

**STEWARDS' REPORT**  
**Gosford Race Club**

**GOSFORD RACECOURSE**

**Saturday 23 February 2019**

Weather: Showers  
Track: Heavy (8)  
Rail: True

**COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS:** D L Carr (Chairman), D M Greer J J E Earl and cadets J A Dinopoulos and J Marshall  
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**RACE 1: Easy Mix Concrete Maiden Plate 2100m**

**Boston Blues** – began awkwardly. From passing the 500m until straightening was held up and unable to improve.

**Zizania** – on jumping was crowded between *He's McCaw* and *Boston Blues*, which shifted out.

**Shaman** – lost its near-fore plate on jumping. Hung out rounding the first turn.

**Mickey Jay** – raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages.

**He's McCaw** – when questioned regarding the performance, rider J Adams stated that his mount travelled comfortably in the early stages, however, when the tempo increased from the 1200m his mount commenced to shift ground and failed to handle the heavy track conditions. He added that when his mount was not in contention from the 300m he did not test it for the remainder of the event. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 27 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr J Perrett was told a warning would be recorded against **He's McCaw** regarding the uncompetitive performance. Mr Perrett advised that the gelding would now be dropped back to country grade.

**RACE 2: Roe Mackenzie Fillies – Mares Class 1 Handicap 1200m**

**Better Take Cover** – slow to begin. When questioned, rider K Latham stated that his mount never travelled comfortably at any stage of the event and in his opinion failed to handle the heavy track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Velocano** – began awkwardly and lost ground.

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

**RACE 3: Cinta Collections Class 2 Handicap 1900m**

**Nothing Too Hard** – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Near the 1000m was hampered and carried wider by *She's Just Sayin'*, which was taken out by *I Arize* and the gelding raced wide and without cover from that point. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**I Arize** – pulled hard in the middle stages and near the 1000m became awkwardly positioned close to the heels of *Sharp Speedo* and shifted out abruptly. **I Arize** was then allowed to stride forward by its rider to assume a position outside the leader approaching the 700m.

**She's Just Sayin'** – near the 1000m was hampered and carried wider by *I Arize*.

**Sharp Speedo** – for a short distance passing the 800m became awkwardly positioned close to the heels of *Fairlight*.

**Joe's Joy** – when questioned regarding his riding rounding the home turn and in particular as to how the eventual winner *Fastnet Cyclone* was able to obtain a run to his mount's inside, L Magorrian stated that he was under no specific instructions as to where to make his run in the straight, however, after viewing the first two races, he formed the view that the going on the fence was inferior. He said for this reason he allowed his mount to shift wider rounding the home turn, which afforded *Fastnet Cyclone* a run to his mount's inside.

**Fairlight** – when questioned regarding his riding, D McLellan stated that he was instructed to ride his mount conservatively and in the early stages he restrained his mount in an attempt to comply with his instructions, however, it raced ungenerously, got its head up and, when he was unable to obtain cover, he allowed it to stride forward to a position outside the leader *Joe's Joy* near the 1400m. He added that his mount only travelled fairly in this position throughout the middle stages and, when *I Arize* improved quickly to his outside approaching the 800m, he did consider riding his mount along to maintain its position, however, as his mount was racing first up today over 1900m on a heavy track and in circumstances where his mount had done more work in the early stages than he would have liked, he did not feel that it would have been in his mount's best interests to ride it along from that point, so he allowed *I Arize* to cross his mount near the 700m. D McLellan further stated that after being crossed his mount commenced to travel more strongly and for some distance approaching the 600m had to be steadied when awkwardly positioned close to the heels of *I Arize*. He said when placed under full pressure rounding the home turn his mount finished its race off fairly. D McLellan agreed with Stewards that, whilst his decision to allow *I Arize* to cross his mount near the 700m was not unreasonable in the circumstances, the better option would have been to ride his mount along approaching the 800m to maintain his position outside *Joe's Joy* in what was a slowly run race.

#### **RACE 4: Central Real Colts – Geldings – Entires Class 1 Handicap 1200m**

**Cloak** – slow to begin.

**Bon Warrior** – slow to begin. When questioned, rider K Latham stated that his mount never travelled comfortably at any stage of the event and in his opinion failed to handle the heavy track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 23L, did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Ms G Markwell was told a warning would be placed on the gelding's record regarding its uncompetitive performance.

**Starismo** – slow to begin.

**Airwing** – pulled hard in the early stages.

**RACE 5: The Agency Class 1 Handicap 1600m**

**Matakanui** – after being loaded into the barriers became fractious. The gelding was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and deemed suitable to race.

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

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

**Sparkling L'Amour** – rider J Adams reported that his mount failed to handle the heavy track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 30 lengths, revealed it to be displaying a poor post-race recovery and to have some swelling to the off-foreleg, with no associated lameness. Trainer Mr R Bailey was told that he would be required to furnish a veterinary clearance prior to **Sparkling L'Amour** racing again.

**Maleko** – when questioned, rider T Wolfgram stated that he was instructed to lead, as is his mount's usual racing pattern, however, despite being ridden with vigour in the early stages, his mount did not show sufficient speed and as a consequence settled further back than intended.

