

STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club
KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE
Saturday 19 January 2019

Weather: Overcast
Track: Good (3)
Rail: Normal

STEWARDS: T. J. Vassallo (Chairman), J. J. E. Earl, S. T. Matthews and Cadets
J. B. Marshall and S. Knight

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Supplementary Report:

*Stewards today inquired into the circumstances surrounding **Leave Ya Numba** being euthanased on Wednesday 2 January 2019. Evidence was taken from Ms Diane Poidevin-Laine, trainer of **Leave Ya Numba**, and Racing NSW Veterinarian Dr James Mizzi. Written evidence was tendered from Dr Mitchell Brown of the Illawarra Equine Centre. Veterinary and treatment records for **Leave Ya Numba** were also entered into evidence.*

*After hearing all the evidence, it was established that on the morning of 2 January 2019 **Leave Ya Numba** was found to be seizing in its stable box. Upon arrival at the stable, Dr Brown found **Leave Ya Numba** to be recumbent, unresponsive and having severe muscle fasciculations. After a further inspection performed by Dr Brown it was revealed that **Leave Ya Numba** suffered wounds to the right eye and poll and superficial wounds to the front and hind legs. When the horse's condition failed to improve despite treatment by Dr Brown, a decision was made after consultation with the owner to euthanase **Leave Ya Numba** on humane grounds. The injuries sustained by **Leave Ya Numba** were attributed to massive head trauma and as Stewards were satisfied that there was nothing untoward surrounding the circumstances leading up to **Leave Ya Numba** being euthanased, no further action was taken and the inquiry was concluded.*

RIDING CHANGES:

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

Race 2	W. Costin on Paulo Pace
Race 3	B. El-Issa on He's Imposing
Race 4	B. El-Issa on Bon Equus
Race 6	Y. Ichikawa on Reposition

R. Hutchings was advised that a medical clearance would be required prior to him being permitted to ride again.

RACE 1: Take No Prisoners 4YO and Up Maiden Handicap 1200m:

I'm With You – on jumping, knuckled badly resulting in its rider J. Taylor becoming unbalanced and losing ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Speed Camera – steadied when crowded on jumping between *Pulang Pula*, which shifted in, and *Stardux*, which shifted out after beginning awkwardly.

Stardux – for some distance near the 800m, when inclined to overrace, had to be restrained from the heels of *Pulang Pula* and was shifted out and away from the heels of that runner, making slight contact with *Speed Camera*.

RACE 2: Keep Dapto Great Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Drifter – began awkwardly.

Paulo Pace – raced greenly in the straight.

Molly Malone – When questioned, M. Bell stated that it was his intention to race prominently today, however, after the filly blundered on jumping, he was obliged to settle towards the rear of the field. He said that when placed under pressure in the straight his mount changed legs on a number of occasions and on return to scale the filly felt short in its action in front. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Quenya – laid in when placed under pressure in the early part of the straight resulting in its rider having to change the whip to his right hand.

Chicadilly – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Easy Leica – on jumping, was bumped on the hindquarters by *Molly Malone*, which shifted out. Laid out rounding the home turn and when placed under pressure in the straight.

Seebix – on jumping, made contact with its offside barrier partition and lost ground.

RACE 3: Urban House And Land Project Marketing Benchmark 64 Handicap 2400m:

He's Imposing – shifted in behind runners from its wide draw. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

Porky Pies – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider A. Layt stated that his mount travelled well in the lead, however, when *Underground* improved to his outside near the 1200m the gelding commenced to lose concentration. He said that **Porky Pies** became under pressure as far out as the 800m and was a beaten horse on straightening. He added that in his opinion **Porky Pies** was disadvantaged today by the removal of the blinkers. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr K. Parker advised that **Porky Pies** will undergo a thorough veterinary examination, the results of which he will report back to Stewards, however, it is the stable's intention to now spell **Porky Pies**.

Underground – when caught wide and without cover in the early stages and when *He's Imposing* held a position one off the fence, **Underground** was allowed to stride forward and assume the lead approaching the 1200m.

