

**STEWARDS' REPORT**  
**Wyong Race Club**

**WYONG RACECOURSE**

**Thursday 16 May 2019**

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (4)  
Rail: True

**COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS:** T P Moxon (Chairman), D M Greer, D L Carr, and cadet J B Marshall |

**RACE 1: Kooindah Waters – Race Stay & Play Maiden Plate 1000m**

**Moinda** – the filly, which became fractious and made contact with the front gate of its barrier, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and deemed suitable to race. Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Ponz** – slow to begin. Raced keenly throughout the middle stages. Laid out rounding the home turn.

**Intercontinental** – began awkwardly.

**River Bird** – bumped on jumping by *Manly Cove*. Lost its off-hind plate near the 150m.

**Manly Cove** – began awkwardly and made contact with *River Bird*. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Little Wonder** – raced keenly in the middle stages and hung out rounding the turn near the 600m until entering the home straight.

**She's My Girl** – laid out rounding the home turn.

**Stanford Merthyr** – raced wide and without cover for the majority of the race.

**RACE 2: Central Coast Leagues Club Maiden Plate 2100m**

**Road To Blue Sky** – began very awkwardly, shifted in and made heavy contact with *Havazac*.

**Prince Camelot** – began awkwardly and then shortly after the start was hampered by *Patriot Missile*, which shifted out.

**Display Case** – slow to begin.

**Solid North** – App. J Gilchrist was cautioned for using his whip on a horse when out of contention. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 27 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr D Wilkes was advised that an official warning would be recorded against the gelding for being uncompetitive. Mr Wilkes was

further advised that **Solid North** would not be permitted to be nominated for metropolitan or provincial meetings until it performs competitively in the country.

**The Boomerang** – rider S Clipperton was reprimanded under AR132(7)(a)(ii) for using his whip on three consecutive occasions prior to the 100m. When questioned, S Clipperton stated that his mount is one-paced and when the favourite *Road To Blue Sky* commenced to improve its position and race upsides his mount approaching the 600m, as he did not want the race to then turn into a sprint home, he commenced to place **The Boomerang** under pressure after the 600m. He added that, although he was mindful he was placing his mount under pressure far sooner than he would have liked, he did not want *Road To Blue Sky* to gain a margin on his mount.

### **RACE 3: Club Toukley RSL 3YO Maiden Handicap 1350m**

**Ivira** – slow to begin, then from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Raced keenly in the early stages.

**Wow Wow Kapow** – began awkwardly and lost ground. Held up rounding the home turn.

**Smart Decision** – began only fairly.

**Mandalong One Up** – raced keenly in the middle stages. Rider J Ford reported that he intended racing in a prominent position and, after beginning well, he was positive on his mount in the early stages. He said, however, that when *Fonce* and *Smart Decision* improved to his inside, as he felt he would be left racing wide and without cover if he maintained his position, he elected to restrain his mount and obtain cover behind *Smart Decision* in a midfield position passing the 1000m.

**Harry's Comet** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Embracer** – when questioned regarding the performance, rider J Parr stated that, although he was able to lead, the colt never travelled comfortably throughout the early and middle stages. He said that his mount was disadvantaged when *Niccirose* commenced to place pressure on the colt passing the 600m and approaching the 400m, when that runner had gained a margin on his mount, **Embracer** became under heavy pressure. He added that his mount then did not respond to his riding from this point and was disappointing in the manner in which it finished the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be 2/5 lame in the off-foreleg and to be slow to recover. Co-trainer Mr A Bott was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Embracer** being permitted to race or barrier trial again.

**Niccirose** – when questioned regarding the gelding racing outside the leader, rider C Reith stated that he was under no specific instructions. He said, after beginning well from a wide barrier, he was able to capitalise on his prominent position in the early stages and take up a forward position without placing his mount under any undue pressure.

### **RACE 4: Toukley Golf Club 2YO Maiden Plate 1100m**

**Mini Boom** – was a late scratching at 10.30am when the filly was found to be 3/5 lame in the near-foreleg after shifting a plate en route to the course and sustaining a puncture wound to that hoof. Stable representative Mr N Paine was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Mini Boom** being permitted to race or barrier trial again.

