

STEWARDS' REPORT

Hawkesbury Race Club CLARENDON RACECOURSE

Friday 18 November 2016

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 4.78

STEWARDS: C G Polglase (Chairman), T J Vassallo, T A McDonald and cadet J J E Earl

RACE 1: Hawkesbury Race Club Motel Class 2 Handicap 1600m

Zabeelions – slow to begin.

Legistation – inclined to lay out under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride out.

Tremezzina – when questioned regarding the performance, B Avdulla stated that in his opinion the mare raced too keenly with the blinkers on today and as a result failed to finish off the race over the concluding stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying a poor post-race recovery.

RACE 2: tab.com.au Benchmark 59 Handicap 2000m

Charlie Royale – the gelding underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Trainer Mr P Cheers was interviewed relative to the current preparation of **Charlie Royale**, which was having its ninth run since 1 October 2016. Mr Cheers stated that the gelding only performs light work and does not gallop in between race starts. The Stewards advised Mr Cheers to be mindful of the gelding's current campaign, given that it is competing in races over a distance and, furthermore, may be required to travel during periods of hot weather. Mr Cheers was told to be cognisant of the frequency with which he starts the gelding and was informed the Stewards will monitor its preparation in future. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding had lost its off-hind plate.

Bee Plus – slow to begin.

Stradazzle – began awkwardly and lost ground (3L). Had some difficulty obtaining clear running making the home turn. Approaching the 200m had to alter course to the outside of the heels of *Bee Plus* to continue into clear running.

Pirate Jack – hung out making the home turn.

Scandal Sheet – rider B Avdulla stated that his mount was inclined to hang out throughout the event and never travelled comfortably at any stage. He added that making the home turn his mount shortened stride and when he became particularly concerned with its action he eased it down shortly after straightening. Stable representative Mr G Smallwood was at a loss to explain the performance and indicated that the gelding had pleased the stable in the lead up to today's event. A post-race veterinary examination immediately after the event did not

reveal any abnormalities. A subsequent veterinary examination after cooling down found the gelding to be displaying mild lameness to the off-hind leg. Mr Smallwood was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Scandal Sheet** barrier trialling to the satisfaction of the Stewards before racing again.

RACE 3: Irresistible Pools and Spas 3YO Maiden Handicap 1100m

Dead Reckoning – began awkwardly. When questioned, rider T Berry stated his mount was inclined to lay out throughout the event and in his opinion may not have appreciated today's firm racing surface. He added that when his mount was beaten shortly after straightening, he did not fully test it over the final 200m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Solo Gypsy – shortly after the start was briefly tightened for room between *Improvement* and *Dead Reckoning*. Overraced in the early stages. Making the home turn was steadied when tightened for room between *Dead Reckoning* and *Name Of The Rose* (R Hutchings), which shifted out. R Hutchings was reprimanded.

Oakfield Ali – buffeted on jumping when crowded between *Blame It On Paris* and *Hepburn*, which shifted in.

Blame It On Paris – raced ungenerously for some distance in the middle stages. Approaching the 600m got its head up when being steadied to obtain cover. Rider J Ford reported his mount was inclined to hang out throughout the event.

Hepburn – raced wide throughout without cover.

Kinka Bay – when questioned concerning the performance of the gelding, K O'Hara stated that, whilst **Kinka Bay** had impressed in two trial wins leading into today's first race start, it felt flat and in her opinion and raced like a tired horse. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Ms G Englebrecth will be asked to report back on the progress and the future race plans for the gelding in the days subsequent.

RACE 4: Aussie Home Loans Richmond Benchmark 65 Handicap 1000m

Treviso – the gelding was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 3.41pm when it became fractious and kicked out behind repeatedly. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Treviso** be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers all successful wagers made prior to 3.41pm to be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st) **Exceed The Moon** less 45c win and 32c place

2nd) **Racy** less 36c place

A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding had sustained abrasions to its hind legs. Stable representative Mr J Verkade was advised a warning would be recorded against the barrier manners of **Treviso** and he was also told a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing again.

