

STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club
KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE
Saturday 15 December 2018

Weather: Overcast
Track: Heavy (8)
Rail: +8m from 1100m to Winning Post; +6m remainder

STEWARDS: T. J. Vassallo (Chairman), J. J. E. Earl, J. D. Walshe and Cadet J. A. Dinopoulos

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RIDING CHANGES:

As R. Hutchings was indisposed, Stewards permitted the following rider substitutions:

Race 1	L. Magorrian on Mistress Mouse
Race 4	M. Bell on Admissible
Race 5	L. Magorrian on Make 'Em Cry

RACE 1: Jim Beam 2YO Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Enraged – K. Latham replaced J. Adams (overweight) as the rider of the colt. J. Adams was fined \$100 under AR120(b). **Enraged** began awkwardly and ran out abruptly. Raced wide and without cover throughout. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Hightail – was held up rounding the home turn and passing the 400m was disappointed for a run between *Vulpes*, which laid in, and *Paris*, which had commenced to hang out. As a result, **Hightail** had to be shifted back to the inside of *Paris* approaching the 300m to secure clear running. Over the concluding stages **Hightail** was inclined to shift ground outwards despite the efforts of its rider.

Bollywood – was briefly held up rounding the home turn when endeavouring to improve between *Vulpes* and *Enraged*, which laid in slightly. Approaching the 50m was inconvenienced by *Paris* (C. Lever), which when hanging out shifted out slightly whilst being ridden along. C. Lever was advised that he should have desisted from using the whip and endeavoured to straighten his mount sooner than he did on this occasion. Near the 25m had to be steadied and shifted out away from the heels of *Paris*, which shifted out abruptly despite the efforts of its rider.

Gerwig – When questioned, rider W. Costin stated that near the 900m she became concerned with the action of the filly and for this reason she commenced to restrain **Gerwig** out of the race. As a result, **Gerwig** took no further competitive part in the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame (1/5) in the off-hind leg and to be shin sore. Co-trainer Mr L. Price advised that **Gerwig** will now be spelled. Notwithstanding this, Mr Price was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the filly having to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards before being permitted to race again.

Howra – began very awkwardly and lost ground.

Mistress Mouse – after beginning awkwardly, made contact with the hindquarters of *Paris* resulting in both runners becoming unbalanced. Raced ungenerously in the middle stages. When questioned, rider L. Magorrian stated that approaching and rounding the home turn his mount commenced to hang out, and when placed under pressure after the 400m the filly continued to hang out. As a result, L. Magorrian was not able to ride **Mistress Mouse** out to the end of the race with his usual vigour. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr James was advised that **Mistress Mouse** will be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards before being permitted to race again.

Paris – hung out when placed under pressure shortly after straightening and continued to do so for the remainder of the race proving very difficult to be ridden out. Trainer Mr C. Connors advised that **Paris** will now be spelled. Notwithstanding this, Mr Connors was advised that the filly would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to being permitted to race again.

RACE 2: Canadian Club Class 2 Handicap 1600m:

Stately Lord – from its outside barrier, shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Gayatri – after being slow to begin, made contact with the hindquarters of *Stately Lord*. **Gayatri** was then shifted behind runners in the early stages. When questioned, rider L. Magorrian stated that his mount did not travel comfortably in the early and middle stages on the heavy track surface and when placed under pressure to improve into the race near the 500m did not respond to his riding, however, when he was able to balance **Gayatri** shortly after straightening the mare commenced to work into the race well and he was particularly satisfied by the manner in which **Gayatri** finished its race off over the final 100 metres. He added that in his opinion **Gayatri** would be better suited on a firmer surface and over further ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

I Arize – slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early stages.

Readabeel – when racing keenly in the early stages, for some distance approaching and passing the 400m had to be restrained from the heels of *Somoso*.

