

STEWARDS' REPORT

Hawkesbury Race Club HAWKESBURY RACECOURSE

Sunday, 16 December 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (7); upgraded to a Soft (6) at 2.19pm to retrospectively include Race 1 to a Soft (5) at 3.49pm after Race 4.
Rail: +3m 1300m - W/Post; True Remainder
Penetrometer: 5.25

STEWARDS: S T Matthews (Chairman), T P Moxon, J J E Earl and cadet R W Loughlin

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Supplementary Reports:

NEWCASTLE: Saturday, 8 December 2018

RACE 2 – CSS Group 4YO & Up Maiden Plate 1200m

Mustafa -- the explanation offered to Stewards by trainer Ms W Roche for failing to withdraw **Mustafa** by the prescribed time was accepted.

WYONG: Wednesday, 12 December 2018

RACE 1: BJP Plastering Class 1 Handicap 1000m

Enjoy Elsie -- co-trainer Mr M Hawkes advised he was satisfied with the post race condition of the filly. He added on Thursday, 13 December 2018, the filly became fractious when on the walker at the stables and as a result of minor injuries sustained in this incident, it was the stable's intention for the filly to be spelled. Acting on this assurance, no further action was taken.

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As J Adams was indisposed, the following rider substitution was permitted by the Stewards:

Race 1	Cinquedea – C Lever
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As R Brewer was overweight, the following rider substitution was permitted by the Stewards:

Race 1	Meale – M Bell
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R Brewer was fined the sum of \$100 under AR120(b).

GENERAL: The times for Races 1, 2 and 3 were amended following the ambulance being called off course which resulted in a delay to the commencement of the race meeting to 2.10pm, 2.40pm and 3.08pm respectively.

RACE 1 – AFPA Building Services Maiden Plate 1100m

Slight Adjustment – from its wide barrier shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Ticket Keeper – raced keenly with its head up in the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

C'est La Vie – shifted out at the start and bumped *Ticket Keeper*.

Hemsted – raced wide and without cover throughout. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Cinquedea – near the 300m, commenced to hang inwards and shortly afterwards, was steadied and shifted inwards across the heels of *A Fortunate Lass* (J Innes), which shifted out. J Innes was advised to exercise more care.

Nuclear Burst – when questioned regarding the performance, J Ford stated that the gelding did not travel comfortably during the race. He further stated that approaching the home turn, he endeavoured to shift out to follow *Cloudless Sky*, but then decided to maintain his position and follow *Hemsted*, which improved its position. He said thereafter **Nuclear Burst** commenced to hang inwards in the home straight and did not finish the race off as expected. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 2 – Julius Flooring Class 2 Handicap 2000m

Biscuit – raced keenly and proved difficult to settle in the early stages. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Biscuit** to be lame (1/5) in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr M de Montfort was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

Russian Express – near the 500m, brushed the running rail and became unbalanced.

Roland Garros – K O'Hara was reminded of her obligations to ride her mounts out to the winning post.

RACE 3 – JSJ Roofing 3yo Maiden Plate 1600m

Deliya – shifted out at the start and bumped *Writing Unexpected*.

Ausbred – shifted in at the start and bumped *Commentator*.

Rock Zone – near the 1300m, **Rock Zone**, which commenced to overrace, was steadied off the heels of *Affogato* (M Bell), which shifted in when not quite clear. M Bell was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground.

Affogato – when questioned regarding **Affogato** racing in a forward position today, M Bell stated that in his opinion **Affogato** raced too far back at its last start and in today's race, he was instructed to race where comfortable. He added that after beginning well, his mount settled further forward than expected when the tempo was slow in the early stages.

Commentator – laid out under pressure in the straight.

RACE 4 – Ridgewater Plumbing Prov & Ctry Maiden Handicap 1100m

Minneapolis Miss – bumped with *Reiby Rhymer*. Near the 100m, **Minneapolis Miss** was steadied off the heels of *Reiby Rhymer*, which commenced to give ground resulting in **Minneapolis Miss** shifting out across the heels of *Reiby Rhymer* in order to obtain clear running.

Groovester – bumped on jumping when crowded for room between *Tears He Cried* and *Menglis*, both of which shifted ground. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils for the first occasion. Acting under the provisions of AR53A, **Groovester** will now incur the mandatory three month ban from racing and not be permitted to be exercised or gallop for a period of two months and thereafter must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

Menglis – jumped awkwardly and lost ground. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Menglis** to be slow to recover.

The Spooker – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Bad Boy For Love – shifted out away from the whip obliging its rider to stop riding and straighten and in doing so took *Schnapps* slightly wider on the track.

Single Zero – hung in badly in the home straight placing its rider, G Buckley, at a disadvantage as he was unable to ride his mounts out in his normal manner. Trainer Mr C Weeding was advised that **Single Zero** will be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race again.

RACE 5 – Friend Civil Class 2 Handicap 1100m

Angelo – jumped out and bumped *Fame Shines* and *Vincero*. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Angelo** to be lame (2/5) in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr G Frazer was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing again.

