

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 6 June 2018

Weather: Overcast/Showers
Track: Heavy (8); downgraded to Heavy (9) at 3.19pm following the running of Race 5
Rail: +6m
Penetrometer: 5.75

STEWARDS: P C Dingwall (Chairman), T P Moxon, T J Vassallo, J J E Earl and cadets C K McIntosh, M W Purse and T J Lee.

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RACE 1 – Tab.com.au Handicap 1550m

Nautibernie – began awkwardly. **Nautibernie** was held up approaching and rounding the home turn.

Lady Eleanor – near the 200m, *Nautibernie* shifted out and caused some inconvenience to **Lady Eleanor**.

I'm A Legend – slipped behind on jumping. **I'm A Legend** was held up until the 250m.

Denver – raced keenly in the lead throughout the middle stages.

Sporty – rider B Avdulla explained that after beginning on terms, his mount did not show sufficient speed in which to clear the runners to his inside and rather than being caught wide and without cover, he elected to shift in behind runners in the early stages. He said that **Sporty** travelled satisfactorily, but failed to respond to his riding in the straight. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 2 – All Too Hard@Vinery Handicap 1250m

Eden Vale – raced keenly in the early stages and was allowed to stride forward and lead near the 1000m.

Mista Legend – J Collett stated that the gelding raced too keenly throughout the early and middle stages and consequently was unable to finish its race off. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr L Bridge advised that the gelding will be scoped and he will provided the Stewards with the results.

Voodoo Lady – when questioned, J Penza explained that he had been under specific instructions not to race in a position close to the running rail and he should endeavour, if possible, to maintain a position either outside the anticipated leader *Eden Vale*, or settle one out, one back. He said that in the early stages, he considered, after beginning well, to vie for the lead, however when *Eden Vale* improved quickly to his outside, his mount did not give him the indication that it could contest for a prominent position and he therefore elected to allow that runner to proceed in advance of him. He said that having regard to his instructions, he elected to allow *Mista Legend* to cross him after the 800m as he was concerned that if he were to maintain a position inside that runner, the rider of *Mista Legend* could shift him into a position close to the running rail, which was contrary to his instructions. He said that as a consequence, when *Mista Legend* could not maintain its position and lost touch with the on pace runners, his mount was taken back to the rear of the field after the 700m. Trainer Mr L Curtis confirmed the instructions issued. He said that as he was concerned that if **Voodoo Lady** were to be positioned behind *Eden Vale*, that horse may not provide **Voodoo Lady** with a favourable passage into

the race and he therefore wanted to ensure that the filly would be afforded clear and uninterrupted running if possible throughout the event. Having regard to the specific nature of the instructions, Mr Curtis and jockey J Penza were advised that their explanations would be reported.

RACE 3 – Spring On Sale Handicap 1100m

Ljungberg – began awkwardly and then was hampered shortly after by *Home Soil*, which itself began awkwardly and shifted in. Over the final 50m, **Ljungberg** and *Misteed* raced tight.

Misteed – began awkwardly and shortly after the start was steadied when crowded between *Salsa Man* and *Win 'N' Grin*, both of which shifted ground.

Tell Me – shortly after the start was crowded between *Salsa Man* and *Above And Beyond*. After being crossed by *Win 'N' Grin* near the 600m, **Tell Me** commenced to race keenly when having to be restrained off the heels of *Win 'N' Grin* and took some time to settle. When questioned, B Avdulla stated that he was unable to maintain a position closer to the running rail as *Home Soil* maintained its position near the 800m. He said that he was reluctant to maintain his position directly outside *Home Soil* as **Tell Me** had been racing keenly early and he did not want to be carried wider if *Home Soil* were to shift out, so he elected, therefore, to trail that horse with a view to having some cover approaching and rounding the home turn. He said, however, given his relative finishing position, his decision not to maintain his position directly outside *Home Soil* was of no bearing. A post race veterinary examination revealed a wound just below the off side knee.