RACE 3: Coke No Sugar Maiden Plate 1500m:

Noble House – slow to begin. Approaching the 1300m improved on to the heels of *Fraudulent* and had to be steadied. On straightening, **Noble House** laid out towards the heels of *Alier* and was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of that runner. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Noble House** to be mildly lame in both forelegs. Co-trainer Mr L. Price was advised that a veterinary certificate must be produced prior to the gelding racing again.

Alier – bumped on jumping.

Never Doubted You – bumped on jumping.

Sazavee – approaching the 600m, when endeavouring to shift out from behind *Fraudulent* to commence improving into the race, made contact with *Noble House* on several occasions and, as a result, *Noble House* was carried wider on the track.

Pellicle – on jumping, made contact with its nearside barrier partition and became unbalanced. When caught wide and without cover in the early stages was allowed to stride forward and obtain the lead passing the 1100m.

RACE 4: South Coast Party Hire Maiden Handicap 1300m:

Deelbraka – slow to begin. Approaching the 1100m was bumped by *Admissible*, which shifted in momentarily, resulting in **Deelbraka** becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Arboreal* for a brief distance. Passing the 400m had to be steadied when disappointed for a run between *Dashing Badger* and *Chief Command*, which laid in slightly. As a result, **Deelbraka** had to be shifted to the outside of *Chief Command* to continue into clear running.

Reunion – after being slow to begin was shifted behind runners in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Arboreal – raced wide and without cover until approaching the 900m.

Dashing Badger – when racing keenly in the middle stages had to be restrained from the heels of *Happy Seventy* for some distance approaching the 1000m.

Iron Curtain – slow to begin (2L). Raced very greenly throughout the early and middle stages and approaching the home turn was inclined to hang out. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 21.9 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Ms G. Markwell was advised that an official warning would be placed on the record of **Iron Curtain**.

Chief Command – change of tactics – to be ridden more forward: settled outside the lead.

RACE 5: Gibson Howlin Lawyers Staff Day Benchmark 64 Handicap 1200m:

Evict – The declaration of correct weight was delayed to allow the connections of the gelding to view the Stewards patrol films to ascertain whether there were grounds for objection against the 2nd placed *Rio De Janeiro*. After viewing the films, the connections were satisfied that there were not sufficient grounds to lodge an objection and, when the Stewards were similarly satisfied, correct weight was declared on the judge's placings. **Evict** raced in restricted room over the final 100 metres between *Soir De Lune* and *Rio De Janeiro*.

Fui San – slow to begin.

Make 'Em Cry – hung out when placed under pressure after the 400m and proved difficult to be ridden out.

Rio De Janeiro – lost its off-fore plate in running.

Ballistica – slow to begin and shifted behind runners from the wide draw. Approaching the 1000m had to be steadied when crowded to the inside of *Genoveffa* which after being taken in slightly by *Rio De Janeiro* (J. Innes Jnr) then shifted in and away from that runner despite the efforts of its rider. J. Innes Jnr was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances. When questioned, rider K. O'Hara stated that her mount raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages and, in her opinion, was disadvantaged by racing at the rear of the field given the racing pattern has favoured on-pace runners today. A post-race veterinary examination revealed that the filly had lost its off-hind plate in the running.

Sheza Danza – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the mare, G. Buckley stated that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, however, when placed under pressure on straightening failed to respond to his riding and was disappointing in the manner in which it finished its race off, particularly over the final 100 metres. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Soir De Lune – approaching the 1000m when racing keenly had to be steadied and shifted out away from the heels of *Make 'Em Cry*. For some distance between the 150m and the 100m raced in restricted room between *Evict* and *Make 'Em Cry*, which was laying out. Over the concluding stages had to be restrained when crowded between *Make 'Em Cry* and *Evict*, which was taken in slightly by *Rio De Janeiro*, which in turn shifted in slightly despite the efforts of its rider.

RACE 6: Adam Miller Memorial Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Archedemus – Began awkwardly. Raced wide and without cover until approaching the 800m.

Stryke Rock – from its wide barrier, shifted behind runners in the early stages.