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

Dress Rehearsal – after being slow to begin, was crowded between *He's Imposing* and *Front View*, which began awkwardly and shifted out.

Diamond Made – laid out for some distance after the 200m.

Lord Chamberlain – near the 900m was bumped and became unbalanced on several occasions when *Front View* (App. J. Duggan) attempted to manoeuvre **Lord Chamberlain** wider to improve into a position to the outside of *Diamond Made*. App. Duggan was advised that such manoeuvres must be performed in a manner that does not cause interference to other runners.

RACE 4: Ami And Steve Beck Conditional Benchmark 70 Handicap 1600m:

Brother In Arms – When questioned regarding the performance, J. Taylor stated that her mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, and responded well when placed under pressure in the straight, however, under the allotted weight of 61 kilograms, failed to finish its race off over the final 100 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Brother In Arms** to be lame (1/5) in the off-hind leg. Trainer Mr S. Hill was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Brother In Arms** racing again.

Bezel – near the 400m was disappointed for a run to the inside of *Bon Equus* and was then shifted to the outside of that runner near the 350m to continue into clear running. Near the 75m had to be eased when disappointed for a run between *Miss Jenny*, which shifted out under pressure, and *Tiomo*, which was endeavouring to improve into a run to the inside of *Californiafirebird*.

Bon Equus – was held up for some distance between the 250m and 200m when unable to improve between *Happy Seventy* and *Brother In Arms*.

Happy Seventy – near the 900m got its near hind leg entangled with the off-foreleg of *Brother In Arms* resulting in both runners becoming badly unbalanced. When questioned regarding the performance, C. Lever stated that the gelding travelled well in the lead, however, after becoming badly unbalanced near the 900m, **Happy Seventy** did not travel well and he attributed this to the gelding failing to respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Happy Seventy** to be slow to recover.

Miss Jenny – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Californiafirebird – change of tactics – to be ridden more conservatively: settled back. Shifted behind runners from its wide draw.

Charlie Chap – When questioned, B. Spriggs stated that he was issued no specific instructions today other than to ensure that the gelding began well. He added that he

envisaged settling towards the rear of the field, however, when the tempo was only slow in the early stages, and after beginning well, he was able to obtain a position behind the leaders, which was further forward than he had hoped. Near the 100m, when weakening, had to be eased when briefly tightened between *Tiomo* and *Genoveffa*.

Genoveffa – experienced difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight and was shifted towards the outside of *Californiafirebird* near the 300m to continue into clear running.

Tiomo – near the 900m had to be checked away from the heels of *Happy Seventy*. **Tiomo** then commenced to race keenly and, near the 650m, was awkwardly placed inside the heels of *Miss Jenny*.

RACE 5: Kembla Grange Estate Cup Class 1 Handicap 1500m:

Resonare – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Snatcha – A. Layt (*Fastnet Cyclone*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 300m he permitted his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of **Snatcha**, which had to be checked and lost its rightful running. A. Layt's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on 28 January 2019, at the expiration of a suspension incurred at Taree on 14 January 2019, and to expire on 6 February 2019, on which day he may ride. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (1/5) in the near hind leg. Trainer Mr S. Singleton was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Snatcha** racing again.

Ikara Miss – shifted behind runners from its wide draw in the early stages. Approaching the 1400m blundered slightly.

Lolita Gold – When questioned, W. Costin stated that after beginning only fairly she was able to take up a position on the back of *Swiss* whereby her mount travelled well. She added that when *Swiss* commenced to improve into the race approaching the 400m, her mount did not let down as she hoped and, in her opinion, raced flat.

Tsunami Alert – began awkwardly. Raced wide and without cover until near the 900m.

RACE 6: Western Earth Moving Maiden Plate 1500m:

Reposition – after being slow to begin, shifted behind runners from its wide draw.

Chicansalade – shortly after the start, was crowded between *Stage Pass* and *The Sinnerman*, which was taken out by *Home Scene*. Shifted out under pressure for some distance after the 150m.

Clergyman – raced wide and without cover throughout. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Shortly after straightening was hampered when *French Frolic* shifted out slightly to improve.

