

STEWARDS' REPORT
Newcastle Jockey Club

NEWCASTLE RACECOURSE

Saturday 22 December 2018

Weather: Overcast
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +11m

STEWARDS: D L Carr (Chairman), D M Greer, P H Dombkins and cadet R W Loughlin,
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LATE RIDING CHANGES

As K O'Hara was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

Race 4	T Wolfgram on <i>Docklands</i>
Race 8	T Wolfgram on <i>Real Long Tom</i>

RACE 1: Join Ascot VIP Newcastle Nobbys – Benchmark 70 Handicap 1600m

Ticket To Riches – slow to begin. App. M Weir reported that her saddle slipped badly to the nearside near the 1200m and when she was unable to reposition it she was obliged to kick her feet out of the irons near the 1000m, which placed her at a significant disadvantage for the remainder of the event. As a consequence she was unable to place her mount under any pressure in the home straight.

Hand It In – slow to begin.

Lamma Hilton – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Chalmers – raced keenly in the early stages and near the 1400m got its head up when being steadied away from the heels of *I Am Awesome*. Laid in when placed under pressure over the final 300m.

I Am Awesome – near the 800m was steadied to avoid the heels of *Dawn Raid* (App. B Owen), which shifted in when not quite clear. App. Owen was advised to exercise more care. Laid in when placed under pressure in the straight.

Dawn Raid - raced wide and without cover until near the 800m, where it assumed a position outside the leader *Latin Light*.

RACE 2: New FM Boxing Day Races Class 2 Handicap 900m

Lugard Road – as rider W Costin also had commitments at today's Warwick Farm meeting, Stewards permitted T Wolfgram to be substituted as the rider of the mare.

Dreamy Belle – slow to begin. Laid in in the early part of the straight and had some difficulty being shifted to the outside of *Invincible Lad*, which was inclined to shift ground outwards.

Invincible Lad – on straightening was brushed by *The Drake*, which shifted out slightly.

The Drake – when questioned regarding the performance, rider M Bell stated that his mount travelled comfortably in the lead throughout the early and middle stages, however, when placed under pressure rounding the home turn failed to quicken and was one-paced in the run to the finish. He added **The Drake**, which was resuming from a spell, would derive benefit from today's run and would also appreciate races over further distance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Stable representative Mr C Ashby was advised to furnish a veterinary clearance, including the results of an ECG, prior to **The Drake** barrier trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards.

RACE 3: Hungerford Hill 3YO Maiden Plate 900m

Charlotte's Heart – as C Lever was delayed due to transport difficulties and when there was no senior rider available, Stewards permitted App. M Weir to be substituted as the rider of the filly. Slow to begin. Hung out in the middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have been galloped on to the off-hind fetlock.

Applicant – prior to the declaration of correct weight stable representative Mr M Rowland made an application to have the colt declared a non-runner on the grounds it was denied a fair start. After taking evidence from Mr Rowland, rider S Guymer and starter Mr S Scollard, it was established that **Applicant**, which had been somewhat restless in its barrier had, immediately prior to the start being effected, got its head in the adjacent barrier stall occupied by *Mary Jane*. As a consequence when the gates opened shortly after **Applicant** was not in a position to jump with the field and missed the start (8L). As Stewards were satisfied that **Applicant** was denied a fair start, it was declared a non-runner under AR134A. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on **Applicant** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1st *Time And Again* 0 cents win 2 cents place

2nd *Charlotte's Heart* 4 cents place

3rd *Nivalis* 2 cents place

Mary Jane – slow to begin (2L).

Stanford Merthyr – slow to begin (2L).

Song Of Luck – began awkwardly.

Sweet Thief – on two occasions approaching the 600m was steadied when racing in restricted room to the inside of *Nivalis* (C Reith), which shifted in slightly .

RACE 4: Limitless Gym Maiden Handicap 1600m

Task And Purpose – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages Rounding the home turn was hampered and carried wider. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be 2/5 lame in the near-hind leg. Stable representative Mr D Fitton was told a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Task And Purpose** racing again.

