

STEWARDS' REPORT**Australian Turf Club
ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE****Saturday 6 January 2018**

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4); upgraded to Good (3) at 12.47pm (after race 1) retrospectively to include race 1.
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 5.03

STEWARDS: P C Dingwall (Chairman), R W Livingstone, T A McDonald, T J Carlton and cadets C K McIntosh, F J Dale and R T Debels j|

RACE 1: ATC Owners Benefit Card Handicap 1400m

Echo Jet – slow to begin. For some distance after the 800m commenced to race keenly and proved somewhat difficult to settle.

Barbeque – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Raced keenly for a short distance in the middle stages. Passing the 300m *Aqua D'Ivina*, which was laying out, shifted ground slightly out and made contact with **Barbeque**, which was carried wider and became unbalanced.

Island Missile – after shifting to the outside of *Scream Park* near the 1200m, then raced keenly for some distance thereafter.

Scream Park – rider H Bowman explained that his mount travelled comfortably in the lead, however came under pressure when *Island Missile*, which recommenced racing keenly, improved to his outside after the 500m despite the efforts of its rider. He said, having regard to the manner in which **Scream Park** was challenged prior to the home turn, he was not overly disappointed with the colt's performance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 2: TAB Handicap 1200m

Shivkhani – slow to begin (2L). After the 1100m commenced to race fiercely and for some distance after the 900m had to be checked off the heels of *Sokudo*. **Shivkhani** continued to race ungenerously until after the 800m. Passing the 200m was inconvenienced when *Leonarda* shifted out slightly.

Leonarda – slow to begin (2L). Laid out rounding the 600m turn.

Ligulate – began awkwardly and brushed *Canyonero*.

Commissioner – began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with the hindquarter of *Man Of Envy*. Near the 1100m *Picaro* (D McDonogh) shifted in when not clear of **Commissioner**, resulting in that horse having to be shifted out across the heels of *Picaro*. D McDonogh was advised to ensure he is sufficiently clear when shifting ground in similar circumstances. In the

early and middle stages raced keenly and proved difficult to settle. Near the 50m rider C Reith dropped his whip. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities other than the colt lost its near-hind and off-fore plates.

Approaching the 200m *Ligulate*, which was racing greenly, shifted out, causing some inconvenience to **Sokudo**, which was hampered and carried wider.

Futooh – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Canyonero – near the 900m was steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Picaro* (D McDonogh), which shifted in when not clear. D McDonogh was reprimanded. Raced keenly in the early stages. When questioned, rider T Angland explained he was unable to obtain comfortable racing room until after the 300m. He said that his mount, which was only having its second race start, was then reluctant to proceed between *Commissioner* and *Picaro* when a run developed between those two horses near the 200m. He added that overall he was satisfied with the colt's performance and believed it was a lack of race experience which resulted in it not finishing off as he would have expected. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt was slow to recover.

Man Of Envy – after the 800m was leaved raced wide and without cover.

Eawase – on straightening until after the 300m was badly held up and, after briefly securing clear running, shifted in and had to be checked after becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Commissioner*.

RACE 3: #Theraces Sprint 1200m

Tswalu – the mare, which was standing awkwardly in the barriers, began only fairly was then steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Hillary Step – began only fairly. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Near the 200m the mare, which was giving ground, was briefly tightened between *Fanning*, which was taken in slightly by *Tswalu*, and *Gretna* which, after being bumped by *Fortensky*, shifted out slightly.

Fanning – raced wide and without cover for the major part of the race.

Centro Superior – the gelding, which had been badly held up, had to be checked off the heels of the tiring *The Pharaoh* near the 200m and then was shifted to the outside of that runner to improve.

Gretna – when questioned, B Shinn stated he had been asked to ride the mare in about fourth or fifth position if possible today. He said, after beginning well, he was neutral on **Gretna** and assessed the early tempo of the race to be quick when *The Pharaoh* and *Viceroy* improved to his inside. He added, after travelling almost 200m, he noted that *Hillary Step*, a horse he had anticipated being ridden prominently, was being steadied by its rider and rather than being caught wide without cover to its outside, he elected to shift in behind that runner approaching the 1000m, which ultimately resulted in his mount racing slightly further back than anticipated. B Shinn further stated that for some distance in the early part of the straight he was able to adequately improve behind *Viceroy* and, after securing clear running to that runner's outside

after being taken out by *Fortensky* which after being held up, shifted out and being bumped near the 200m, his mount balanced up, however commenced to lay in and peaked on its performance prior to the 50m.