**RACE 6: Dynamic Taxation and Training Services 4YO & Up Metro & Prov Maiden Handicap 1200m**

**Manhattan Gambler** – rider C O'Brien was permitted to ride the gelding 0.5 kilogram over its allotted weight of 55.5 kilograms.

**Dashing Badger** – slow to begin and shortly after was checked when crowded between *Cappamore* and *Joyous Times*, which was taken in by *Adonis Victorious*.

**Joyous Times** – slow to begin.

**Cappamore** – when questioned regarding his riding of the mare, M Bell stated that he was under no specific instructions other than to position his mount where it was comfortable and, after beginning awkwardly and losing ground, his mount settled in a position worse than midfield. He said he trailed *Ballistic Motive* throughout the middle stages and, when he observed that runner come under pressure approaching the 500m, he elected to shift out to trail *Manhattan Gambler*. He added that, when *Manhattan Gambler* commenced to shift out shortly after, he attempted to improve between *Ballistic Motive* and *Manhattan Gambler*, however, he was disappointed for this run when *Ballistic Motive* shifted out. M Bell further stated that his mount then became held up behind *Manhattan Gambler* and inside the heels of *Joyous Times*. He said that he attempted to restrain his mount so that it could be shifted to the outside of *Joyous Times*, however his mount was travelling too strongly and when he was unable to restrain it sufficiently it continued to be held up rounding the home turn. He added that shortly after straightening he attempted to improve into a narrow run between *Joyous Times* and *Manhattan Gambler*, however, had some difficulty in doing so when *Manhattan Gambler* shifted out slightly and as a consequence his mount was unable to obtain completely clear running until near the 150m, where it finished its race off strongly.

**RACE 7: Fortunity 3YO Maiden Plate 1000m**

**Pearl Roan** – slow to begin (2L). Lost its near-fore plate in running.

**Arzu** – on jumping was bumped heavily by *Chilled Rose* and lost ground, then was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. When questioned regarding the performance, rider L Magorrian stated that, after striking interference at the start, his mount never travelled well at any stage, then hung out from the 400m, ran very wide rounding the home turn and proved difficult to fully test in the home straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth was told that a warning would be placed on the filly's record.

**Swordsman** – began very awkwardly, resulting in its rider S Guymer becoming unbalanced and the gelding losing ground. Overraced throughout the early and middle stages.

**Hibiscus Lady** – laid out under pressure in the home straight.

**Chilled Rose** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event. Laid out rounding the home turn and in the straight.

**Rum Cake** – rider N Barzalona was reprimanded under AR137A(4)(b) for using his whip in an action that raised his arm above shoulder height.

#### **RACE 8: Club Terrigal Conditional Benchmark 70 Handicap 1000m**

**Fine Hero** – rider A Robinson was permitted to ride the gelding 0.5 kilogram over its allotted weight of 54 kilograms. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Sheoak** – rider J Adams was permitted to ride the mare 1 kilogram over its allotted weight of 54 kilograms. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have sustained a laceration to its near-hind heel bulb.

**Mr Grumpy** – bounded on jumping and lost ground.

**Destiny's Reward** – slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance, rider S Guymer stated his mount travelled well for the first 200m of the event, however, from the 800m proved reluctant to maintain its position inside *Mr Grumpy*. He said from this point his mount never travelled comfortably and the only explanation he could offer was that his mount was obliged to race in what in his opinion was inferior going near the running rail. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Four More Millers** – slow to begin and was then shifted behind runners in the early stages.

#### **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.

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| Race 1 | S Guymer ( <i>Zizania</i> )     | 6 strikes prior to the 100m. |
| Race 5 | J Taylor ( <i>Eagleworks</i> )  | 8 strikes prior to the 100m. |
| Race 8 | T Wolfgram ( <i>Mr Grumpy</i> ) | 6 strikes prior to the 100m. |

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

Race 1: He's McCaw, Phylave, Zizania.

Race 2: Velocano.

Race 4: Hildalgo.

Race 5: Chicansalade, Matakanui (2), Renalot.

Race 7: Chilled Rose.

| <b>SUMMARY</b>            |  |
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| <b>Fines:</b>             | Nil.   |
| <b>Reprimands:</b>        | Race 7: N Barzalona ( <i>Rum Cake</i> ) – raise whip above shoulder height (AR137A(4)(b)).   |
| <b>Suspensions:</b>       | Nil.   |
| <b>Bleeders:</b>          | Nil.   |
| <b>Warnings:</b>          | Race 1: <i>He's McCaw</i> (trainer J Perrett) – uncompetitive performance.<br>Race 4: <i>Bon Warrior</i> (trainer G Markwell) – uncompetitive performance.<br>Race 7: <i>Arzu</i> (trainer C Waller) – racing manners. |
| <b>Trials:</b>            | Nil.   |
| <b>Certificates:</b>      | Race 5: <i>Sparkling L'Amour</i> (trainer R Bailey) – displaying poor post-race recovery and swelling to the off-foreleg.  |
| <b>Fall/Injuries:</b>     | Nil.   |
| <b>Tactics Notified:</b>  | Race 1: <i>Shaman</i> – if begins well, will be ridden further forward; led.   |
| <b>Change of Colours:</b> | Nil.   |
| <b>Change of Gear</b>     | Nil.   |
| <b>Follow up:</b>         | Nil.   |