

STEWARDS' REPORT**Australian Turf Club
ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE****Monday 1 January 2018**

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4); upgraded to Good (3) at 1.10pm retrospective to include race 1
Rail: +9m
Penetrometer: 5.09

STEWARDS: P C Dingwall (Chairman), R W Livingstone, T J Carlton T J Vassallo, T A McDonald and cadets M W Purse and F J Dale

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Supplementary Reports:**ROYAL RANDWICK – Saturday 30 December 2017****Race 8: Hyland Boxing Day Sale Handicap 1800m**

Chatelard – trainer Mr C Waller concurred with the views of rider G Schofield and advised that he was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding. He indicated the intention is to step **Chatelard** up in distance at its next start.

Race 9: ATC Owners Benefit Card Sprint 1200m

Savatiano – stable representative Mr D Beadman advised that, whilst the filly had performed below expectations in this race, he believed that two factors had a bearing on its finishing position, namely that the filly had to improve in the early stages to offset racing wide and without cover and also that the three-year-old filly was competing against older mares and was up in class in metropolitan grade. Mr Beadman said, whilst he was satisfied with the post-race condition of **Savatiano**, the filly will now be spelled.

ROYAL RANDWICK – Tuesday 26 December 2017**Race 8: tab.com.au Handicap 1400m**

Dawn Raid – trainer Mr J O'Shea advised he was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding and the intention is to continue with its preparation.

HAWKESBURY – Sunday 10 December 2017**Race 3: Vermont Sand and Soil Maiden Handicap 1800m**

Stewards today reconvened their inquiry into B Spriggs' handling of **New Horizons** in the abovementioned race. When questioned regarding his riding of **New Horizons** and in particular the tactics adopted in the middle stages, rider B Spriggs stated, as notified, his instructions were to have the horse ridden more forward today, in about a fourth or fifth position if possible. He said that after his mount was slow to begin, he rode it along to take up a trailing position behind the leader, Latifa. He said that near the 1300m, when Latifa commenced to quicken the tempo, and given that his mount had settled well, he did not feel that it was in his mount's best interests to ride it along in an attempt to maintain its position behind Latifa, as **New Horizons** had raced somewhat keenly in the early stages. He added that as a consequence, Metallic Spark was able to cross him and take up a trailing position behind Latifa near the 1100m, which resulted in the gelding settling further back than intended. When questioned regarding his riding from the 1000m, B Spriggs stated that as he

*did not feel Metallic Spark would take him into the race, he elected to shift off and trail Triumph Star. He said that passing the 800m he commenced to gradually shift out and trail Thinking Ahead, as it had begun to improve into the race and this would allow him the opportunity to shift to its outside and obtain clear and uninterrupted running early in the straight. He said that when Equipped improved to his inside near the 700m, his mount was carried out by that runner and he was then left racing wide without cover from that point, racing approximately five deep. B Spriggs added that he was then obliged to make a long sustained run from the 600m and although **New Horizons** responded well under pressure in the straight, it was inclined to lay in over the final 100 metres. Trainer J O'Shea confirmed the nature of the instructions issued to B Spriggs and advised that in his opinion, given that Latifa commenced to quicken the pace near the 1300m, he was satisfied with B Spriggs' decision to maintain his position rather than ride it along. He further stated that near the 700m, when trailing Thinking Ahead, it would have been his preference for B Spriggs to remain racing behind that runner rather than being exposed at that relevant period. Stewards advised B Spriggs that it would have been preferable for him to attempt to maintain his position behind Latifa, however in allowing Metallic Spark to cross him at the 1300m, bearing in mind that Latifa commenced to quicken the tempo and draw a margin on his mount, Stewards did not believe his actions were unreasonable. Stewards however further advised B Spriggs that near the 700m he erred in failing to be assertive in holding his position on the back of Thinking Ahead rather than allowing Equipped to manoeuvre him out into a position wide and without cover from the 700m and in similar circumstances he should wherever possible take measures to avoid travelling wide without cover.*

WARWICK FARM TRACKWORK – Saturday 9 December 2017

Guards - Stewards today concluded their inquiries after interviewing stable representative Mr D Beadman into the circumstances surrounding **Guards** (trainer Mr J Cummings) suffering an injury to its near foreleg and subsequently being euthanased following a track gallop at Warwick Farm on 9 December 2017. During this time veterinary and treatment records were sourced from the Cummings stable which revealed no areas of concern. A veterinary report by Dr T Robson was tendered. After considering all the evidence stewards were satisfied that there was no pre-existing condition that could have caused or contributed to **Guards** suffering fractures to its distal cannon of its near foreleg and subsequently the matter was concluded.

