

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE

Friday, 5 January 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +6m
Penetrometer: 4.76

STEWARDS: T J Vassallo (Chairman), P C Dingwall, R W Livingstone, T A McDonald and cadet F J Dale.

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Supplementary Reports:

ROYAL RANDWICK: Monday, 1 January 2018

Race 1 – Happy New Year Handicap 1800m

Greenspan – nearing the 1700m, made the crossing awkwardly and was restrained from heels.

Savacool – passing the 700m, was gradually shifted out to obtain clear running early in the straight.

Bull Market – whilst the stable was satisfied with the post race condition of **Bull Market**, the horse in their view had reached the end of its preparation and will now be spelled.

Race 2 – TAB Handicap 1600m

High Mist – over the concluding stages, was carried wider by Takewing.

Race 3 – Book Summer Hospitality Today Plate 1400m

Balearic – unable to obtain clear running until nearing the 300m.

KEMBLA GRANGE: Wednesday, 3 January 2018

Race 7 – Auld Lang Syne Maiden Plate 1500m

Savethelastdance – co-trainer Mr J Hawkes reported that the mare had bled from both nostrils for the first time following its disappointing performance. Mr Hawkes was advised that **Savethelastdance** would now incur the mandatory three month ban from racing.

RACE 1 – Book Summer Hospitality Today Handicap 1250m

Nicci's Gold – slow to begin. **Nicci's Gold** brushed the running rail near the 50m.

Nipotina – slow to begin. **Nipotina** laid in under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride out. For some distance passing the 200m, **Nipotina** and **Brunch** raced tight and brushed on a number of occasions due to both horses shifting some ground. A post race veterinary examination revealed the horse was slow to recover.

Brunch – became unbalanced behind on straightening.

RACE 2 – TAB Plate 1100m

Rockin' Ruga – slow to begin.

Irish Success – began awkwardly and then shortly after the start, shifted out and hampered **Rockin' Ruga**.

Fifth Affair – bumped at the start with **Ottamae**.

Ottamae – bumped at the start with *Fifth Affair*. **Ottamae**, when giving ground near the 100m, raced in restricted room between *Fifth Affair* and *League Of Nations*, which shifted out under pressure.

League Of Nations – when questioned as to whether there was an opportunity to take up a position on the back of *Rockin' Ruga* after being crossed by *Irish Success* near the 700m, rider B Shinn stated that his mount, which was racing very keenly in the early stages, was positioned inside the heels of *Rockin' Ruga* and said that he was unwilling to continue to restrain his mount having regard to the manner in which it was travelling with him. He said he was mindful that if he was able to shift to the position behind *Rockin' Ruga* that *Al Mah Haha* would then have been obliged to either position itself behind him or ultimately be carried wider without cover. He said that whilst he did consider shifting into a position behind *Rockin' Ruga*, he was unable to do so and therefore maintained his position behind *Irish Success*. His mount then continued to race keenly thereafter and approaching and rounding the home turn was held up and unable to improve. He said that approaching the 200m, he was able to secure a run to the outside of *Al Mah Haha* where his mount was one paced in the run to the line. A post race veterinary examination revealed **League Of Nations** lost its near hind plate during the race.

RACE 3 – Win \$10k Cash At Canterbury Park Nights Handicap 1100m

Whiskey Shooter – knuckled over badly on jumping resulting in T Clark, the rider, almost becoming dislodged and then was briefly crowded by *Misteed*. **Whiskey Shooter** raced keenly in the early stages. **Whiskey Shooter**, near the 500m, had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Miss Earth*. As a result, **Whiskey Shooter** had to shift to the outside of that runner to secure clear running.

Miss Earth – when questioned, J Collett stated that his instructions were to have the horse ridden on the pace in fourth or fifth position. He added that in the early stages, as he noticed *Peduzzi*, which was drawn to his inside, was attempting to hold its position and when *Misteed*, which was commencing to cross his mount, rather than attempt to hold his position to its inside, he elected to shift to the outside of that runner's heels. He said that the filly, in his opinion, overreacted and shifted wider than he had hoped. He further added that when *Peduzzi* continued to maintain its position and when he was unable to cross that runner, as a consequence he was caught wide and without cover for the remainder of the race. He said that that bearing in mind the circumstances of the race, whilst it appeared disappointing on face value, he was nevertheless satisfied with the horse's performance given that he was unable to ride **Miss Earth** out over the final 50m when *Membrillo* shifted out slightly. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Now Or Never – was slow to begin and then was taken back in across runners from its wide barrier shortly after the start.