Blazing Beau – raced keenly and proved difficult to settle in the middle stages.

Dortmund – raced wide and without cover throughout.

The Patrician – near the 400m, shifted out across the heels of *Vincero* in order to obtain clear running and in doing so bumped *Blazing Beau*. M Bell was advised to exercise more care when performing similar manoeuvres in the future. **The Patrician** was inclined to lay in over the concluding stages.

See Me Out – near the 300m, shifted in across the heels of *Anne's Gift* in order to obtain clear running.

Vincero – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, App R Dolan stated that his mount travelled well throughout the run. He added that when under pressure in the straight, **Vincero** did not respond to his riding and was disappointing. He added that in his opinion, **Vincero** did not appreciate having to carry top weight in today's conditions. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Garryfromthebull – near the 600m, commenced to race keenly and shortly after was steadied off the heels of *Sylvia's Mother* (T Berry), which hung in. Whilst the Stewards acknowledged that *Sylvia's Mother* was inclined to hang in, they nonetheless advised T Berry that in future he would be expected to make more effort to prevent his mounts from shifting ground than what he did on this occasion.

RACE 6 – Direct Electrical Supplies F&M Benchmark 64 Handicap 1400m

Northern Lights – proved difficult to load. Trainer Mr G Ryan was advised that a warning would be placed on the mare.

Kathaire – jumped awkwardly and shortly afterwards became unbalanced and had to be checked when crowded between *Northern Lights* and *Zabeel's Choice*. As a result **Kathaire** lost ground in this incident.

Lady Elizabeth – near the 400m, was steadied off the heels of *Lucky Louie*, which shifted out away from *Zabeel's Choice*, which was taken out slightly by *Swiss*, which shifted out across the heels of *Oakwood Lady* in order to obtain clear running. **Lady Elizabeth** laid in over the concluding stages.

RACE 7 – Bioworma CG&E Benchmark 64 Handicap 1400m

Unknown Universe – lost its near hind plate and was re-plated behind the barriers. An examination of by the Club's Veterinary Officer deemed the gelding suitable to race.

Barbary – slow to begin. Passing the 400m, **Barbary** was momentarily held up behind the heels of *Hendo's Magic* and shortly after shifted out to obtain clear running.

Playard – slow to begin.

Ready Set Sing – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners shortly after the start.

Hendo's Magic – raced keenly and proved difficult to settle in the early stages. Near the 200m, *Foxdown* bumped with **Hendo's Magic**, which was taken in by *Playard* (A Hyeronimus), which hung in

obliging its rider to stop and straighten. A Hyeronimus was advised to exercise more care and told that he would be expected to stop and straighten his mounts sooner than he did on this occasion.

He's A Given – hung in in the home straight. K Jennings could offer no tangible explanation for the performance of the gelding. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

GENERAL: Trainer Mr M Newnham pleaded guilty to a charge under LR82(3) in that he had an unregistered person, namely Mr O McKeever, in his employment. For this breach, Mr Newnham was fined the sum of \$500.

Summary of whip use

The Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii):

Race 1	C Reith (Hemsted)	8 strikes
Race 2	A Borg (Russian Express)	7 strikes
Race 2	R Prest (Dusk Falls)	7 strikes
Race 2	K O'Hara (Roland Garros)	6 strikes
Race 3	M Bell (Affogato)	7 strikes
Race 4	A Adkins (I'm A Legend)	6 strikes
Race 5	M Bell (The Patrician)	6 strikes
Race 5	M Weir (Garryfromthebull)	6 strikes
Race 6	G Schofield (Lucky Louie)	6 strikes
Race 7	G Buckley (Foxdown)	6 strikes

Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

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

Race 1: Hemsted.

Race 2: Dusk Falls, Roland Gardens.

Race 3: Ausfighter, Deliya.

Race 6: Miss Redoble.

Race 7: Sizzled.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: Trainer M Newnham – \$500 – unregistered employee [LR82(3)]. Race 1: R Brewer (Meale) – \$100 – overweight [AR120(b)].
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Race 4: Groovester (trainer K Waugh) – both nostrils, first time – 3 month ban.
Warnings:	Race 6: Northern Lights (trainer G Ryan) – barrier manners.
Trials:	Race 4: Groovester (trainer K Waugh) – bled from both nostrils. Race 4: Single Zero (trainer C Weeding) – hung in badly during straight.
Certificates:	Race 2: Biscuit (trainer M de Montfort) – lame (1/5) in the off fore leg. Race 5: Angelo (trainer G Frazer) – lame (2/5) in the off fore leg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 3: Ausbred to be ridden midfield with cover; settled back. Race 3: Commentator to be ridden midfield; settled back. Race 5: Blazing Beau to be ridden further back with cover; settled worse than midfield.
Change of Colours:	Race 1: C'est La Vie – blue cap. Race 6: Zabeel's Choice – yellow cap.
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Nil