

STEWARDS REPORT
Illawarra Turf Club

KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE
Wednesday 3 January 2018

Weather: Overcast
Track: Soft (6); upgraded to Soft (5) at 1.34 p.m. and Good (4) at 3.56 p.m.
Rail: 3m

STEWARDS: T. A. McDonald (Chairman), R. W. Livingstone, T. J. Vassallo and
Cadet M. W. Purse
(sp)

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS:

Warwick Farm: Tuesday 19 December 2017

Stewards today inquired into the circumstances surrounding the catastrophic breakdown and subsequent euthanasia of an unnamed colt (Sizzling x Aliena) at Warwick Farm trackwork on Tuesday 19 December 2017. Evidence was taken from trainer M Newnham, who provided his veterinary and treatment records for the colt. A necropsy report from the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Camden was also tendered into evidence which confirmed at post-mortem a severe, open, comminuted fracture of the near fore third metacarpal (cannon) bone. Mr Newnham stated that the colt, which had been in work for approximately 3 weeks, had not had any issues and accordingly, had not required any veterinary treatment. After considering all the evidence, Stewards were satisfied that there was no pre-existing condition which led or contributed to the colt breaking down, the inquiry was adjourned pending the results of a post-mortem urine sample that was obtained from the colt.

Royal Randwick: Saturday 30 December 2017

Race 1: New Years Day At Royal Randwick Plate 1100m:

Acton Shale – raced keenly in the early stages.

Quackerjack – raced wide and without cover for the majority of the race.

Skyray – near the 50m was hampered when *Everard* laid out when under pressure.

Race 2: TAB Handicap 1300m:

Bella Vella – was inclined to race keenly and got its head up when approaching and rounding the first turn.

Race 7: Christmas Classic 1200m:

Kudero – slow to begin.

Le Cordon Bleu – slow to begin.

Boss Lane – began awkwardly.

Race 8: Hyland Boxing Day Sale Handicap 1800m:

Olympic Academy – Stewards noted that rider J. Van Overmeire used the whip on six occasions prior to the 100m, one more than permitted under AR137A(5)(a)(ii).

Race 9: ATC Owners Benefit Card Sprint 1200m:

Arrondissement – Trainer Mr D. Williams reported that the mare was showing signs of being in season, however, given the horse's poor performance the Stewards advised Mr Williams that **Arrondissement** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

Gosford: Sunday 31 December 2017**Race 6: Gosford Guinease 18 January Class 1 Handicap 1000m:**

Cordoned – held up in the early part of the straight and did not obtain completely clear running until approaching the 100m when it was shifted to the outside of the heels of *Roman Typhoon*.

Royal Randwick: Monday 1 January 2018**Race 8: Australian Turf Club Handicap 1400m:**

Our Barty – Stewards acceded to a request by K. O'Hara to alter the dates of a suspension she incurred at Randwick on 1 January 2018 for careless riding and, accordingly, K. O'Hara's licence to ride in races is suspended for a period to commence on Thursday 4 January 2018 and to expire on Sunday 14 January 2018, on which day she may ride.

RACE 1: Happy New Year Provincial and Country Maiden 1300m:

Speed And Style – App. B. Ryan explained that, after being slow to begin, he made some use of his mount early in an attempt to take up a forward position as instructed, however, when runners to his outside were easily able to cross him he was obliged to race in a midfield position with cover. He added that, passing the 1000m, when *Cambridge Don*, which was racing to his inside had to check off the heels of *Heartaches* when the pace slackened, he was bumped, shifted out and became awkwardly placed on the heels of *War Of The Roses* and lost his position. He added that **Speed And Style** continued to overrace throughout the middle stages and was not suited by the manner in which the race was run. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Waldo Waldorf – slow to begin and was then shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

Nicconita – Rider B. Shinn reported that, while he had not been issued with any particular instructions, he anticipated racing in a forward position today. He said that after the filly was slow to begin (1.5L) he made some effort to ride his mount along to be forward as anticipated, however, when he was unable to do so he elected to restrain his mount, shift in and take cover behind *War Of The Roses* in a three-wide position. He added that when the tempo slackened passing the 1000m he became awkwardly placed on the heels of *War Of The Roses* and had to shift out. He stated that at this point his mount commenced to race very keenly and refused to settle in the middle stages. He added that he was not disappointed with the performance of the horse bearing in mind that the last section of the race was run in 33 seconds.