Solar Star – was slow to begin and then was taken back in across runners from its wide barrier shortly after the start. **Solar Star** laid out in the straight. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Ivira – raced keenly in the early and middle stages and was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Misteed* for some distance approaching and rounding the first turn. Rounding the turn near the 500m, **Ivira** improved onto the heels of *Misteed* and was steadied. **Ivira** was steadied when disappointed for a run on straightening between *Membrillo* and *Miss Earth*, which shifted in. **Ivira** was again disappointed for clear running to the inside of *Membrillo* and did not obtain clear running until passing the 150m.

Peduzzi – raced greenly throughout the early and middle stages and after making contact with *Ivira* near the 500m shifted out and became awkward on the heels of *Miss Earth* and was steadied. *Solar Star*, which was trailing, was hampered. **Peduzzi** then continued to race greenly thereafter. A post race veterinary examination revealed speedy cuts to the offside hock.

Misteed – was held up for clear running until nearing the 200m.

Vainity – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 4 – TAB Rewards Handicap 1550m

Dawn Raid – was steadied and taken in behind runners shortly after the start.

Queen Of Heights – was steadied and taken in behind runners shortly after the start. **Queen Of Heights**, near the 550m, was bumped when racing tight to the inside of *Firebird Flyer* and as a result became unbalanced.

She's Magical – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Balmain Boy – when questioned regarding the gelding leading tonight, App J Innes Jr stated that given there appeared to be a lack of tempo in the race, he was instructed to have the horse ridden prominently. He said that after beginning well, he rode his mount aggressively in the early stages to maintain his position to the inside of *Hammond Lane*, which ultimately resulted in the horse racing keenly and in the lead.

Firebird Flyer – after being only fairly away, was ridden along and did not muster speed. Approaching the 1400m, was crowded for room when *Balmain Boy* shifted out. Near the 450m, **Firebird Flyer** and *Queen Of Heights* were bumped and raced in restricted room when *Dawn Raid* improved into a narrow run to the inside of *She's Magical*. *Queen Of Heights* and **Firebird Flyer** then raced tight for some distance thereafter. **Firebird Flyer** laid in under pressure in the straight.

Sensacova – was held up rounding the home turn and raced in restricted room and was shifted to the outside of *Atlantic Fox* approaching the 50m to obtain clear running.

Atlantic Fox – over the concluding stages, raced tight with *Hammond Lane* when inclined to lay in under pressure.

RACE 5 – Australian Turf Club Sprint 1100m

Nines Enough – slow to begin. Near the 600m, **Nines Enough** was severely checked and blundered resulting in its rider B Avdulla almost being dislodged when *Phoebe's Lass* hung in despite the efforts of its rider. *Phoebe's Lass* continued to hang in for the remainder of the race and proved difficult to ride. Trainer Mr G Hickman was advised that **Phoebe's Lass** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again. Rider B Avdulla stated that after receiving significant interference passing the 600m, his mount never travelled thereafter. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Zarhron – slow to begin.

Star Crossed – slow to begin.

Brockton Punch – raced wide and without cover throughout and was inclined to overrace and got its head up in the early stages. Near the 250m, App D Panya briefly dropped her nearside rein. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 6 – Tab.com.au Sprint 1100m

Alert By Sea – began awkwardly and then despite being ridden along, did not show speed. For a short distance near the 200m, **Alert By Sea** was held up for clear running.

Painted Lady – was steadied and taken back in across runners from its wide barrier. **Painted Lady** raced wide and without cover throughout.

Difficult To Get – was steadied and taken back in across runners from its wide barrier. **Difficult To Get** raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Moccasin Miss – had some difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Blowing Kisses – a post race veterinary examination of **Blowing Kisses**, which weakened over the concluding stages, revealed no abnormalities.