The Pharoah – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider A Hyeronimus stated, after obtaining the lead and travelling strongly, he nonetheless was confident of the horse's chances entering the straight. He said however, soon after **The Pharoah** commenced to give ground when *Viceroy* had improved to his outside near the 200m and his mount commenced to weaken and gave ground quickly. He added he was at a loss to provide any tangible explanation for the manner in which the horse weakened, stating he had galloped it on Tuesday, 2 January 2018 and he had been confident that on the basis of that work, **The Pharoah** would be competitive today. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the horse to be displaying respiratory distress and muscle soreness behind. Trainer Mr R Litt was advised that a veterinary clearance, including the results of a satisfactory endoscopic examination, must be submitted prior to **The Pharoah** racing again.

RACE 4: TAB Highway Handicap 1300m

Mister Marmalade and **O'Lordy** were late in the enclosure. Trainer Mr D Williams was reminded of his obligations to ensure that his runners are presented in a timely manner.

Gripped – slow to begin. Commenced to race fiercely, refused to settle and near the 1000m had to be checked off the heels of *Fermanagh Lad*. **Gripped** continued to race fiercely, shifted out and made contact with *Runway Ready* a short distance later. Had some difficulty obtaining clear running until after the 250m, whereby it shifted to the outside of *Awesome Pluck*, resulting in *Sudden Blitz* being inconvenienced.

Sudden Blitz – after beginning only fairly, was steadied and shifted in across behind runners.

The Frick – steadied and taken back in across runners shortly after the start. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Mister Marmalade – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Awesome Pluck – when questioned, rider H Bowman stated the intention was to ride the gelding with cover if possible. He said, after beginning very well, he immediately restrained his mount and drifted back in an endeavour to take up a position behind the eventual winner *Runway Ready*. He added however after the 1200m **Awesome Pluck** commenced to pull hard and he was unable to manoeuvre *O'Lordy* to a position closer to the running rail, which would have afforded him cover behind *Runway Ready*. H Bowman further stated as a result his mount was left racing wide and without cover and despite his continued efforts to have **Awesome Pluck** settle, his mount would not comply and he therefore elected to allow **Awesome Pluck** to improve and take up the lead outside *Fermanagh Lad* near the 700m. He said due to the manner in which the gelding raced in the early and middle stages it was unable to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 5: Youth Insearch Inspire Mile 1600m

Cellarman – after being slow to begin, was ridden along, however did not show speed and settled towards the rear of the field. The gelding, which was closing the race off fairly, was

inclined to lay out under pressure from on straightening until after the 200m, whereby its rider B Shinn changed the whip over into his left hand near the 100m.

Positive Problems – became unbalanced near the 500m after brushing the running rail. Again became unbalanced near the 350m.

Gamblestown – laid in for a short distance in the early part of the straight.

More Energy – close to the winning post raced close to the heels of *Medaille* and could not be properly tested.

Caerless Choice – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 6: Spinal Cure Racing4Research Sprint 1000m

Great Choice - after arriving on course, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer, who was unable to detect any obvious abnormalities with the horse and it was cleared to race. Near the 500m was steadied when crowded for room by *Alart* (App. A Adkins), which shifted in when not fully clear. App. A Adkins was advised to ensure in similar circumstances he provides his fellow riders with sufficient racing room. On straightening had to be checked when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Alart*. **Great Choice** then could not improve for some distance thereafter when racing behind *Alart*.

Don't Tease Me – the gelding, which had been restless in the barriers, began awkwardly and made contact with *Guard Of Honour* and then took some time to muster speed. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which weakened over the final 200m, did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr S Gleeson advised that in his view the gelding may not have backed up from its testing run at Randwick on 26 December 2017. He undertook to report back on the immediate racing future of **Don't Tease Me** after consulting the owners. Mr Gleeson was advised that should they continue with the gelding's preparation a veterinary clearance would be required prior to it racing again.

My Maher – slow to begin.

Guard Of Honour – near the 700m was shifted out to avoid the heels of *Don't Tease Me* (App. R Hunt), which shifted in when not clear. App. Hunt was advised to exercise more care. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be showing signs of colic, for which it was treated. Trainer Mr K Lees was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Guard Of Honour** racing again.

Fickle Folly – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Hard Romp – the gelding, which was travelling keenly, had to be restrained approaching and rounding the home turn from the heels of *Don't Tease Me*. Then was badly held up on straightening until approaching the 150m.

Loverboy Charlie – held up from entering the straight until prior to the 200m. Then a short distance after the 200m continued to be awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Fickle Folly*, which was shifting out slightly, whereby **Loverboy Charlie** was then directed to the inside of the heels of *Fickle Folly* near the 150m to improve.

Alert – when questioned, App. A Adkins stated that he had been asked to ride the mare slightly ahead of midfield if possible. He said from the wide barrier his mount showed better than expected gate speed and as it had already been positioned to the outside of *Don't Tease Me*, he elected to allow it to stride forward and race outside *Don't Tease Me* after the 600m.

RACE 7: 2018 ATC Membership Handicap 1400m

Wahng Wah – slow to begin.

Siren's Fury – slow to begin.