Colditz – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Rounding the home turn was checked away from the heels of *Construe*. Hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Litzen – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Rounding the home turn was hampered and carried wider.

Estroverto – for some distance passing the 600m was crowded by *Docklands*, which commenced to weaken and shift ground despite the efforts of its rider.

Construe - B El-Issa (*Les Amoureux*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that rounding the home turn he permitted his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of **Construe**, which lost its rightful running and had to be checked when crowded between *Docklands* and *Les Amoureux*. B El-Issa's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 30 December 2018 and to expire on Friday, 18 January 2019, on which day he may ride. Passing the 100m was disappointed for clear running between *Task And Purpose* and *Estroverto*, which shifted out and had to be directed to the inside of *Estroverto* to continue into clear running.

Docklands – rounding the home turn was bumped, taken wider and became unbalanced when *Les Amoureux* shifted out to improve.

Fairy Me Home – rider M Bell explained that he was instructed to have his mount back in the field, however, when caught wide in the early stages and when his mount overraced due to the slow tempo, he allowed his mount to stride forward and assume the lead near the 800m.

RACE 5: Coastline Pools & Spas Benchmark 64 Handicap 2360m

Prince Coureuse – slow to begin (2L). A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Captain's Legend – raced wide and without cover until near the 1400m.

Vihari – hung in when placed under pressure in the straight.

Chosen Prince – had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight when inclined to lay out.

The Towers – when questioned, rider C Lever stated his mount hung out throughout the event and commenced to hang out more severely after the 1400m, before running off the track near the 900m and taking no further part in the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Ms A Prendergast was told that, as this was the third occasion that **The Towers** had run off the track, it would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards on two consecutive occasions prior to being permitted to race again.

Suggestapartner – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding had suffered a laceration to its off-fore fetlock and was 2/5 lame in the off-hind leg. Trainer Mr L Tilley was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Suggestapartner** racing again.

Super Bonus – a post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 32 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr D Wilkes was told **Super Bonus** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

RACE 6: Top Cut Foods Benchmark 64 Handicap 1200m

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

Longchamp Lass – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Sausalito – raced keenly in the middle stages. Held up rounding the home turn and then laid in when placed under pressure in the straight.

Oxford Angel – held up until approaching the 200m.

Petra Jewel – raced wide and without cover throughout the event. Raced greenly when placed under pressure in the straight and near the 150m, when inclined to shift in, was steadied away from the heels of *Oxford Angel* (App. L Day), which shifted out when not clear. App. Day was told to ensure she is two lengths clear when shifting ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 7: Newcastle Racecourse App Benchmark 64 Handicap 1200m

Inherit – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Collins Creek – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Nadacheva – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Boyer – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Lion's Head – when questioned regarding the performance, rider M Bell stated that his mount never travelled well at any stage, was under pressure from as far out as the 600m and was disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding. He said that near the 150m he felt his mount shorten stride noticeably and, as he was concerned something may be amiss with the colt, he desisted from riding his mount out to the finish. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr F Dale stated that the colt had worked well since its pleasing first up run at Kembla Grange on 1 December 2018 and expressed disappointment with the performance. Mr Dale undertook to report back on the progress of **Lion's Head** in the days subsequent.

Verlan – rider K Latham could offer no explanation for the disappointing performance and added the mare would derive benefit from today's first up run. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be slow to recover.. Stable representative Mr W Freedman stated that **Verlan** had pleased in its trackwork and trials in the lead up to today's run and the stable were confident of the mare's chances today. Mr Freedman undertook to report back on the mare's progress in the days subsequent.

RACE 8: Senpos Maiden Plate 1200m

Atomic Sunrise – a veterinary examination of the filly, which became very fractious after being loaded into the barriers, deemed it suitable to race. Stable representative Mr F Dale was told a warning would be placed on the filly's record.

