

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Illawarra Turf Club KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE Thursday 17 September 2020

Weather: Overcast  
Track: Good (4); upgraded to Good (3) at 1.33 p.m. retrospectively to include Race 1.  
Rail: True

**COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS:** T. J. Lee (Chairman), J. A. Dinopoulos, T. J. Vassallo and Cadet J. D. Boehm

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#### **Supplementary Reports:**

##### **Warwick Farm - Wednesday 16 September 2020**

##### **Race 7: ANZ Bloodstock News Handicap 1400m:**

*Glamour Fox* – Rounding the home turn had to be steadied when tightened for room between Reiby's Regent and Savoury (N. Rawiller), which shifted out when not quite clear. N. Rawiller was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

##### **Kembla Grange – Thursday 17 September 2020**

##### **General:**

Trainer Mr G. Murray was fined \$400 under LR82(3) for having Ms Katherina Hancock in his employ when not duly registered.

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##### **RACE 1: Budderoo Class 1 Handicap 1500m:**

**Deadly Impact** – Passing the 400m was bumped and taken wider by *Highmaster* when that runner was shifting out to obtain clear running. When questioned regarding the performance, rider N. Rawiller stated that the gelding was stirred up in the preliminary and then became fractious after being loaded into the barriers. He said that **Deadly Impact** travelled satisfactorily in the early and middle stages and, when placed under pressure near the 400m, failed to respond under its impost of 61 kilograms. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr S. O'Halloran was advised that a warning would be placed on the gelding's record for being fractious in the barriers. Mr O'Halloran undertook to report back on the post-race condition of **Deadly Impact** in the days subsequent.

**Highmaster** – Slow to begin.

**Unamerican** – Co-trainers R. and M. Freedman, represented by Ms L. Hopwood, were fined \$100 under AR206 for the late notification of the removal of ear muffs from the gelding's approved gear. **Unamerican** began awkwardly. Near the 1100m had to be eased to avoid the heels of *Deadly Impact* (N. Rawiller), which shifted out when not quite clear. N. Rawiller was advised to exercise more care.

**California August** – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Happy Hustler** – From the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**RACE 2: Burrawang Metro & Prov Maiden Handicap 1500m:**

**The Mediator** – Shortly after the start was bumped by *Toostar*, which began awkwardly and shifted in. Near the 1100m, when inclined to overrace, had to be checked from the heels of *Sisseck*.

**Hillbilly Pickin'** – Began awkwardly and then was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Overraced in the early stages and, passing the 1200m, was steadied after pulling its way up to the inside of *Toostar*. **Hillbilly Pickin'** continued to overrace for the remainder of the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**La Sagra** – When questioned regarding the filly settling further forward today, rider T. Berry stated that he was issued no specific instructions but to have the filly ridden where comfortable. He added that after beginning well and observing *Hillbilly Pickin'* to his inside, who he thought would lead today's event, miss the start, he rode his mount in the early stages to improve, whereby he was able to obtain a position outside the leader near the 1100m.

**Toostar** – Change of tactics - to be ridden further forward: Settled midfield.

**RACE 3: Brogers Creek Benchmark 64 Handicap 1000m:**

**Catapult** – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding his riding in the middle stages and whether there was an opportunity to improve near the 600m, App. T. Schiller stated that he was reluctant to improve to the inside of *American Salute*, which was laying in, as he was concerned that it may cause interference to his mount. He added that as a result he was obliged to remain racing toward the rear of the field, however, when able to secure clear running on straightening his mount finished its race off satisfactorily.

**Red Notice** – Trainer Mr M. Newman pleaded guilty to a charge under AR251(1) in that three unused Equimax oral paste syringes were located during an inspection of his vehicle, which was used to transport the gelding to the racecourse. Mr Newman was fined \$500.

**Revenire** – After being placed into the barriers, got its near hind leg up on the running board. **Revenire** was removed from the barriers, examined by the club's veterinarian and deemed suitable to race. From a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Ranges** – Began only fairly.

**Power Rush** – After being loaded into the barriers became fractious resulting in the mare's jaw making contact with the front gates. **Power Rush** was removed from the

barriers, examined by the club's veterinarian and deemed suitable to race. Began awkwardly.