RACE 1: Happy New Year Handicap 1800m

Greenspan – began awkwardly and ran in abruptly. Overraced in the early stages. For some distance approaching the 1200m raced tight to the inside of *Bull Market* and made contact with that horse on a number of occasions. Near the 1200m *Kurnel Jaxon* (J Collett) then commenced to race keenly and became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Dark Dream*, which was being steadied by its rider. A short distance later *Kurnel Jaxon*, whilst being restrained off the heels of *Dark Dream*, shifted in, resulting in **Greenspan** having to be steadied. As the Stewards were of the view there were a number of circumstances relating to this incident, they felt it was appropriate to reprimand J Collett and advise him he should have made a greater effort near the 1200m to restrain his mount in an endeavour to provide **Greenspan** with sufficient racing room rather than alleviating his awkward position by shifting in. Commenced to race keenly, shifted out slightly and made contact with *Velocita* near the 600m. **Greenspan** then became unbalanced, shifted out further and hampered *Velocita*, which was racing tight to the inside of *Colesberg*.

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

Velocita – slow to begin and then from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. For some distance approaching the 100m rider G Schofield had some difficulty pulling his whip through from the left to the right hand.

Corinth – slow to begin and then from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Dark Dream - raced wide and without cover until the 1400m.

Bull Market – raced wide and without cover until near the 1000m. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider T Angland stated that, whilst he was obliged to do some work in the early stages to obtain a position closer to the fence, which he was able to do approaching the 1200m, the colt, which was having its first start for over a month and also attempting the 1800m of today's race for the first time, in his view did not fully run out the distance of the race. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality apart from a small laceration to the back of the off-side knee. Co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden endorsed the views expressed by rider T Angland. He said that the early work **Bull Market** was obliged to undertake to avoid being caught wide and without cover, while stepping up significantly in distance, were factors that led to the colt performing below expectations and, having regard to the circumstances, the performance was not as disappointing as it would appear on face value. Mr Snowden undertook to report back to Stewards if there is anything amiss with the colt in the days subsequent.

Kurnel Jaxon – had some difficulty obtaining clear running near the 200m and was shifted out around heels in order to continue improving. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 2: TAB Handicap 1600m

Napoleon – slow to begin and then was hampered shortly after when *Speed Hero* shifted out. Near the 800m the gelding, which was travelling keenly and laying in, brushed the running rail. Experienced some difficulty in obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Go Benny – slow to begin.

High Mist – near the 1400m *Takewing* and *Speed Hero* were crowded for room inside **High Mist**, which was hanging in and shifted in slightly. **High Mist** then continued to hang in and as G Schofield, rider of **High Mist** endeavoured to relieve the tightening to *Takewing* and *Speed Hero*, **High Mist** became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Nothing Box*, which shifted in when not quite clear, resulting in **High Mist** racing keenly for some distance thereafter. When questioned, rider G Schofield said, after beginning well in a race that was devoid of genuine tempo, he settled effectively one out one back without having to make much use of his mount.

Speed Hero – approaching the 250m shifted out and brushed *Go Benny*.

Nothing Box – over the final 100m commenced to lay out under pressure and near the 70m shifted out and bumped *Napoleon*, which was closing the race off strongly, causing both horses to become unbalanced. **Nothing Box** continued to shift out slightly despite the efforts

of its rider and again made contact with *Napoleon* near the 50m. Continued to hang out in the run to the post and could not be ridden out in its normal manner.