Racy – bumped on jumping by *Our First Lady*, which shifted out. Overraced in the early and middle stages and passing the 600m had to be steadied away from the heels of *Our First Lady*. Had difficulty obtaining clear running rounding the home turn and on straightening was disappointed for a run between *Our First Lady* and *Dorf Star*. When questioned concerning her riding in the middle stages and in particular as to whether or not there was an opportunity

to shift *Dorf Star* wider on the track prior to the home turn, which would have afforded her clearing running sooner, App. R King stated her mount had overraced badly in the early and middle stages and, whilst an opportunity existed approaching the 700m to shift *Dorf Star* wider on the track and allow her mount to improve into the race, she was reluctant to do so, bearing in mind the mare's racing manners, and for this reason she elected to remain trailing *Our First Lady* in an endeavour to have her mount settle. She added, as **Racy** was first up, she felt it was not in its best interests to expose her mount as far out as the 700m, as this would be detrimental to its finishing effort.

Stolen Time – overraced in the middle stages.

Rolston – laid in under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride out.

RACE 5: A.H. Beard F&M Maiden Handicap 1300m

My Milly Moo – as T Berry was overweight, Stewards permitted J Penza to be substituted as the rider of the mare. T Berry was fined \$200 under AR120(b). When questioned concerning the mare racing more forward today, rider J Penza stated his instructions today were similar to the mare's most recent starts in that he was to attempt to obtain cover behind the speed and expected to settle in fifth or sixth position. He added, however from his wide gate today, when it became apparent his mount was not able to obtain cover, he allowed it to stride forward and settle outside the leader.

Jewel Of Honour – slow to begin. Rider G Buckley stated that, whilst his mount had some difficulty obtaining clear running rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight, his mount raced greenly, was inclined to lay in and proved difficult to ride out to the finish.

Harperzozo – overraced and got its head up in the early stages.

Denim Street – overraced in the middle stages. Raced greenly under pressure in the straight.

Wild Lavender – had difficulty obtaining clear running rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Shrewd – after being inclined to lay in in the early part of the straight, near the 300m was steadied away from the heels of *Denim Street*, which shifted out when racing greenly.

Dungannon – raced wide throughout.

Bring Cheer – when questioned concerning the performance of the filly, rider R Hutchings stated his mount travelled well, however, when placed under pressure in the straight did not stretch out and in his opinion was not comfortable on today's firm track surface. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 6: Vibe Property CG&E Maiden Handicap 1300m

Special Missile – began awkwardly. Raced greenly over the final 200m and was inclined to shift ground. The racing manners of the gelding were brought to the attention of stable representative Mr R King.

Perfect Heritage – slow to begin. Inside the 300m shifted out and made contact with *Gold Mosa*, which shifted in, resulting in both runners becoming unbalanced.

Regrading – raced keenly in the early stages when being eased to obtain cover.

Triple Hill – laid in under pressure in the straight.

No Escape – passing the 200m was checked away from the heels of *Special Missile*, which ran out abruptly despite its rider's efforts.

Pleased – hampered and taken wider near the 200m.

Gold Mosa – hampered and taken wider near the 200m. When questioned concerning his riding of the gelding, rider P King stated that, from his wide barrier today, he was instructed to ride the gelding back in the field with cover similar to its most recent start at this track on 3 November 2016. He said that, after taking hold of his mount on jumping in order to obtain cover, his mount then commenced to race ungenerously, was inclined to get its head up and as a result lost ground in the early stages. He added, whilst he was a number of lengths off the field in the early stages, as the pace was genuine he was reluctant to make use of his mount, as he felt to do so would be detrimental to its chances of finishing off the race. P King further stated he allowed **Gold Mosa** to improve gradually into the event, whereby making the home turn he obtained a trailing position on the back of *Perfect Heritage* and, when brought to the outside in the straight, the gelding responded well. A post-race veterinary examination the gelding to be lame in the off-foreleg. Stable representative D Rorison was advised a veterinary clearance is required prior to the gelding racing again.

Hot Money – rider T Berry, rider of 4th placegetter, was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out fully to the finish.

RACE 7: Ironbark Distillery Maiden Handicap 1600m

Mr Tickets – after being fractious in the barriers, was slow to begin and then was hampered on jumping when tightened between *The Blue Swan* and *Oakfield Midnight*, which shifted ground. Overraced in the middle stages.

Cabbage – slow to begin.

Dragon's Magic – slow to begin. An inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the mare falling and dislodging its rider App. B McDougall after travelling approximately 100m was adjourned to a date to be fixed. A veterinary examination of **Dragon's Magic** revealed the mare had fractured its near-side shoulder. To prevent further suffering, the mare was euthanased and transported to the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital at Camden for necropsy. Apprentice B McDougall suffered an ankle injury and was stood down by Ambulance staff from his remaining engagement.