**American Salute** – Laid in during the early and middle stages and then laid out under pressure in the straight.

**RACE 4: Broughton Vale Maiden Handicap 1000m:**

**Born A Warrior** – Shortly after the start was steadied when badly crowded between *Klopp* and *Long Weekend*. **Born A Warrior** then was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide barrier. The gelding was inclined to overrace in the middle stages. **Born A Warrior** hung in in the early part of the straight and proved difficult to ride out despite T. Berry's efforts.

**Klopp** – Stewards permitted N. Rawiller to ride the gelding 1 kilogram over its allotted weight of 55½ kilograms. **Klopp** began very awkwardly and, shortly after, was hampered by *Born A Warrior*. **Klopp** then was shifted behind runners in the early stages from the outside barrier. When questioned regarding his riding in the early stages, N. Rawiller stated that he was instructed to obtain a position with cover to allow the gelding to travel comfortably. He added that, after suffering some interference on jumping, **Klopp** had a tendency to lay out, and rather than continuing to ride the gelding from its wide barrier, he endeavoured to prevent his mount from shifting out further and, as a consequence, restrained his mount whereby he was able to shift in and obtain a position behind *Spectrometer* towards the rear of the field. He said that given his relative positioning in the early stages, whilst it was open for him to have the gelding ridden prominently, given the manner in which it was racing at the relevant point, he did not feel that it would be in his mount's best interests to ride the gelding particularly when caught wide and without cover.

**Long Weekend** – On jumping was crowded between *Spectrometer* and *Born A Warrior*, which shifted in.

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**Kimberley Rain** – Began only fairly.

**San Antonio** – Stewards permitted J. McDonald to ride the colt 1 kilogram over its allotted weight of 55 kilograms. **San Antonio** lost its off-fore plate in the running.

**The Graces** – On jumping was eased when crowded between *Spectrometer* and *San Antonio*, which began awkwardly and shifted out.

**RACE 5: Bellawongarah Maiden Handicap 1300m:**

**Curtis Island** – Hung out rounding the home turn.

**Hypnosis** – Began awkwardly. Raced keenly when caught wide and without cover throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Hypnosis** to be slow to recover.

**Real Peace** – Began awkwardly.

**Silent Tryst** – Near the 25m rider M. Bell accidentally dropped his whip.

**Sublime Lady** – After being slow to begin was shifted behind runners in the early stages from the outside barrier.

**Seeker Of Fortune** – Hung out rounding the home turn. Laid out under pressure over the final 100 metres.

**Denman's Light** – Began awkwardly and lost ground. Approaching the 1000m, when racing keenly, had to be steadied when tightened for room to the inside of *Hirondelle*, which was taken in slightly by *Water Dancer* (S. Pollard), which had a tendency to lay in. While Stewards were cognisant of the racing manners of both **Denman's Light** and *Water Dancer*, S. Pollard was nevertheless advised to exercise more care. **Denman's Light** continued to overrace for the remainder of the event and refused to settle.

**Hirondelle** – Shortly after the start was bumped by *Water Dancer*, which shifted in slightly.

**Salateen** – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. When questioned regarding the filly settling further back today, rider T. Berry stated that he was instructed to have **Salateen** in a forward position with cover. He added that after beginning only fairly from his wide barrier and observing runners to his inside showing intent to maintain a forward position, he elected to shift in behind *Hypnosis* to trail that runner in a three-wide position with cover.

**Water Dancer** – Near the 1000m, when laying in, made contact with *Denman's Light* on a number of occasions despite the efforts of its rider.

#### **RACE 6: Budqong Class 1 Handicap 1200m:**

**Bethencourt** – When questioned regarding his riding in the straight and whether there was an opportunity to maintain a position to the inside of *Budhwar*, J. McDonald stated that, whilst he observed a run develop between *Battleground* and *Budhwar* on straightening, his mount came under pressure at this point and, while initially taking advantage of this run, he had observed *Budhwar* shifting ground and was reluctant to pursue it as he was concerned that *Budhwar* may shift in. He said that he therefore elected to shift to the outside of *Budhwar* near the 250m, however, when *Budhwar* shifted out, he was forced to continue to shift to that runner's outside to obtain clear running, which he was able to do passing the 200m.