Takewing – when questioned regarding the improved performance, trainer Mr J Coyle stated that at its previous start at Canterbury on 15 December 2017 the gelding was unsuited by getting too far back in a fast run race and he therefore was not overly disappointed with its performance. He said **Takewing** had derived benefit from its previous two starts and being third up today was better suited when able to take up a more forward position in a slowly run race.

RACE 3: Book Summer Hospitality Today Plate 1400m

Snitzel Day – consideration was given to objections lodged by B Shinn, rider of 2nd placegetter **Snitzel Day**, and also T Angland, rider of 4th placegetter *Balearic*, against *Mascot* being declared the winner, alleging interference near the 150m and the 100m. On the evidence it was established that near the 150m *Mascot*, which laid out over the final 200m, commenced to shift out under pressure when not clear of **Snitzel Day**, resulting in **Snitzel Day** being impeded and carried wider. **Snitzel Day** then marginally shifted out further, resulting in *Balearic* being crowded for room between **Snitzel Day** and *Stella Victoria*, which was bumped and carried wider itself near the 100m. *Ombudsman*, which was trailing, was hampered as a consequence. As the Stewards were of the view that had the incident to *Balearic* not occurred, namely indirect interference from *Mascot*, that it would not have finished ahead of that horse at the end of the race, they accordingly dismissed the objection. With regard to the objection lodged by B Shinn (**Snitzel Day**), the Stewards were comfortably satisfied had the incident not occurred that **Snitzel Day** would have finished ahead of *Mascot* when considering the manner in which it closed the race off and the narrow margin between the two horses at the finish. Therefore the objection was upheld and amended the placings to read:

1st **Snitzel Day**

2nd *Mascot*

3rd *Stella Victoria*

4th *Balearic*

Stewards also considered as to whether there were grounds on behalf of *Stella Victoria* and *Balearic* to lodge an objection against *Mascot*, however in the circumstances they felt there were not sufficient grounds to proceed with a formal objection.

Ombudsman – began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with the hindquarter of *Cool Dude Ausbred* and then was hampered shortly after when *Stella Victoria* shifted in. Near the 900m was crowded for room when *Press Review*, which was laying in, became crowded when taken in slightly by *Cool Dude Ausbred*, which was continuing to race fiercely.

Balearic – slow to begin and then was hampered shortly after when *Snitzel Day* shifted out.

Press Review – slow to begin and then from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Near the 500m was inconvenienced when *Ombudsman* made the turn awkwardly and shifted out slightly. Near the 250m **Press Review**, which was giving ground, was steadied when hampered by *Ombudsman* (J Ford), which shifting out to improve when not clear. J Ford was reprimanded.

Stella Victoria – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Cool Dude Ausbred – raced fiercely throughout the early and middle stages, got its head up on a number of occasions and refused to settle when being checked off the heels of *Balearic* near the 1000m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Song And A Prayer – near the 100m the filly, which was closing the race off strongly, had to be steadied and shifted to the inside of *Mascot* to continue into clear running.

RACE 4: Tattersalls Club Handicap 1200m

Lieutenant Dan – lifted its front feet off the ground as the start was effected and then was crowded for room shortly after the start by *Red Extension* and *Pirapala*, which shifted out. Inclined to lay in under pressure, resulting in its rider having to stop riding and straighten near the 100m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Time Out Of Mind – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. For some distance after the 700m was awkwardly placed between *Lieutenant Dan* and *Witches*. Near the 400m proved reluctant to shift to the outside of *Lieutenant Dan* to continue into clear running.

Pirapala – close to the winning post shifted out slightly, resulting in *Time Out Of Mind*, which was closing the race off strongly, becoming unbalanced on that runner's heels and was not fully tested in the run to the winning post.

Red Extension – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 5: Youth Insearch Inspire Mile 1600m

Bolly – slow to begin (2L).

Jaunty – began awkwardly, got its head up and then from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Approaching the 500m became awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Bolly* and had to be checked when that runner was eased off the heels of *Regine*. *Lope De Lope*, which was following, was checked as a consequence.

