-month ban from racing under AR79(4).

Piracy – A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which weakened over the final 100 metres, did not reveal any abnormalities.

Old Man Sam – in the straight was inclined to lay in under pressure and passing the 250m rider W. Costin had to change the whip to her right hand.

Sheriff – approaching the 800m was eased to avoid the heels of *Bolero King* (App. R. Dolan), which shifted in when not quite clear. App. Dolan was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground in future.

Handfast – shifted behind runners in the early stages.

RACE 7: Carlton Draught Kembla Grange Classic Group 3 Race 1600m:

I Like It Easy – began awkwardly and made contact with *Pohutukawa*. A post-race veterinary examination of **I Like It Easy**, which weakened noticeably over the final 200 metres, did not reveal any abnormalities. Stewards will follow up on the post-race condition of **I Like It Easy**.

Lady Of Shalott – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Scarlet Dream – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Welsh Legend – began awkwardly. Laid out under pressure over the final 250 metres.

Zourhea – slow to begin. When the pace slackened near the 1000m had to be checked from the heels of *House Of Cartier*, which itself was being restrained from the heels of *Welsh Legend*. In the incident **Zourhea** lost ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Romani Girl – slow to begin and then shifted behind runners from its wide draw. Raced wide and without cover from the 900m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have a speedy cut to its off-hind pastern.

Sister Sledge – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider G. Schofield stated that, despite stepping up significantly in grade today, he expected **Sister Sledge** to perform competitively. He added that his mount travelled well outside the leader *I Like It Easy*, however, when placed under pressure on straightening **Sister Sledge** did not respond to his riding and was disappointing in the manner in which it failed to finish its race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Almerheri – near the 900m, was crowded briefly when tightened to the inside of *Liveinthefastlane* (J. McNeil), which shifted in when not quite clear. J. McNeil was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances. A short distance later, when the pace commenced to slacken, **Almerheri** had to be steadied from the heels of *Greysful Glamour*.

Amanikan – was a late scratching at 11.35 a.m. when it was found to have bruising to its off-fore foot. Trainer Mr M. Kent was advised that a veterinary clearance will be required prior to **Amanikan** being permitted to race again.

Lolita Gold – after being slow to begin was hampered by *Greysful Glamour*, which shifted in slightly. Near the 900m had to be steadied and shifted out away from the heels of *Zourhea*, resulting in *Frankely Awesome* being briefly tightened and carried out, making contact with the hindquarters of *Romani Girl*.

House Of Cartier – A post-race veterinary examination revealed that the filly had been galloped on on the off-hind leg, requiring treatment. Trainer Mr J. Sargent was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **House Of Cartier** being permitted to race again.

RACE 8: TAB Benchmark 64 Handicap 1600m:

Hostwin Epanoui – rounding the home turn was held up and unable to improve until near the 250m. When commencing to close the race off well, near the 200m had to be steadied when pursuing a run between *Home Win* and *Miss Belief* which shifted out. When questioned, rider G. Schofield stated that he was instructed to race prominently with cover. He added that after his mount did not begin as expected and when it did not show its customary early speed he was obliged to settle further back in the field than intended.

Never Been Another – after being slow to begin failed to muster any early speed despite being ridden along.

Blast – slow to begin. Near the 150m had to be steadied from the heels of *Miss Belief*, which shifted. When questioned regarding the performance of **Blast**, T. Berry stated that his mount did not travel comfortably throughout the early and middle stages and changed stride on a number of occasions. He added that on straightening he pursued runs to the inside of other runners whereby it was only one-paced. After suffering interference near the 150m he then desisted from riding **Blast** out to the end of the race. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr A. Cummings undertook to report back on the post-race condition of **Blast**.

Home Win – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Sydney Blue – shifted behind runners in the early stages. Rider A. Hyeronimus stated that the colt, which raced disingenuously, would benefit from the addition of blinkers and by being stepped up in distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

California Longbow – slow to begin.

Etheridge – slow to begin. Passing the 400m made contact with *Airfree*.