Cambridge Don – overraced in the early stages and leaving the 1000m was checked and had to be shifted out after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Heartaches* when the pace slackened. *Waldo Waldorf* and *Arlington Magic*, which were trailing, had to be checked as a result.

Arlington Magic – slow to begin. Rider J. Grisedale was reprimanded for using his whip when his mount was out of contention. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

After Thought – laid in in the straight. Rider W. Costin advised Stewards that her instructions had been to take up a midfield position with cover, however, after the filly

began particularly well and the anticipated leaders did not take up forward positions, she was left racing at the head of the field. She elected to cross, lead and travel along the rail until approaching the 1000m where she considered restraining and allowing *Our Ally* to cross her, however, as the speed of the race was only slow she held her position and was able to lead at a moderate tempo.

RACE 2: Bulli Meat and Seafood Fresh Maiden Plate 1300m:

Emoclew – overraced in the early stages.

Kathmandu – hampered shortly after jumping by *Kung Fu Master*, which shifted out.

The Patrician – raced wide and without cover.

Coltrane – from the wide barrier, was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Kung Fu Master – leaving the 1000m was carried wider when *Michelin Five Star* shifted out to improve, and raced wide thereafter. When racing to the outside of *Michelin Five Star* passing the 500m was bumped on the hindquarter and became unbalanced.

Michelin Five Star – bounded on jumping. Overraced in the middle stages. On straightening, had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *The Patrician* (A. Hyeronimus), which after initially changing stride rounding the home turn shifted out and away from *Our Girl Hollie*. A. Hyeronimus was reprimanded and advised that in similar circumstances he should stop riding and straighten his mount. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Her Luminance – began awkwardly and was buffeted between *Our Girl Hollie*, which shifted in, and *Everything*, and became unbalanced. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality

Moonmo – change of tactics – to be ridden quieter: settled midfield. Slow to begin and was then bumped by *Everything*, which began awkwardly, stumbled and shifted in. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Raw Emotion – from the wide barrier, was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

More Than A Samba – bumped on jumping by *Psittacine*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. *Psittacine* hung out rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight, despite the efforts of rider B. Shinn. Shortly after entering the straight, B. Shinn again attempted to correct his mount at which point *Psittacine* ran in resulting in **More Than A Samba** being checked and *Moonmo*, which had been briefly held up, being crowded for room. B. Shinn immediately corrected his mount. In the circumstances, as the Stewards were satisfied that the primary reason for the interference was the racing manner of *Psittacine*, no action was taken against B. Shinn. The racing manners of the colt were brought to the attention of Trainer Mr G. Ryan, who advised that *Psittacine* would now leave the stable.

RACE 3: Mick Lavelle Memorial Class 1 and Maiden Plate 2000m:

Back To Jacko – Rider J. Ford stated that, in his view, the reason for today's disappointing performance was that the step up in distance from 1400 metres to 2000 metres did not suit the gelding. He added that as far out as the 800m his mount gave ground and finished a distance from the field. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr K. Parker advised that the gelding will be retired. Nonetheless, Stewards ordered that **Back To Jacko** must trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

On Angels Wings – hung in in the straight and proved difficult to ride out.

Peribsen – change of tactics – to be ridden more forward: after being slow to begin, settled three-wide on pace in the early stages and, passing the 1500m, was allowed to stride forward and take up a position outside the lead.

Varuska – from the wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Held up and unable to improve for some distance approaching the home turn.

Rotoiti – was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 7.39 a.m. due to the horse suffering an infection. Trainer Mr P. O'Grady was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Rotoiti** racing again.

Pierino – M. Bell reported that the intention was to lead and, given that the gelding was stepping up from 1600 metres to 2000 metres today, he hoped to dictate in the lead and allow it some soft sectionals in the middle stages, however, he felt that the gelding never travelled comfortably at any stage and found very little in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer Mr M. Hawkes reported that *Pierino* will now be spelled. On this assurance, no further action was taken.

RACE 4: Resolutions Class 2 Handicap 1200m:

Cradle Mountain – began awkwardly.

Malaigo – inclined to lay out in the early part of the straight.

Weekend Affair – raced wide without cover throughout.

Boyish – slow to begin (2L). A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Silent Sea – bumped shortly after jumping by *Le Dejeuner*, which began very awkwardly and shifted out.

Bukzel – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Passing the 250m was bumped by *Enterprise Mount*, which shifted in to avoid the heels of *Malaigo*, which was shifting out under pressure.

Enterprise Mount – raced keenly in the early stages.