Mackellar's Love – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Allez Bien – when caught wide in the early stages, the rider was obliged to restrain towards a position settling midfield to obtain cover. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Maddison Avenue - B Shinn (*Regine*) was reprimanded for permitting his mount to shift in approaching the winning post, resulting in **Maddison Avenue** (W Costin) racing in restricted room. W Costin was spoken to regarding the accuracy of her evidence during the course of the inquiry.

RACE 6: Tattersalls Club Cup (Listed) 2400m

Last Wish – slow to begin and then was checked when *Praise Songs* shifted out abruptly despite the efforts of its rider. Held up for clear running in the early part of the straight.

Vassal - *Paragon* and **Vassal** - hampered at the start when crowded between *Broadside* and *Praise Songs*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. In the incident *Broadside* was bumped

on the hindquarter and became unbalanced. **Vassal** also became unbalanced when buffeted. In the early part of the straight **Vassal** commenced to lay in, shifted in and brushed *Paragon* for a short distance approaching the 300m.

Destiny's Kiss – slow to begin. The gelding, which was closing the race off strongly for some distance after the 200m, laid in under pressure.

Stradazzle – when being steadied to obtain a position with cover, got its head up on a number of occasions in the early stages.

Praise Songs – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have blood in the offside nostril, which was as a result of a small laceration. On this assurance no further action was taken.

Broadside – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils for the first time. Co-trainer Mr A Bott was advised **Broadside** would incur the mandatory three month ban from racing under AR53A.

RACE 7: tab.com.au Handicap 1000m

From Within – the filly, which was withdrawn at the barriers from the Randwick race meeting on Saturday, 30 December 2017, was examined after arriving on course and passed suitable to race.

Tip Top – slow to begin and then from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. When questioned, App. B McDougall stated that he had been asked to ride the gelding, which was resuming from a spell, towards the rear of the field from its wide barrier. He said in the early stages he was able to race in a position directly behind *From Within*, however when that horse commenced to improve after the 600m, his mount was left flat-footed and as a result *From Within* was able to draw a margin on **Tip Top**. He added in the early part of the straight he commenced to ride his mount along and, after being steadied and shifting to the outside of *From Within* near the 200m, **Tip Top** closed the race off strongly, although was inclined to shift ground inwards over the final stages. App. McDougall was advised in the opinion of the Stewards he should have made greater effort to maintain his position relative to *From Within* from the 500m to the home turn and he should where circumstances permit ride his mounts in such a manner that he not open to query.

I Can Rock – shortly after the start was checked when crowded for room between *Tip Top*, which was also hampered, and *Figtree*, which after initially being taken out by *Rose Of Man* then shifted out away from that runner.

Rose Of Man – after beginning well and being caught very wide and without cover in the early and middle stages, was allowed to stride forward and travel in the leading division.

Niccobelle – when questioned, rider P King explained that as is usual he had been asked to ride the gelding in the lead if possible. He said his mount, which can be somewhat difficult in the barriers, was in the care of two attendants and, although standing correctly when the start was effected, began only fairly and when *Rose Of Man* and *Pedway*, which had drawn to his outside, showed superior speed, despite his efforts his mount was unable to offset the issues he experienced at the start and he travelled behind and slightly to the outside of *Pedway*. He added **Niccobelle** raced fiercely with him until approximately the 600m, whereby the gelding

relaxed somewhat, however the manner in which it raced in the middle stages resulted in the gelding failing to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover.

Florid – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 8: Australian Turf Club Handicap 1400m

Annandale Lass – trainer Mr D Jackson was fined the sum of \$200 under AR175(k) for negligence in that he failed to engage a rider. Raced wide and without cover throughout.

Magicz - slow to begin. K O'Hara (*Our Barty*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding in that after the 1000m she permitted her mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Magicz**, causing that runner to lose its rightful running and having to be checked. *Echo Jet* and *Lay Down The Law*, which were following, were checked in consequence. K O'Hara's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 7 January 2018 and to expire on Friday, 19 January 2018, on which day she may ride.

Tinker Dan – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Laid in over the final 200m when under pressure.