**Upscale** – As nil claiming apprentice J. Van Overmeire was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted R. Bayliss to replace him as the rider of the mare. Near the 250m had to be eased from the heels of *Sancy* when it was taken outwards by *Glaciers*, which in turn was taken out by *Bethencourt* (J. McDonald). J. McDonald was advised to exercise more care.

**Sancy** – From a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Overraced in the middle stages.

**Obvious Step** – The filly, which was fractious in the barriers, was slow to begin when the start was effected.

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

**RACE 7: Beaumont Benchmark 64 Handicap 1500m:**

**River Run** – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Esteem Spirit** – Hung out rounding the home turn. When questioned regarding the gelding settling further forward, App. T. Schiller stated that he was issued no specific instructions other than to ride **Esteem Spirit** positively from its outside barrier to ensure that it did not settle in a rearward position as it can have a tendency to be slowly away. He said that after beginning well and observing *Bye See* to his inside showing intent to obtain a forward position, he elected to follow that runner across rather than risk being caught wide and without cover. He added that whilst he obtained a position in the lead, it was further forward than he anticipated.

**Chalk** – Blundered on jumping. When questioned regarding **Chalk** racing further forward today, T. Berry stated that he was issued no specific instructions, however, given his relative positioning in the early stages and when he observed a lack of runners showing intent to improve, he elected to allow his mount to stride forward rather than risk being caught wide and without cover.

**Liam's The Boss** – Raced wide and without cover until the 900m.

**Obelos** – Held up rounding the home turn.

**Ocean Walzer** – From a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Passing the 1100m was hampered and carried wider by *Song And A Prayer*. **Ocean Walzer** then raced wide and without cover for the remainder of the event.

**Tenorino** – From a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Passing the 1100m had to be steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Song And A Prayer*. Raced keenly in the middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Satin Rain** – Began only fairly. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Passing the 1100m had to be checked from the heels of *Song And A Prayer*.

**Song And A Prayer** – Rider N. Rawiller reported that near the 1100m **Song And A Prayer**, when racing tight between *Obelos* and *Liam's The Boss*, blundered on two occasions, was severely checked and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Liam's The Boss*. He said that as he then had concerns with the mare's action, he eased his mount out of the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr J. Thompson was advised that the mare must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

**Winter In America** – After being slow to begin was then hampered by *Obelos*, which shifted out slightly.

**My Blue Jeans** – Slow to begin. Held up rounding the home turn and on straightening had to be shifted to the inside of *Satin Rain* to obtain clear running.

**GENERAL:**

Urine samples were obtained from ten jockeys riding at today's meeting and will be sent to the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory for analysis.

**Summary of whip use:**

Stewards noted that the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR132(7)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

<b>Race 1</b>	T. Berry ( <b>California August</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 2</b>	T. Berry ( <b>La Sagra</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 2</b>	J. McDonald ( <b>Zarzou</b> )	8 strikes
<b>Race 3</b>	T. Berry ( <b>Revenire</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 4</b>	R. King ( <b>Long Weekend</b> )	8 strikes
<b>Race 4</b>	N. Rawiller ( <b>Klopp</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 5</b>	T. Berry ( <b>Salateen</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 5</b>	M. Bell ( <b>Silent Tryst</b> )	6 strikes

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

Race 1: Media Starguest

Race 2: Zarzou

Race 3: Catapult, Stone Cold, Ranges

Race 4: Born A Warrior (2), Spectrometer

Race 5: Curtis Island, Silent Tryst

Race 7: Bye See

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>General:</b> Mr G. Murray fined \$400 under LR82(3) for employing Ms K. Hancock when she was not duly registered. <b>Race 1:</b> Co-trainers R. and M. Freedman fined \$100 under AR206 for late notification of removal of ear muffs from <b>Unamerican's</b> approved gear. <b>Race 3:</b> Trainer Mr M. Newman ( <b>Red Notice</b> ) fined \$500 under AR251(1).
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 1: Deadly Impact</b> (Trainer Mr S. O'Halloran) – barrier manners.
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 7: Song And A Prayer</b> (Trainer Mr J. Thompson) – eased out of race.

<b>Certificates:</b>	Nil.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Gear:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	<b>Race 1: Deadly Impact</b> (Trainer Mr S. O'Halloran) – post-race condition.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 7: Bye See</b> – club colours.