Queen Misty – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Stablehand Mr C Lees was reprimanded for failing to present **Queen Misty** in the enclosure when directed to do so. He was further advised that his conduct whilst in the enclosure was not acceptable and he should at all times be mindful of the role the Stewards perform in the industry and he must abide by all reasonable directions when asked to do so.

Mollyfied – when being steadied by its rider near the 800m commenced to race keenly and did so until after the 700m.

Tennessee Hussy – just after straightening endeavoured to shift to the outside of *Mollyfied* and in doing so made contact for some distance thereafter with *Overstep*, which was endeavouring to maintain its position relative to *Mollyfied*. During this time both horses raced tight.

Overstep – near the 200m the mare, which was commencing to give ground, was briefly tightened between *Tennessee Hussy* and *Siren's Fury*, which while laying in shifted in. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying a poor post-race recovery. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Overstep** racing again.

Live To Dream –rider B Shinn stated that, although in the initial stages between the 1200m and the 1000m the tempo was quick, after obtaining the lead, he steadied the pace after the 1000m and he considered the sectionals thereafter **Live To Dream** was running were reasonable. He said his mount came under pressure when *Mollyfied* improved to his outside prior to the home turn and in his opinion, whilst up significantly in weight, may appreciate a more forgiving surface. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr J Bruce said that in retrospect **Live To Dream** may be better suited over further distance, whereby the mare will be able to obtain the lead more easily and race at an5 even tempo. The Stewards will follow up with the progress of **Live To Dream** in the days subsequent.

RACE 8: tab.com.au Handicap 1400m

Lanciato – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Get On The Grange – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Raijinz – near the 1000m App. J Innes Jr (*Coolring*) reduced the tempo. **Raijinz**, which was following and travelling keenly, had to be checked away from the heels of *Coolring* and shifted

out, carrying *Show A Star* wider for a short distance. App. J Innes Jr was cautioned against the practice of reducing the tempo whereby it makes it difficult for riders following to react to the change of pace. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Londehero – in the early part of the straight made contact with *Get On The Grange* as **Londehero** endeavoured to shift to the outside of *Noire*.

Savoureux – near 150m was shifted to the outside of *Coolring* to obtain clear running. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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

RACE 9: Australian Turf Club Handicap 1400m

Francesco – began awkwardly and made contact with the nearside portion of its barrier and then shortly after was steadied when crowded by *Level Eight*, which began awkwardly and shifted out.

Sir Barb – slow to begin.

Malaise – slow to begin.

Level Eight – shortly after the start was hampered when *Jemadar* began awkwardly and ran out despite the efforts of its rider. For some distance after the 1200m raced keenly. Approaching the 600m the gelding, which was continuing to race keenly, was shifted to the outside of *Pipeline* after the 600m and raced wider without cover until on straightening. Over the final 50m *Malaise* and **Level Eight** made contact on a number of occasions due to both horses shifting ground slightly.

Sharpe Hussler – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Pipeline – near the 200m *Level Eight* shifted in, resulting in **Pipeline**, which was giving ground, being inconvenienced. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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	D McDonogh (<i>Picaro</i>)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 3	T Angland (<i>Viceroy</i>)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	J Collett (<i>Siren's Fury</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Race 1: Scream Park, Aqua D'Ivina (2), Island Missile.

Race 2: Canyonero, Futooh (2), Ligulate.

Race 3: Fanning, Tswalu, Viceroy, The Pharoah.

Race 4: Awesome Pluck, O'Lordy (2), Sudden Blitz, Fermanagh Lad.

Race 5: Cellarman, Positive Problems (2), Caerless Choice, More Energy, Medaille (2).

Race 6: Guard Of Honour, Burradoo (2), Loverboy Charlie (2).

Race 7: Live To Dream, Queen Misty (2), Wahng Wah, Siren's Fury (2), Tennessee Hussy.

Race 8: Noire (2), Raijinz.

Race 9: Samadoubt, Level Eight (2), Pipeline, Jemadar, Malaise (2).

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Race 2: D McDonogh (<i>Picaro</i>) – careless riding (AR137(a)). Race 7: Stablehand C Lees (<i>Queen Misty</i>) – fail to obey direction (AR175(q)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 3: <i>The Pharoah</i> (trainer R Litt) – respiratory distress and muscle soreness behind. Race 6: <i>Don't Tease Me</i> (trainer S Gleeson) – poor performance. <i>Guard Of Honour</i> (trainer K Lees) – showing signs of colic. Race 7: <i>Overstep</i> (trainer C Waller) – poor post-race recovery.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Race 4: <i>Mister Marmalade</i> - to be ridden quieter; settled back. Race 5: <i>More Moet</i> – option to ride more forward; settled on pace.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 6: <i>Don't Tease Me</i> (trainer S Gleeson) – poor performance. Race 7: <i>Live To Dream</i> (trainer B Baker) – poor performance.