**New Offer** – slow to begin and then was checked shortly after the start when crowded between *Shielded* and *Zakat*, which shifted out. Held up rounding the home turn. Approaching the 100m was held up on the heels of *Zakat*, before shifting to the outside of that runner to continue into clear running passing the 50m.

**Sweet Fu** – slow to begin.

**Travanti** – began awkwardly and shifted in abruptly. Passing the 50m was hampered and carried wider by *New Offer* when that runner shifted out to improve.

**Red October** – began awkwardly.

**Exceedance** – crowded shortly after the start between *Shielded*, which shifted out slightly, and *Travanti*, which began awkwardly and shifted in abruptly.

**Shielded** – crowded shortly after the start between *New Offer* and *Exceedance*.

**Furphy** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Travanti** – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Blazing Miss** – when questioned regarding the performance, rider R King stated that it was her intention to lead, however, after beginning awkwardly from the outside barrier, she had to make some use of her mount to cross and obtain the lead. She said that, after she pressured her mount in the initial stages to race forward, once in the lead **Blazing Miss** commenced to race keenly and would not respond to her efforts to restrain the filly. She added that, bearing in mind the amount of use she had to make of her mount and the racing manners of the filly throughout the middle stages, she was not overly disappointed with its finishing effort.

#### **RACE 5: Wyong Roos Foundation Maiden Handicap 1100m**

**Commander Bell** – prior to the declaration of correct weight, the connections of the 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetter viewed the official patrol films to ascertain if there were grounds for a protest against *Money Travels* being declared 2<sup>nd</sup> placegetter. When the connections were satisfied there were not sufficient grounds and Stewards were of a similar view correct weight was declared.

**Serbelloni** – began awkwardly.

**Cops And Robbers** – crowded on jumping by *Serbelloni*, which shifted out.

**Hidden Hills** – began only fairly.

**All Charges** – slow to begin.

**Money Travels** – slow to begin. Over the final 50m was hampered and taken wider by *North*, which shifted out under pressure.

**North** – bumped shortly after the start by *Stella Ardens*, which shifted out.

**Stella Ardens** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Set Goals** – rider B El-Issa could offer no tangible explanation for the performance of the filly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be slow to recover. Stewards will follow up on the post-race condition of **Set Goals** in the days subsequent.

**Hasty Heart** – when questioned regarding his riding from the 500m, S Lisnyy stated the only instructions issued was to not make a wide run making the home turn. He said that passing the 500m, when *Hidden Hills* shifted out and carried him wider, he allowed that runner to continue forward and ultimately obtained a position trailing that runner. He added that passing the 400m, when *Commander Bell* commenced to shift out and take *Hidden Hills* wider, he elected to then shift to the inside of those runners to continue to improve. S Lisnyy further stated that in the early part of the home straight his mount was inclined to lay in and approaching the 150m he was disappointed for running between *Cops And Robbers* and *Stella Ardens*. He said that he then shifted his mount to the outside of *Stella Ardens* to continue into clear running and passing the 75m he was obliged to shift the mare to the inside of *Money Travels* to continue forward. Stewards advised S Lisnyy that in hindsight the better option would have been to attempt to improve to the outside of *Stella Ardens* on straightening, rather than attempt to improve to that runner's inside. When questioned regarding his riding over the concluding stages, S Lisnyy stated that his mount was closing the race off strongly and approaching the winning post the eventual winner *North* commenced to shift in marginally and, when he was becoming awkwardly positioned on the heels of that runner approaching the turn out of the home straight, he was unable to place his mount under pressure over the final stride. S Lisnyy was reminded of this obligation that wherever possible to ensure he rides his mounts out to the end of the race.

#### **RACE 6: Wyong Golf Club Ltd Class 1 Handicap 1600m**

**Nathan Road** – shifted its off-fore plate in the tie-up stalls. After being replated, the gelding was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and deemed suitable to race.

**Annie Saturday** – from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

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

**Time To Rethink** - from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**Bluesbro** – raced wide and without cover until passing the 1000m.