RACE 5: Shane Eades Transport Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Aberration – slow to begin.

Power Law – slow to begin. On straightening, after *Amanito* shifted to the inside of **Power Law** to obtain clear running, **Power Law** shifted in slightly and bumped *Amanito* causing it to shift out abruptly. *Amanito* (T. Angland) then shifted out when insufficiently clear of **Power Law** resulting in that runner having to be steadied. T. Angland was reprimanded.

Son Of A Fox – began awkwardly.

RACE 6: Poplar Petfood and Produce Benchmark 72 Handicap 1600m:

Crosley Hotshot – The explanation for the late declaration of C. Lever as the rider of the gelding was accepted. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Prometheus – slow to begin (3L).

Godunov – after being slow to begin was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Approaching the 700m was bumped and taken wider by *Prometheus* when it shifted out to improve. Thereafter, **Godunov** raced wide without cover.

Midnight Obsession – began awkwardly.

Seasonal – leaving the 200m was disappointed for a run between *Lindwall* and *Midnight Obsession*, which shifted in slightly. **Seasonal** then shifted to the inside of the heels of *Prodigy* to continue into clear running.

Deladies Boy – Correct weight was delayed to allow Stewards to view the official patrol films to consider whether or not there were sufficient grounds to lodge an objection after **Deladies Boy** and the eventual winner *Prometheus* made contact on a number of occasions in the straight. When Stewards were satisfied that there were not sufficient grounds for objection, as they were of the view that both horses had shifted ground, correct weight was declared.

RACE 7: Auld Lang Syne Maiden Plate 1500m:

California Fox – after being slow to begin, was shifted in behind runners.

Huanghsan – slow to begin. Became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Birdsong* when *Plea Bargain*, which was racing to its inside, made the home turn awkwardly and shifted out. *Savethelastdance*, which was following, was hampered.

Classic Thoughts – slow to begin.

Eskimo River – began awkwardly. Overraced in the early stages.

Savethelastdance – raced wide without cover throughout. Rider M. Bell reported that his instructions were to have the horse settle where comfortable. He said that in the early stages he attempted to take a position with cover behind *Devil's Luck*, however,

when *Eskimo River* held its position one off and *Classic Thoughts* improved to his inside he was left racing in a three-wide position. He said his mount travelled fairly, however, was disappointing in its failure to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Ordos Honor – change of tactics – to be ridden quieter from its wide barrier: ridden back. Had some difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight and laid in from the 200m.

Platitude – which was very fractious in the mounting yard was a late withdrawal at 4.53 p.m. when it became evident that it could not be mounted by its rider after several attempts. The Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies invested on **Platitude** be refunded in full and all successful wagers made prior to 4.53 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1st *Righteousness* 0 cents win 1 cent place;

2nd *Plea Bargain* 2 cents place;

3rd *Birdsong* 1 cent place.

Trainer Mr R. Leemon was advised that the mare must barrier trial to Stewards satisfaction prior to racing again.

Angelify – rounding the home turn was steadied when disappointed for a run when *Classic Thoughts* shifted in. Approaching the 350m had to be steadied when disappointed for a run to the inside of *Ordos Honor*.

Plea Bargain – hung out throughout and made the home turn awkwardly.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Heartaches

Race 2: The Patrician

Race 3: Back To Jacko, On Angels Wings, Chilli Beauty, Varuska

Race 4: Malaigo

Race 5: Cyrus Rocks

Race 6: Crosley Hotshot, Deladies Boy

Race 7: Eskimo River

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted that 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	A. Hyeronimus (The Patrician)	8 strikes
Race 3	G. Buckley (On Angels Wings)	7 strikes
Race 6	W. Costin (Prometheus)	6 strikes
Race 7	C. Reith (Righteousness)	7 strikes

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Race 2: A. Hyeronimus (The Patrician) – shifting out when insufficiently clear (AR137(a)).

	Race 5: T. Angland (Amanito) – shifting out when insufficiently clear (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 3: Back To Jacko (Trainer Mr K. Parker) – uncompetitive. Race 7: Platitude (Trainer Mr R. Leemon) – pre-race manners.
Certificates:	Race 3: Rotoiti (Trainer Mr P. O’Grady) – veterinary clearance (infection).
Falls/Injuries:	Race 7: Trainer Mr R. Leemon and Steward Mr R. Livingstone sustained minor injuries when Platitude was fractious in the mounting yard.
Follow-up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.