Baanone – stable representative Ms A Prendergast was told a warning would be placed on the record of the gelding, which was difficult to load.

Isilmo – slow to begin (2L).

Kashiwa – slow to begin. When questioned regarding his riding in the straight, Y Ichikawa stated that rounding the home turn he was racing tight inside *Isilmo* and, as he was unable to shift wider, he was obliged to seek runs through the field. He said his mount was able to make good ground until near the 150m, where he contemplated shifting to the outside of *Gem Dealer*, however, he was unable to do so as he would have caused interference to *Emperor Arli*. He added that when he observed the two leaders, *Home Scene* and *In A While*, shifted ground he attempted to improve initially between those runners, however, was disappointed for this run when *In A While* shifted in and he then shifted his mount to the inside of *Home Scene* to attempt to improve. Y Ichikawa further stated that, while he felt that there was room to improve to the inside of *Home Scene* when he initially directed his mount there, the run closed shortly after when *Home Scene* shifted in slightly, obliging him to check his mount severely near the 75m, lose ground and his mount was then untested in the run to the finish. Y Ichikawa was told to ensure that there is sufficient room to improve when attempting runs.

Emperor Arli – passing the 150m became held up on the heels of *Gem Dealer* and then was unable to obtain completely clear running for the remainder of the event and went to the line without being fully tested.

Gem Dealer – approaching the 100m became held up on the heels of *In A While* and had to be shifted to that runner's outside to obtain clear running.

Trust The Boss – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

GENERAL:**Summary of whip use:**

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted 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	C Reith (<i>Latin Light</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 2	App. L Day (<i>Oakfield Missile</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 3	App. M Weir (<i>Charlotte's Heart</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 4	C Lever (<i>Litzen</i>) B El-Issa (<i>Les Amoureux</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m. 7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 5	S Guymer (<i>Prince Coureuse</i>) App. M Partridge (<i>Allzin</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m. 7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 6	C Reith (<i>Swelt</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	J Adams (<i>Oakfield Twilight</i>) G Buckley (<i>Collins Creek</i>) App. L Day (<i>Fratellino</i>)	8 strikes prior to the 100m. 6 strikes prior to the 100m. 7 strikes prior to the 100m.

Race 8	R Hutchings (<i>Home Scene</i>)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
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Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 3: Charlotte's Heart.

Race 4: Les Amoureux.

Race 6: Jexerlent.

Race 7: Collins Creek.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 4: B El-Issa (<i>Les Amoureux</i>) careless riding (AR137(a)), suspended from 30/12/18 to 18/1/19.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 8: <i>Atomic Sunrise</i> (team Snowden) – barrier manners. <i>Baanone</i> (trainer B Baker) – difficult to load.
Trials:	Race 2: <i>The Drake</i> (trainer J Sargent) – cardiac arrhythmia. Race 5: <i>The Towers</i> (trainer B Baker) 2 consecutive trials – racing manners. <i>Super Bonus</i> (trainer T Wilkes) – uncompetitive.
Certificates:	Race 2: <i>The Drake</i> (trainer J Sargent) including ECG – cardiac arrhythmia. Race 4: <i>Task And Purpose</i> (trainer C Waller) – 2/5 lame near-hind leg. Race 5: <i>Suggestapartner</i> (trainer L Tilley) – laceration to off-fore fetlock and 2/5 lame off-hind leg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Race 8: <i>Emperor Arli</i> – to be ridden conservatively; settled worse than midfield. <i>Baanone</i> – to be ridden conservatively; settled worse than midfield.
Change of Colours:	Race 3: <i>Song Of Luck</i> – Racing NSW colours. Race 4: <i>Verve</i> – purple cap. Race 5: <i>Super Bonus</i> – blue cap. Race 7: <i>Collins Creek</i> – Racing NSW colours.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 7: <i>Verlan</i> (trainer R Freedman) – poor performance. <i>Lion's Head</i> (team Snowden) – poor performance.