**Seeingisbelieving** – raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event.

**Prince High** – held up making the home turn.

**Our Fun** – had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the home straight.

#### **RACE 7: The Doylo Lifestyle Group Class 1 Handicap 1200m**

**Gorgons** – began awkwardly and then was bumped shortly afterwards by *Rebecca's Quest*, which shifted out.

**Jolen Jolen** – began awkwardly.

**Defeat** – began awkwardly and then was checked shortly afterwards when crowded between *Jolen Jolen* and *Jamaican Dream*, which shifted in. Raced keenly in the middle stages. Hung in in the home straight and proved reluctant to shift to the outside of *Gorgons*. Over the concluding stages **Defeat** was unable to be fully ridden out when *Gorgons* shifted out under pressure.

**First Reading** – C Reith, rider of *Cinquedea*, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR131(a) in that passing the 150m he shifted in when insufficiently clear of **First Reading**, resulting in that runner being crowded and losing its rightful running. C Reith's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 19 May 2019 and to expire on Friday, 24 May 2019, on which day he may ride. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be slow to recover.

**Cinquedea** – hung in under pressure in the home straight.

**Jamaican Dream** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Rebecca's Quest** – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider B El-Issa stated his mount travelled in a favourable position with cover. He said that he placed his mount under pressure inside the 500m, however, **Rebecca's Quest** did not respond to his riding and lost ground at that point. He added that he then desisted from riding his mount out until entering the home straight whereby, after being placed under pressure, the filly did not respond to his riding and was disappointing in the manner in which it failed to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### **RACE 8: Wyong Race Club – Membership Only \$55 Benchmark 64 Handicap 1350m**

**Anecdote** – began awkwardly.

**Dylan's Romance** – began awkwardly.

**One Of The Kind** – began awkwardly and shifted in, making contact with *High Rush* and became unbalanced. Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

**Our Tax Return** – began awkwardly, then from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Making the home turn had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Singing Sand* (T Berry), which shifted out to improve. T Berry was advised to exercise more care. **Our Tax Return** was then held up in the early part of the straight and near the 150m was steadied when disappointed for running to the inside of *Singing Sand*. **Our Tax Return** was then shifted to the outside of that runner and secured clear running near the 50m.

**Singing Sand** – slow to begin.

**High Rush** – crowded on jumping between *Dylan's Romance* and *One Of The Kind*. When questioned, rider App. S Clenton could offer no tangible explanation for the disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stewards will follow up on the post-race condition and the future race plans for the mare in the days subsequent.

**Di's Diamond** – steadied when crowded on jumping between *Ladies' Gem* and *Sniponet*, which shifted out and then from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight and, after passing the 200m, had to be checked to avoid the heels of the weakening *High Rush*. **Di's Diamond** then continued to be held up before being shifted to the outside of runners inside the 100m whereby, once into clear running, the mare closed its race off well.

**Ladies' Gem** – from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**He's A Given** – held up rounding the home turn and did not obtain clear running until inside the 200m. Inside the 100m had to be steadied when disappointed for running to the inside of *Sniponet*, which shifted in marginally and as a result **He's A Given** was unable to be ridden out over the final 50m.

**Celer** – raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Big Legged Woman** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

#### GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Manly Cove.

Race 2: Display Case, Solid North, Down Stage, Patriot Missile, Prince Camelot (2), The Boomerang, Road To Blue Sky.

Race 3: Embracer.

SUMMARY	
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 2: S Clipperton ( <i>The Boomerang</i> ) – use of the whip (AR132(7)(a)(ii)).
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race 7: C Reith ( <i>Cinquedea</i> ) – careless riding (AR131(a)), suspended from 19/05/19 to 24/05/19.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 2: <i>Solid North</i> (trainer T Wilkes) – uncompetitive.
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil.
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 3: <i>Embracer</i> (co-trainers Waterhouse & Bott) – 2/5 lame off-foreleg and slow to recover. Race 4: <i>Mini Boom</i> (co-trainers Waterhouse & Bott) – 3/5 lame near-foreleg.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Tactics Notified:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Race 5: <i>Set Goals</i> (trainer R Worthington) – poor performance. Race 8: <i>High Rush</i> (trainer J Deamer) – poor performance.