Estroverto – crowded on jumping between *French Frolic* and *Baanone*, which shifted out.

Shaman – shortly after the start was hampered by *Stage Pass*, which was taken out by *Chicansalade*. Shifted behind runners from its wide draw in the early stages. Raced keenly in the early stages and approaching the 1200m had to be checked from the heels of *Clergyman*. Continued to race keenly thereafter and near the 1000m had to be steadied when awkwardly placed inside the heels of *Clergyman*.

Stage Pass – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame (5/5) in the near foreleg. **Stage Pass** was treated and stabilised by the club's veterinarian immediately following the race to assist the horse in being transported. Trainer Mr C. Connors advised that the mare will undergo a thorough veterinary examination, the results of which he will report to Stewards. An inquiry was adjourned pending the results of the veterinary examination, at which time Stewards will consider the appropriate course of action.

Supreme Boss – laid in under pressure in the straight.

French Frolic – after being loaded into the barriers, became fractious and kicked out behind. The filly was removed from the barriers, examined by the club's veterinarian and deemed suitable to race.

Nanda Devi – rounding the home turn was briefly held up after being disappointed for a run between *Killer Instinct* and *Shaman*.

The Sinnerman – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Lexi's Choice – stood flatfooted as the start was effected and lost ground.

RACE 7: 101 Design Benchmark 64 Handicap 1300m:

Captain Manering – rounding the home turn made contact with the hindquarters of *Cinquedea*, resulting in **Captain Manering** and *Cinquedea* becoming unbalanced.

Boyer – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. On straightening had to be eased to avoid the heels of *Burden Of Proof* (J. Taylor), which shifted out when not quite clear. J. Taylor was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Lion's Head – Stewards adjourned an inquiry into the reasons for **Lion's Head** suffering interference near the 1000m to allow App. B. Griffiths (*Not A Sound*) to have his master represent him.

Screen Shot – blundered on jumping and then made contact with *Boyer*. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils for the first time. Trainer Mr P. Robl was advised that **Screen Shot** would now incur the mandatory three-month ban from racing under AR53A.

Soir De Lune – raced keenly in the middle stages.

Feisty Fox – after being slow to begin was shifted behind runners from its wide draw.

Not A Sound – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be slow to recover.

Dixie – slow to begin.

Want To Bolt – raced wide and without cover throughout.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Luck's Fortune

Race 3: He's Imposing, Underground, Griddlebone, Front View

Race 4: Happy Seventy, Genoveffa

Race 5: Fastnet Cyclone, Casino Angel

Race 6: Killer Instinct

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	App. P. Scorse (Stardux)	6 strikes
Race 3	B. El-Issa (He's Imposing)	8 strikes
Race 3	M. Bell (Underground)	8 strikes
Race 4	M. Bell (Californiafirebird)	6 strikes
Race 4	A. Layt (Genoveffa)	6 strikes
Race 5	M. Bell (Sizzled)	7 strikes
Race 6	K. Latham (Chicansalade)	6 strikes
Race 6	M. Bell (Killer Instinct)	7 strikes (two consecutive)
Race 6	App. B. Griffiths (Lexi's Choice)	7 strikes
Race 6	L. Magorrian (Home Scene)	7 strikes
Race 7	App. C. Williams (Choice Larga)	8 strikes
Race 7	M. Bell (Lion's Head)	6 strikes

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 5: A. Layt (Fastnet Cyclone) – careless riding (AR137(a)) – 28/1/19 to 6/2/19, on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Race 7: Screen Shot (Trainer Mr P. Robl) – bled both nostrils first time – mandatory three-month ban from racing (AR53A).
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	R. Hutchings – medical clearance. Race 4: Brother In Arms (Trainer Mr S. Hill) – lame (1/5) in off-hind leg.

	Race 5: Snatcha (Trainer Mr S. Singleton) – lame (1/5) in near hind leg.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Follow-up:	Race 6: Stage Pass (Trainer Mr C. Conners) – lame (5/5) in the near foreleg. Race 7: App. B. Griffiths (Not A Sound) – interference near the 1000m.
Change of Colours:	Race 2: Paulo Pace – white cap.