

STEWARDS' REPORT
Gosford Race Club

GOSFORD RACECOURSE

Monday 31 December 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +3m 1100m to 300m, true remainder

STEWARDS: D M Greer (Chairman), D L Carr, S T Matthews and cadets T J Lee and J A Dinopoulos
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LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As T Berry was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

Race 1	C Reith on <i>La Parva</i>
Race 3	T Marquand on <i>Come Along</i>
Race 4	C Brown on <i>King's Order</i>
Race 5	R King on <i>Admissible</i>
Race 6	J Ford on <i>Buckle Up Baby</i>
Race 7	R King on <i>Pellicle</i>

RACE 1: tab.com.au Class 1 Handicap 1000m

Fortune Star – began awkwardly and then was taken back shortly after to obtain cover at the rear of the field. Approaching the 400m laid in towards the heels of *Avid General*.

Uncle Sam – hung out approaching the 600m.

Battle Anthem – raced wide and without cover until near the 500m.

Sound Off – held up rounding the home turn and did not obtain completely clear running until near the 150m.

La Parva – passing the winning post was steadied when severely crowded by *Sound Off*, which was taken out by *Battle Anthem* (App. R Dolan). App. Dolan was told exercise more care when his mounts are shifting ground.

RACE 2: Central Coast Council Mayor's Cup Benchmark 64 Handicap 2100m

Time To Rethink – raced wide and without cover from the 700m.

Triple Hero – near the 1300m continued to pull hard and was steadied away from the heels of *Yuralla Boy* (App. M Weir), which shifted in. App. M Weir was told to exercise more care. When questioned regarding racing behind the speed today, App. R Dolan explained the gelding was slightly slow to begin, however, in the early stages was able to take up a forward position. He said when *Captain's Legend* showed superior speed approaching the winning

post he elected to take up a position behind that runner, however, after being crossed, **Triple Hero** then overraced for some distance throughout the middle stages.

Arrows Destiny – rounding the first turn was steadied away from the heels of *Yuralla Boy* after that runner was steadied in away from the heels of *Underground* (C Reith), which shifted in when not clear. In this incident it was also noted that *Triple Hero*, which was racing to the inside of **Arrows Destiny**, commenced to overrace and shifted out abruptly despite the efforts of its rider. C Reith was reprimanded.

Captain's Legend – held up in the early part of the straight and was disappointed for a run between *Yuralla Boy* and *Triple Hero* near the 200m and ultimately had to be shifted to the inside of *Yuralla Boy* to continue into clear running.

RACE 3: Tooheys Central Coast Carnival Class 1 Handicap 1600m

Take The Mountain – as D McLellan was overweight, Stewards permitted T Wolfgram to be substituted as the rider of the mare. D McLellan was fined \$100 under AR120(b).

Conductress – hampered on jumping away by *Mystic Hill*, which shifted out. From its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

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Time Of Glory – on straightening raced in restricted room between *Come Along* and *Man Of Envy* which was inclined to lay out.

Come Along – shortly after straightening commenced to hang in, obliging its rider to stop riding and straighten his mount.

Sizzled – when questioned, rider C Brown explained that the colt, which was disappointing in its failure to finish off the race, in his opinion did not handle the tight turning track. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt had aggravated an old wound to the off-hind fetlock, with no other abnormalities.

RACE 4: Central Coast Mariners 3YO Maiden Plate 1000m

Laila De Vega – began awkwardly and lost ground.

Almerheri – slow to begin. Approaching 500m, when *Peggy's Time* was being restrained away from the heels of *Expellable*. **Almerheri** improved onto the heels of *Peggy's Time* and had to be checked. The filly was then held up for a short distance approaching the 400m.

Madam Ilithyia – slow to begin.

Expellable – in the early part of the straight was inclined to hang out and inside the 200m shifted out abruptly, resulting in *Peggy's Time* being hampered and taken wider.