On The Top – dislodged its rider M. Bell en route to the barriers before galloping riderless for a significant distance. M. Bell suffered no apparent injury in the incident.

On The Top was withdrawn by order of the Stewards at 4.02 p.m. acting on veterinary advice. Stewards directed that all bets on **On The Top** be refunded and all bets placed with bookmakers prior to 4.02 p.m. be subject to the following deductions:

1st *Archedemus* – 24 cents win, 14 cents place;

2nd *Foxie La Belle* – 18 cents place;

3rd *Fabricator* – 22 cents place.

Leardo – change of tactics – option to be ridden further forward: settled off-pace. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Eden Vale – raced keenly during the early and middle stages.

RACE 7: Boab Services Benchmark 64 Handicap 2000m:

Resort – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Chilli Beauty – slow to begin (2L). Raced keenly in the early stages and for some distance near the 1600m had to be restrained from the heels of *Resort*.

Curata Princess – The Stewards considered an objection lodged by W. Costin, rider of the 2nd placed **Curata Princess**, against the declared winner *Arrows Destiny* (App. B. Owen) alleging interference near the 300m. After viewing the Stewards patrol films and taking evidence from all parties it was established that, passing the 250m, **Curata Princess** was directed to the outside of *Arrows Destiny* under riding due to the run closing between *Arrows Destiny*, which shifted in marginally, and *Leave Ya Numba*, which shifted out. Bearing in mind the minor contribution of *Arrows Destiny* and the very minor nature of the interference, Stewards could not be satisfied that, had the interference attributable to *Arrows Destiny* not occurred, **Curata Princess** would have finished ahead of that runner, the objection was dismissed and correct weight was declared on the judge's placings.

Arrows Destiny – near the 1350m had to be restrained from the heels of *Curata Princess* (W. Costin), which shifted in when not quite clear. W. Costin was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances. Approaching the 1200m had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Curata Princess*. *Diamond Made*, which was following, had to be restrained as a consequence. App. B. Owen accidentally dropped his whip approaching the 350m.

Diamond Made – slow to begin.

GENERAL:

Eleven barrier attendants were subject to breath testing to determine the presence of alcohol.

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

Race 1: Paris

Race 2: Miss Jenny, Readabeel, Gayatri

Race 3: Alier, Pellicle

Race 4: Deelbraka

Race 5: Fui San

Race 7: Leave Ya Numba (2)

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	M. Bell (Hightail)	7 strikes
Race 2	K. Latham (Miss Jenny)	2 consecutive strikes
Race 2	W. Costin (Hesperos)	6 strikes
Race 3	J. Adams (Noble House)	6 strikes
Race 3	G. Buckley (Pellicle)	6 strikes
Race 4	J. Adams (Happy Seventy)	6 strikes
Race 4	M. Bell (Admissible)	6 strikes
Race 4	K. O'Hara (Deelbraka)	6 strikes
Race 4	W. Costin (Chief Command)	6 strikes
Race 5	L. Magorrian (Make 'Em Cry)	6 strikes
Race 6	G. Buckley (Foxie La Belle)	6 strikes

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 1: J. Adams fined \$100 – overweight (AR120(b)).
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 4: Iron Curtain (Trainer Ms G. Markwell) – uncompetitive.
Trials:	<p>Race 1: Gerwig (Co-trainer Mr L. Price) – poor performance.</p> <p>Race 1: Paris (Trainer Mr C. Conners) – hung out on straightening.</p> <p>Race 1: Mistress Mouse (Co-trainers Mrs G. Waterhouse and Mr A. Bott) – poor performance.</p>
Certificates:	<p>Race 1: Gerwig (Co-trainer Mr L. Price) – veterinary clearance – lame 1/5 off hind leg and shin sore.</p> <p>Race 3: Noble House (Co-trainer Mr L. Price) – veterinary clearance – mildly lame both forelegs.</p>
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Follow-up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	<p>Race 3: Never Doubted You – yellow cap.</p> <p>Race 3: Sazavee – pink cap.</p>