

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 4 July 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (7); upgraded to a Soft (6) at 2.12pm following Race 3
Rail: +3m
Penetrometer: 5.51

STEWARDS: P C Dingwall (Chairman), T P Moxon, T J Vassallo, J J E Earl and cadets R T Debels and T J Lee

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Supplementary Reports:

ROSEHILL GARDENS: Saturday, 30 June 2018

RACE 3 – #Theraces Handicap 1500m

Lisdoonvarna -- co-trainer Ms A Turner advised that she was satisfied with the post race condition of the filly and advised that the horse would be given a freshen up and will also undergo minor chiropractic care prior to its next start.

RACE 1 – Australian Turf Club Handicap 1250m

Vitesse – slow to begin. Raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages.

Task And Purpose – from its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. **Task And Purpose** was inclined to lay in when placed under pressure over the final 200m.

Helga – from its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Sarzana – raced keenly in the middle stages and approaching the 800m, was steadied to avoid the heels of *Ready To Prophet*.

Single Sapphire – raced keenly in the middle stages and approaching the 800m was steadied to avoid the heels of *Echo Gem*. Approaching the 400m, **Single Sapphire** was crowded by *Ready To Prophet* which shifted in slightly.

Elusive Nature – was unable to obtain clear running until approaching the 100m.

Ready To Prophet – B Avdulla reported after the race that he had concerns with the action of the filly for the major part of the event. A post race veterinary examination only revealed **Ready To Prophet** to have lost its off hind plate. Although the examination of **Ready To Prophet** did not reveal any obvious abnormalities, co-trainer Mr A Bott was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

Echo Gem – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Echo Gem** to have lost its off hind plate.

Seles – when questioned, B Shinn explained that rounding the home turn, **Seles**, when held up behind *Single Sapphire*, he shifted to the outside of that runner in an endeavour to obtain clear running, however whilst doing so, he was obligated then to travel behind *Ready For Prophet* which was commencing to tire. He said that as he was committed to the inside of the heels of *Elusive Nature*, which itself was held up, he was unable to secure clear running until the 100m and had to be steadied to avoid the heels of the tiring *Ready For Prophet*. He said this ultimately resulted in the filly not being able to be tested for the major part of the straight.

RACE 2 – TAB Handicap 1250m

Lord Zoulander – was bumped on jumping by *Nordicus*, which shifted in. On straightening, **Lord Zoulander** was bumped, became unbalanced and was hampered by *Napoleon Solo* (B Avdulla), which after shifting to the outside of *Ljungberg* to improve, became unbalanced when it made contact with **Lord Zoulander** and shifted out further. *Bobbio*, which was racing to the outside of **Lord Zoulander** was bumped in this incident. B Avdulla was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground. **Lord Zoulander** then hung out over the final 200m and proved difficult to be ridden out.

Ljungberg – near the 1000m, **Ljungberg** was momentarily crowded for room after being contacted by *Nordicus*, which shifted in. After being corrected, *Nordicus* then shifted out abruptly. A Adkins stated that his mount slipped behind on jumping, became unbalanced and lost ground which necessitated him then having to ride the colt along in the early stages to take up a position outside the leader, *Master Ash*, which he was able to do after the 800m. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Ljungberg** to be slow to recover.

Nobu – bumped with *Bobbio* on jumping. Approaching the 1000m, **Nobu** was steadied to avoid the heels of *Lord Zoulander* (W Costin), which after initially being taken in by *Master Ash* (T Clark), then shifted in further. In the unique circumstances of this incident, both W Costin and T Clark were reprimanded and advised to ensure they are sufficiently clear when shifting ground in future. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Skyray – from the outside barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Intense Focus – raced wide and without cover for the major part of the race. **Intense Focus**, approaching the 1000m, lost ground when endeavouring to obtain a position with cover. Near the 700m, was then left racing wide and without cover.

Bobbio – approaching the 1000m, was steadied to avoid the heels of *Lord Zoulander*, which shifted in when not quite clear.