Looksea – when questioned, App. M Weir explained from approaching the 600m her mount commenced to hang out badly despite her constant efforts to straighten. The gelding continued to hang out for the remainder of the event and as a result could not be fully tested at any stage. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr P Farrell was told that the gelding must barrier trial prior to racing again.

RACE 5: Gosford Quarries Gold Cup 17th January Maiden Handicap 1200m

Happy Lady – knuckled on jumping. Near the 500m had to be steadied and shifted to the outside of the weakening *Fast Eva* to continue to go forward.

Baldomero – inside the 900m improved onto the heels of *Nanda Devi* and had to be checked. As a result *Happy Lady*, which was following, had to be steadied away from its heels.

Stage Pass – hung in when placed under pressure in the straight.

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

Admissible – approaching the 100m shifted in and away from *Cinquedea* and made contact with the running rail and became unbalanced.

Mapili – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Fast Eva – when questioned, rider C Brown explained that his mount, which was fractious in the barriers, began awkwardly and consequently settled in a position midfield. He said in his opinion the filly was reluctant racing to the inside of runners and as a result laid in for some distance. He added that consequently the filly lost ground from the 600m and was disappointing in its failure to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 6: De Bortoli Wines Takeover Target 17th January Benchmark 64 Handicap 1200m

Snapchat Girl – slow to begin, then crowded by *Dorf Star*, which shifted out.

Dorf Star – began awkwardly. Held up for some distance rounding the home turn.

Ballastica – began awkwardly. Hung in and shifted in abruptly near the 200m, obliging its rider to stop riding and pull the whip through to the right hand to continue riding along.

Found Out – rider App. B Owen reported his saddle slipped back shortly after the start, which placed him at a disadvantage for the entirety of the event. Raced wide and without cover.

Buckle Up Baby – approaching the 350m had to be checked when tightened for room between *Musical Family*, which hung out, and *Found Out* (App. B Owen), which shifted in prior to being corrected by its rider. App. Owen was reprimanded under AR137(a). For some distance inside the 200m was held up with awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Found Out*. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a laceration to its near-foreleg.

RACE 7: Happy New Year Maiden Plate 1600m

Stealth Sniper – as J Innes Jr was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted K Jennings to be substituted as the rider of the colt.

Chorus Queen – slow to begin. Briefly held up for some distance approaching the 100m and inside the 50m raced in restricted room between *Pellicle* and *I'm Kate*, which shifted out marginally.

Heloise – began awkwardly.

I'm Kate – knuckled on jumping. Held up for some distance rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight was unable to improve its position. For some distance inside the 200m had to be continually steadied away from the weakening *Culbertson*. As a result **I'm Kate** did not obtain completely clear running until inside the 100m.

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

Alier – approaching the first turn improved onto the heels of *I'm Kate*, which shifted out, making contact with *Meale*.

Grand Acheeva – held up for some distance rounding the home turn and near the 200m became awkwardly placed close to the heels of *I'm Kate*.

Culbertson – App. S Weatherley lost the use of his off-side rein for a short distance near the 150m.

Meale – raced wide and without cover from the 800m.

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.

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

Race 1: Uncle Sam, Miss Powerbelle (2), Danzibar Dancer.

Race 3: Come Along.

Race 5: Nanda Devi.

Race 7: Grand Acheeva, Alier, Chief Command.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 3: D McLellan (<i>Take The Mountain</i>) \$100 – overweight (AR120(b)).
Reprimands:	Race 2: C Reith (<i>Underground</i>) – careless riding (AR137(a)). Race 6: App. B Owen (<i>Found Out</i>) – careless riding (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 4: <i>Looksea</i> (trainer P Farrell) – racing manners.
Certificates:	Nil.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Race 3: <i>Come Along</i> - to be ridden further forward; settled on pace. <i>Time Of Glory</i> – to be ridden further forward; settles outside lead. Race 7: <i>Stealth Sniper</i> – to be ridden further forward; settled equal

	lead.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.