Can't Find Snippy – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 7 – Schweppes Evening Star 1250m

Pianissimo – shifted its off fore plate prior to entering the parade ring which necessitated it being refitted. **Pianissimo** underwent a veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and was cleared to start. As a result of this, the start of Race 7 was delayed. **Pianissimo** was slow to begin. **Pianissimo**, near the 300m, when attempting to shift out from the back of *Noble Joey* to improve, made contact with *Chief In Command* resulting in that runner being hampered and carried wider. On straightening, shifted out and made contact with *Chief In Command*. *Coolcraft*, which was following, had to shift back to the inside of the heels of *Pianissimo* to secure clear running.

Ever So Natural – was slow to begin.

Coolcraft – after being only fairly away, was ridden along in the early stages, however did not muster speed. **Coolcraft** raced keenly in the middle stages and was restrained away from the heels of *Satirical Magic* on a number of occasions approaching and rounding the first turn. **Coolcraft** was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Lofty's Menu – was steadied and taken back in across runners from its wide barrier after the start. **Lofty's Menu** raced wide and without cover in the early stages. **Lofty's Menu**, which was closing the race off well, laid out in the straight.

I'm Danny – knuckled on jumping. After racing keenly in the early and middle stages, **I'm Danny** then commenced to hang out from the 500m and ran considerably wider rounding the home turn resulting in *Satirical Magic* and *Lofty's Menu* being hampered and carried wider on the track. Trainer Mr K Tynan was advised that a warning would be placed on the gelding's racing manners.

Chief In Command – for some distance after the 150m, raced in restricted room between *Ever So Natural* and *Pianissimo*, which laid out under pressure. A post race veterinary examination of **Chief In Command** revealed the gelding to be 3/5 lame in the off foreleg. Trainer Mr G Murray was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing again.

Noble Joey – approaching the 50m laid out resulting in its rider T Angland having to stop riding and straighten. T Angland (dead heat for 3rd) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(b) in that he failed to ride his mount out to the end of the race. T Angland's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 14 January 2018 and to expire on Saturday, 20 January 2018 on which day he may ride again.

RACE 8 – #Theraces Handicap 1900m

Hittite – the Stewards granted rider B Avdulla permission to ride the mare 1kg over the allotted weight when there was no other suitable rider available at the weight.

Allcash – after being slow to begin was crowded for room by *Hittite*, which was taken in by *Nacho Libre*. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Don Pellegrino – began awkwardly.

Lamma Hilton – began awkwardly.

Lonely Orphan – was slow to begin.

More Than Fabulous – near the 1600m, was briefly tightened for room by *Allcash*.

Royal Stamp – near the 400m, when attempting to improve to the outside of *Allcash*, made contact with *Don Pellegrino*. As a result, **Royal Stamp** was then held up until shortly after straightening where it shifted to the inside of *Allcash* to secure clear running.

Nacho Libre – when questioned regarding the performance of **Nacho Libre**, App R Hunt stated that her mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, however when placed under pressure near the 600m, failed to respond to her riding and weakened noticeably over the final 200m. She added that in her opinion, **Nacho Libre** failed to run out tonight's journey of 1900m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

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 7	T Angland (Noble Joey)	7 strikes
Race 8	App R King (Lord Macau)	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: Nicci's Gold, (2), Nipotina.

Race 2: Irish Success(2), Rocking' Ruga.

Race 3: Now Or Never, Solar Star, Misteed.

Race 4: Balmain Boy, Sensacova, Queen Of Heights, Atlantic Fox.

Race 5: Zarhron, All Carisma (2), Nines Enough.

Race 6: Lake Lugarno, Miss Liffey, Difficult To Get (2), Can't Find Snippy.

Race 7: Coolcraft, Satirical Magic, Chief In Command, I'm Danny, Pianissimo.

Race 8: High Opinion, Allcash, Don Pellegrino, More Than Fabulous, Nacho Libre, Lonely Orphan, Lord Macau.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Race 7: T Angland (Noble Joey) – 14.1.18 to 20.1.18 – failing to ride out to the end of the race [AR137(b)].
Bleeders:	Kembla Grange (3.1.18): Savethelastdance (co-trainer J Hawkes) – 3 month ban [AR53].
Warnings:	Race 7: I'm Danny (trainer K Tynan) – hung out.
Trials:	Race 5: Phoebe's Lass (trainer G Hickman) – racing manners.
Certificates:	Race 7: Chief In Command (trainer G Murray) – lame off fore leg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Race 8: More Than Fabulous – silver with black V, black sleeves.
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Nil