Plenty – raced keenly in the middle stages and got its head up near the 700m when being restrained from the heels of *Napoleon Solo*. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Plenty**, C Brown said that his mount raced ungenerously throughout the early and middle stages and after making the 700m turn awkwardly, he endeavoured to have the horse regain momentum, however **Plenty**, despite his efforts, failed to improve and weakened noticeably in the run home. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Hostwin Epanoui – near the 700m, **Hostwin Epanoui**, which was racing fiercely, was crowded between *Nordicus* and *Plenty*, which made the turn awkwardly, got its head on the side and shifted out. *Skyray*, which was following was checked as a consequence. **Hostwin Epanoui**, near the 600m, was again crowded for room between *Plenty* and *Nordicus*, which shifted in slightly. **Hostwin Epanoui**, near the 400m, was accidentally struck over the head by the whip of C Brown (*Plenty*). The whip of C Brown broke during this incident.

Sneaking To Win – B Avdulla (*Napoleon Solo*) was reprimanded for permitting his mount to shift in near the 1200m when not clear of **Sneaking To Win**, which was crowded for room and had to be steadied. In arriving at this decision, the Stewards were mindful that *Napoleon Solo* was racing in restricted room to the inside of *Nobu*, which itself was shifting in slightly, and that B Avdulla had made some corrective measures as **Sneaking To Win** was being tightened. **Sneaking To Win** brushed the running rail near the 700m. A post race veterinary examination of **Sneaking To Win** revealed no abnormalities.

Nordicus – when questioned, B Shinn explained that **Nordicus**, which was having its first race start today, after beginning satisfactorily, did not display sufficient speed in which to race prominently and due to the composition of the field, it became apparent that he would be caught extremely wide and without cover. He added that he therefore elected after the 1000m to steady his mount with a view to taking up a position behind *Intense Focus*. B Shinn said that passing the 800m, however, whilst

endeavouring to take up this position, *Plenty* shifted off the running rail carrying *Hostwin Epanoui* out into a trailing position he was to obtain and consequently, **Nordicus** was left racing wide and without cover throughout the event. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Napoleon Solo – after being crossed by *Lord Zoulander* near the 900m, had to be restrained when *Lord Zoulander* itself steadied.

RACE 3 – #Theraces Handicap 1250m

Hebrides Maneuver – was a late withdrawal at 9.26am acting on veterinary advice. Trainer Mr G Drury was advised that a veterinary clearance will be required prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

Buffy – which became fractious after being loaded into the barriers, was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. **Buffy** was inclined to shift out when placed under pressure over the final 100m. A post race veterinary examination revealed minor abrasions to the off side knee.

Ready For Love – was crowded shortly after the start between *Miss Imagination* and *Faith In Hand*. **Ready For Love**, after being crowded for room shortly after the start, then commenced to race keenly and as a result, was allowed to stride forward to lead approaching the 800m. Rider C Brown reported that he had concerns with the manner in which the horse commenced to weaken over the latter stages and for this reason he desisted from riding the horse out. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Ready For Love** to be slow to recover.

Faith In Hand – began awkwardly and raced wide and without cover for the major part of the race. **Faith In Hand** hung out from the 600m until approaching the home turn. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Lady I Am – was held up until after the 200m.

RACE 4 – Ribchester New To Darley Handicap 1550m

Imanui – slow to begin.

Lightning Nic – raced keenly during the early and middle stages. Approaching and rounding the home turn, **Lightning Nic** proved reluctant to shift out to obtain a position behind the eventual winner *Laussel*.

See The Master – near the 250m, was crowded between *Imanui* and *Laussel*, which, whilst laying in, shifted in slightly. T England was advised to exercise more care and to ensure he does his utmost to correct his mounts. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Hammond Lane – when questioned, C Brown stated that on straightening, he was committed to inside the heels of *He's A Given* and when that horse shifted out, he observed a marginal run develop between that horse and *Smart As*. He said that as he proceeded to obtain the run, *Smart As*, which had been laying out, shifted out and as a result, he was badly held up until after the 100m whereby he shifted to the outside of *Laussel* to obtain clear running.