Just Two Vees – overraced in the early and middle stages.

Special Thing – making the home turn shifted out and made contact with *Dashing Bella* when attempting to improve to the outside of the heels of *Mr Tickets*. On return to scale rider B Avdulla could offer no explanation for the performance of the filly, which was disappointing in its failure to run on under pressure in the straight.

Mount Taishan – held up and could not obtain completely clear running until inside the 200m.

Dashing Bella – a post-race veterinary examination of the mare, which broke down badly near the 75m, revealed it to have sustained multiple fractures to its near-foreleg. The mare was subsequently euthanased and transported to the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital at Camden for necropsy. When questioned, C Reith stated the **Dashing Bella** travelled well throughout the early and middle stages and gave no indication there was anything amiss prior to it breaking down. The inquiry was adjourned so that the Stewards may also view the stable treatment and veterinary records in regards to the mare.

RACE 8: Lander Toyota Benchmark 60 Handicap 1400m

The start of this race was rescheduled to commence at 6.20pm due to a delay with veterinarians attending to both *Dashing Bella* and *Dragon's Magic* following the running of Race 7, as well as ambulance staff attending to App. B McDougall.

Pretty Smart – as App. B McDougall was injured in Race 7 and no other apprentice rider was available, Stewards permitted R Hutchings to be substituted as the rider of the mare.

Doubt She's A Lady – began awkwardly. Passing the 1000m was bumped by *Sudden Blitz*, which shifted in.

Five Stars Partner – raced keenly under pressure in the straight and was inclined to shift ground.

Wild Ava – near the 50m was steadied when tightened for room between *Cheeky Bella* and *Sudden Blitz*, which hung in and away from *Doubt She's A Lady*. Rider J Parr reported that, whilst the filly suffered interference over the latter stages of the event, in his opinion it raced flatly today. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Sudden Blitz – when questioned concerning the gelding being ridden back in the field today, T Berry stated he was instructed by stable representative Mr E Cummings to ride the gelding quietly. He added his mount was inclined to hang badly under pressure in the straight and as a result, after causing interference to *Wild Ava* near the 50m, he was unable to fully test his mount thereafter when it continued to hang in badly. Mr E Cummings confirmed the instructions issued and was reminded of his obligation to notify of any change in riding tactics.

Seasonal – when questioned concerning her riding of the gelding over the concluding stages, K O'Hara stated that *Five Stars Partner*, the eventual winner, which was racing in advance of her, had been inclined to shift ground numerous times in the home straight. She added that after *Five Stars Partner* shifted out abruptly prior to the 100m, she then attempted to improve to that runner's inside, however when it then straightened, she directed her mount to the outside of that runner, but when *Five Stars Partner* then shifted ground again close to the winning post, she became awkward on that runner's heels and as a result could not test her mount over the final stages of the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

GENERAL:

Due to the prevailing hot conditions, Stewards imposed the level 1 restrictions of Racing NSW hot weather policy at this meeting. This included the abandonment of pre and post-race parades.

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

Race 1: King Viv (2), Legistation.

Race 2: Segenhoe, Bee Plus (2), Scandal Sheet.

Race 5: Bring Cheer.

Race 7: Mr Tickets.

Race 8: Seasonal.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 5: T Berry (My Milly Moo) \$200 – overweight (AR120(b)).
Reprimands:	Race 3: R Hutchings (Name Of The Rose) – careless riding (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 4: Treviso (trainer A Denham) – barrier manners.
Trials:	Race 2: Scandal Sheet (trainer C Waller) – mildly lame off-hind leg and poor performance. Race 4: Treviso (trainer A Denham) – abrasions to hind legs.
Certificates:	Race 2: Scandal Sheet (trainer C Waller) – mildly lame off-hind leg. Race 6: Gold Mosa (M Freedman) – lame off fore
Fall/Injuries:	Race 7: App. B McDougall (Dragon's Magic) – injury to ankle.
Change of Tactics:	Race 1: Tremezzina – to be ridden with cover if circumstances permit; settled 2 nd .
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 3: Kinka Bay (trainer G Englebrecht) – poor performance. Race 7: C Reith (Dashing Bella) – inquiry adjourned. App. B McDougall (Dragon's Magic) – inquiry adjourned.