Tuesday Special – Rider K. McEvoy stated that his mount travelled well in the lead, however, from the 600m he was not entirely comfortable with his mount's action and, as such, **Tuesday Special** did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame (1/5) in the off-foreleg. Stable representative Mr J. Bruce was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Tuesday Special** being permitted to race again.

Miss Belief – Trainer Mr G. Ryan was fined \$200 under LR35 (2) for failing to declare B. Avdulla as the rider of the filly by the prescribed time. B. Avdulla stated that it was his intention to settle towards the rear of the field, however, when his mount raced fiercely in the early stages it pulled its way forward and ultimately obtained a position outside the leader. He said that, as a consequence of the manner in which **Miss Belief**

raced in the early stages, it was left without a finishing effort and weakened over the final 200 metres.

Vertex – from a wide barrier, shifted behind runners in the early stages.

El Dorado Mine – passing the 800m had to be eased when briefly crowded to the inside of *Garros*, which shifted in slightly. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Ms C. Cunningham undertook to report back on the post-race condition of **El Dorado Mine**.

Airfree – raced wide and without cover throughout.

GENERAL:

Trainer Mr M. Tubman pleaded guilty to a charge under LR82(3) in that on Tuesday 5 February 2019 he did have in his employ John Calvert, who was not duly registered. Mr Tubman was fined \$500.

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

Race 1: Is That So, Girl You Want, Blucarat

Race 2: Cappamore, Luck's Fortune

Race 3: Happy Seventy, Mandalong Tapit, Sergeant, Accoy

Race 4: Equipped, Fairlight, Resort, Chilli Beauty, Cool One (2), First Courier

Race 5: Segalas, Alison Of Tuffy, Franquare

Race 6: Bolero King, Piracy, Old Man Sam

Race 7: Pohutukawa, I Like It Easy, Frankely Awesome (2), Scarlet Dream, Liveinthefastlane, Romani Girl, Lady Of Shalott

Race 8: Hostwin Epanoui, Garros, Sydney Blue, Tuesday Special

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.

Race 1	J. McDonald (Loveseat)	7 strikes
Race 1	J. Collett (Galahad's Quest)	6 strikes
Race 2	T. Berry (Agassi)	6 strikes
Race 3	T. Berry (Sergeant)	6 strikes
Race 4	J. Collett (Fairlight)	7 strikes
Race 5	J. McDonald (Colombina)	7 strikes
Race 5	M. Bell (Alison Of Tuffy)	7 strikes
Race 5	K. O'Hara (Franquare)	6 strikes
Race 7	J. Collett (Frankely Awesome)	7 strikes
Race 7	App. R. Dolan (Scarlet Dream)	6 strikes
Race 7	T. Berry (Romani Girl)	7 strikes

SUMMARY

Fines:	General: Trainer Mr M. Tubman fined \$500 (LR82(3)) for having an unregistered person in his employ on 5 February 2019.
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	Race 8: Trainer Mr G. Ryan (Miss Belief) fined \$200 under LR35 (2) for failing to declare rider B. Avdulla by the prescribed time.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Race 6: Bolero King (Trainer Mr C. Conners) - blood present in both nostrils for the first time – mandatory three-month ban from racing (AR79(4)).
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 4: Ahmad (Co-trainer Mr E. O'Rourke) – respiratory noise – veterinary clearance including scope. Race 7: Amanikan (Trainer Mr M. Kent) – veterinary clearance (bruising to off-fore foot). Race 7: House Of Cartier (Trainer Mr J. Sargent) – galloped on on off-hind leg. Race 8: Tuesday Special (Trainer Mr B. Baker) – lame (1/5) off-foreleg.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Follow-up:	Race 3: Sir Owen (Co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden) – post-race condition. Race 7: I Like It Easy (Trainer Mr G. Ryan) – poor performance. Race 8: El Dorado Mine (Trainer Ms C. Cunningham) – post-race condition. Race 8: Blast (Trainer Mr A. Cummings) - post-race condition.
Change of Colours:	Nil.