RACE 5 – Everest 100 Days To Go Sprint 1100m

Lost Command – the Stewards deferred the declaration of correct weight as they was of the prima facie view that there was an incident that occurred at the 500m which cast doubt over the placings. Subsequently, consideration was given to an objection lodged by Stipendiary Steward Mr T Moxon on behalf of the connections of the third placegetter, **Lost Command**, against *See the Show* being declared the winner of the race on grounds of alleged interference near the 500m. On the evidence, it was established that near the 500m, *See The Show* shifted out when not clear of **Lost Command** resulting in **Lost Command** losing the running to which it was rightfully entitled and having to be severely checked. As the Stewards were of the view that had this incident not occurred, that **Lost Command** would have finished ahead of *See The Show*, the objection was upheld and the placings were amended to read:

1st *Unwise*
2nd **Lost Command**
3rd *See The Show*

J Ford was spoken to regarding his failure to lodge an objection and he was reminded of his responsibilities in similar circumstances. J Morris (*See The Show*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that approaching the 500m, he improved his position between *Empress Matilda* and **Lost Command** where there was insufficient room and as a result, **Lost Command** lost the running to which it was rightfully entitled and had to be severely checked. J Morris' licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence immediately and to expire on Wednesday, 25 July 2018 on which day he may resume riding. In addition, J Morris was fined sum of \$500. A post race veterinary examination of **Lost Command** revealed no abnormalities.

See The Show – was slow to begin and then shortly after the start, was checked when crowded for room by *We Have Lift Off*, which shifted out abruptly. A post race veterinary examination revealed **See The Show** lost its off hind plate.

Lady Chalfont – was crowded on jumping between *Unwise* and *Bella Vella*, which shifted in slightly.

Joan Constance – began only fairly.

Unwise – after beginning only fairly, was shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Moccasin Miss – when shifting out to obtain clear running near the 250m became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Musical Genius* and was steadied.

Michelle's Gift – which was commencing to close the race off strongly, had difficulty obtaining clear running until approaching the 100m.

Empress Matilda – when questioned, B Avdulla explained that although his mount travelled satisfactorily in a midfield position, he was nonetheless of the view that **Empress Matilda** did not appreciate racing in amongst other runners. He said that **Empress Matilda** was a beaten horse prior to the home turn and he believed that the filly would be better suited over longer distances where it would be able to ridden to lead and dictated races at even tempo. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Bella Vella – an inquiry into the reason for **Bella Vella** and *Musical Genius* being steadied near the 900m was adjourned to a date to be fixed. **Bella Vella** raced fiercely after being crossed by *Miss Casier* near the 900m and for some distance thereafter, got its head up and proved difficult to settle for a short distance thereafter.

We Have Lift Off – B Shinn explained that **We Have Lift Off**, which was resuming from a spell, settled in the lead as expected. He said, however, throughout the early and middle stages, **We Have Lift Off** was pressured and raced keenly due to *Miss Casier* racing directly to his outside. B Shinn stated that having regard to the early and middle sections of the race, he was not overly disappointed with the filly weakening over the final 50m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 6 – Winter Racing Handicap 1250m

Tswalu – after being slow to begin, was crowded shortly after the start by *Pianissimo*, which shifted out. **Tswalu** raced wide and without cover for the major part of the race.

Rockafella – began awkwardly.

Pianissimo – began awkwardly. **Pianissimo** was badly held up and unable to obtain clear running until after the 100m.

Mad For Art – knuckled on jumping.

Tinker Dan – in the early stages, was restrained in an endeavour to obtain cover from a wide barrier, however was left then racing without cover after the 800m.

Ajani – after being crossed by *Filomena's Grace* near the 700m, commenced to race very keenly, got its head up and had to be checked after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Filomena's Grace*.