Fleeting Stryke – on straightening the mare, which was endeavouring to shift to the outside of *Our Barty*, made contact with *Magicz* as that runner held its position, resulting in both horses becoming unbalanced. **Fleeting Stryke** was then directed to the inside of *Our Barty* to obtain clear running. App. R King pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that she used the whip on nine occasions prior to the 100m (four more than permitted). App. King was fined the sum of \$400.

Echo Jet– held up for clear running until approaching the 100m, whereby the colt was able to secure clear running between *Fleeting Stryke* and *Our Barty*. Near the 90m **Echo Jet** and *Our Barty* bumped.

Smartedge – over the final 50m *Travancore* and **Smartedge** brushed on two occasions when racing tight. When questioned, rider B Shinn stated he had been instructed that with the perceived lack of tempo to have the gelding ridden more positively if circumstances permitted. He said that in the initial stages his mount was beaten for speed and despite his efforts in the early stages it drifted back towards the rear of the field. He added he had been mindful of the advice given by co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden that **Smartedge** can race keenly and for this reason he allowed *Echo Jet* near the 1200m to cross him and he allowed his mount time to settle, whereby he then considered his options with regard to endeavouring to compensate for the circumstances in the early stages and improve into an advantageous position mid race. He stated after the 800m he was able to shift to the outside of *Echo Jet* and race with cover behind midfield and directly to the outside of *Echo Jet*. B Shinn further stated that approaching and rounding the home turn he shifted to the outside of *Tinker Dan*, whereby his mount was able to improve well without having to be pressured and he was also mindful of the advice from Mr Snowden that he should time his run as **Smartedge** can sustain only a short sprint. He said he commenced to place his mount under full pressure approaching the 250m and, whilst it closed the race off well, it was unable to withstand the challenge by *Travancore* over the concluding stages. Co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden, after having the opportunity to view the patrol footage, expressed satisfaction with the manner in which **Smartedge** was ridden and, having regard to the fast tempo in the early stages, he appreciated the reason for

Smartedge racing towards the rear of the field, which however was contrary to his pre-race instructions.

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 2	J Taylor (<i>Takewing</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 4	C Reith (<i>Witches</i>) G Schofield (<i>Time Out Of Mind</i>) D McDonogh (<i>Pure Rebel</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m. 7 strikes prior to the 100m. 7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 5	W Costin (<i>Maddison Avenue</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 6	App. R King (<i>Paragon</i>) G Schofield (<i>Vassal</i>) J Ford (<i>Destiny's Kiss</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m. 6 strikes prior to the 100m. 6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	App. J Van Overmeire (<i>Rose Of Man</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 8	App. J Innes Jr (<i>Lay Down The Law</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Race 1: Bull Market, Kurnel Jaxon, Savacool (2), Velocita, Dark Dream.

Race 2: Nothing Box, Napoleon (2), Takewing (2), Go Benny.

Race 3: Cool Dude Ausbred, Mascot (2), Snitzel Day.

Race 4: Witches (2), Pirapala.

Race 5: Fournette, Allez Bien, Jaunty (2), Letter To Juliette.

Race 6: Broadside, Destiny's Kiss, Last Wish, Vassal.

Race 7: Niccobelle, Tip Top.

Race 8: Smartedge (2).

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 8: Trainer D Jackson (<i>Annandale Lass</i>) \$200 – failing to engage rider (AR175(k)). App. R King (<i>Fleeting Stryke</i>) \$400 – use of the whip (AR137A(5)(a)(ii)).
Reprimands:	Race 2: J Collett (<i>Kurnel Jaxon</i>) – careless riding (AR137(a)). Race 3: J Ford (<i>Ombudsman</i>) – careless riding (AR137(a)). Race 5: B Shinn (<i>Regine</i>) – careless riding (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Race 8: K O'Hara (<i>Our Barty</i>) – careless riding (AR137(a)), suspended from 7/1/18 to 19/1/18.
Bleeders:	Race 6: <i>Broadside</i> (co-trainer A Bott) – 3 month ban (AR53A).
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Nil.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Race 2: <i>Nothing Box</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled outside leader. Race 8: <i>Smartedge</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled back.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 1: <i>Bull Market</i> (team Snowden) – poor performance.