Medovina – B Avdulla stated that at no stages of the race did he believe his mount handled the track conditions and he attributed the manner in which it weakened in the straight for this reason. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

El Dorado Mine – when questioned, J Collett said that as he was familiar with **El Dorado Mine**, he had been under no specific instructions today. He said that the horse began reasonably and rather than pressuring the gelding to take up a more forward position, he allowed **El Dorado Mine** to settle in a position where it was comfortable towards the rear of the field. He said that he was disappointed for running in the early part of the straight to the outside of *Radical Impact*, which shifted out and he immediately shifted to the inside of that horse to continue into clear running. He said that **El Dorado Mine** finished the race off well when ridden in this manner, however, he believed the gelding's run had peaked short of the line. Trainer Ms C Cunningham was advised that tactics that will be adopted on the gelding in its future starts will be monitored.

Filomena's Grace – a post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying a poor post race recovery. Trainer Mr J Pride was advised that a veterinary clearance will be required before the mare is permitted to the race again.

RACE 7 – TAB Rewards Handicap 1900m

Underground – began only fairly, took some time to muster speed and raced wide and without cover until approaching the 1200m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr B Widdup advised that the gelding will now be spelled. Acting on this assurance, no action was taken.

Romance Can Costa – raced keenly in the middle stages.

Cormac – after the 1300m, **Cormac** was left racing wide and without cover. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Bochy – when questioned B Shinn stated that his mount only began fairly and when it became apparent that he would be obliged to travel wide and without cover if he maintained his position outside of *Cormac*, he shifted in to take up a position at the rear of the field with cover near the 1600m He said that his mount travelled well thereafter and when following the eventual winner, *Romance Can Costa*, through until the home straight, his mount closed the race off strongly when ridden in this manner.

Firebird Flyer – approaching and rounding the home turn, **Firebird Flyer** was contacted by *Seababe* (App J Van Overmeire) and carried wider when that horse endeavoured to shift to the outside of *Prescience* and near the 250m, **Firebird Flyer** was then hampered when *Seababe* shifted out when not clear. App Van Overmeire will be advised that in both circumstances he would have been expected to show his fellow riders greater consideration and not to shift ground when insufficiently clear.

Walk The Streets – a post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame (4/5) in the off hind leg. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth was advised that a veterinary clearance will be required prior to **Walk The Streets** racing again.

GENERAL:

Summary of whip use

The Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii):

Race 5	J Morris (See The Show)	6 strikes
Race 7	T Clark (Balmain Boy)	6 strikes
Race 7	B Shinn (Bothy)	6 strikes

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: Ready To Prophet, Elusive Nature, Vitesse, Task And Purpose.

Race 2: Ljungberg, Nordicus, Sneaking To Win (2).

Race 3: Excelamour, Ready For Love, Lady I Am, Buffy.

Race 4: Hammond Lane (2), He's A Given, Laussel, Smart As, Lightning Nic.

Race 5: Bella Vella, Lady Chalfont, Empress Matilda, Lost Command, Unwise, See The Show.

Race 6: Tswalu, Mad For Art, Filomena's Grace, Rockafella, Radical Impact.

Race 7: Ashkannd, Balmain Boy (2), Cormac, Underground, Firebird Flyer, Romance Can Costa.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 5: J Morris (See The Show), \$500 – careless riding [AR137(a)]
Reprimands:	Race 2: B Avdulla (Napoleon Solo) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. Race 2: W Costin (Lord Zoulander) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. Race 2: T Clark (Master Ash) – careless riding [AR137(a)].
Suspensions:	Race 5: J Morris (See The Show) – careless riding (AR137(a)) 5.7.18 to 25.7.18
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 1: Ready To Prophet (co-trainer A Bott) – poor performance. Race 3: Hebrides Maneuver (trainer G Drury) – late withdrawal, injured in transit. Race 6: Filomena's Grace (trainer J Pride) – poor recovery. Race 7: Walk The Streets (trainer C Waller) – lame off hind leg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 1: Task And Purpose to be ridden conservatively; settled worse than midfield. Race 2: Skyray to be ridden conservatively; settled back. Race 4: See The Master to be ridden with cover; settled midfield with cover. Race 7: Walk The Streets to be ridden prominently; settled midfield.
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 5: App R Hunt (Miss Casier) – adjourned inquiry. Race 5: Empress Matilda (Hawkes Stable) – poor performance Race 7: App J Van Overmeire (Seababe) – exercise more care.