Above And Beyond – shortly after the start was bumped by *Tell Me* and became unbalanced. **Above And Beyond** travelled wide and without cover until the 500m. Near the 250m, **Above And Beyond** was bumped and carried wider as *Misteed* (K McEvoy) shifted to the outside of *Ljungberg* to obtain clear running. K McEvoy was advised to exercise more care. *Task And Purpose*, which was following, and endeavouring to secure a run between *Win 'N' Grin* and **Above And Beyond**, had to be checked and shifted out as a consequence. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Above And Beyond** to be displaying a poor post race recovery. Trainer Mr G Portelli advised that the gelding will now be spelled. Acting on this assurance, no action was taken.

Task And Purpose – near the 600m, was steadied and lost its position when tightened briefly between *Misteed*, which shifted out marginally and *Maleko*, which was carried in slightly by *Tell Me*. *Salsa Man*, which was following, was steadied as a consequence. When questioned, T Angland explained that he had been asked to ride the horse prominently today if possible. He said, however, in the early stages, when it became apparent that if he endeavoured to travel in a forward position he could be left racing wide and without cover and he therefore elected at the 900m to steady his mount. He said that the filly relaxed quicker than he had anticipated and when he endeavoured to pressure his mount near the 800m to maintain a position behind *Home Soil*, the filly did not respond as he had hoped, which ultimately enabled *Maleko* to cross him near the 600m which resulted in **Task And Purpose** travelling further back than expected.

Home Soil – a post race veterinary examination revealed a small wound to the outside near cannon.

Win 'N' Grin – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 4 – Vale John Wenman Handicap 1550m

Poet's Advocate – became fractious after being boxed and whilst in the care of the barrier attendant, reared slightly when the start was effected and lost ground (4L). Trainer Mr S Singleton was advised a warning would be placed on the barrier manners of the gelding.

Save The Best – was crowded shortly after the start between *Braces* and *Sensacova*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. **Save The Best** raced wide and without cover until approaching the 1100m.

Regine – from its outside barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. **Regine** raced keenly throughout the early stages.

RACE 5 – Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap 1250m

Mollyfied – began awkwardly.

Stilettoed Vixen – was hampered shortly after the start by *Shantou*, which shifted in.

Flame Of Love – raced wide and without cover throughout the event. App R King reported that at no stage did **Flame Of Love** handle the heavy track conditions of today.

Dutchesse Moshe – despite being ridden along in the early stages, failed to muster speed and after the 1100m, was shifted in behind runners to obtain cover. Connections and C Reith, rider of **Dutchesse Moshe** which performed below expectations, advised that the filly did not handle the heavy track conditions today. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Miss Imagination – was inconvenienced and carried wider by *Dutchesse Moshe* (C Reith), which shifted out when not properly clear. C Reith was advised to exercise care.

Zafina – rider J Collett explained that **Zafina** was not suited by today's heavy track conditions. A post race veterinary examination no abnormalities.

RACE 6 – Australian Turf Club Handicap 1250m

Prima Stella – began awkwardly and then was bumped heavily by *Pianissimo*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. From its outside barrier, was then shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Darci's Affair – near the 500m, was steadied to avoid the heels of *Metamorphic*, which got its head on the side and shifted in.

Gadfly – Mr S Perry, representing Mr P Perry, trainer of **Gadfly**, which was ridden further forward today, was reminded of his obligations to inform Stewards of any change of riding tactics.

Metamorphic – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, K McEvoy stated that the gelding travelled satisfactorily until approaching the home turn. He said, however, that when under pressure, soon after **Metamorphic** did not improve and he was of the view that from this point on, **Metamorphic** was not suited by the heavy track conditions. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. The Stewards will follow-up with trainer Mr C Waller on **Metamorphic** in the ensuing days.

Smooth Tycoon – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 7 – TAB Rewards Handicap 1900m

Base Camp – the Stewards acceded to a request by trainer Mr S Singleton to withdraw **Base Camp** at 3.20pm following the downgrade of the track.

Magical Stance – after arriving behind the barriers, the tongue tie of **Magical Stance** could not be refitted and in the circumstances, permission was granted for the gelding to race without that piece of approved gear. **Magical Stance** was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier in the early stages.

Bringagem – bounded on jumping and then was steadied when crowded between *Raise The Limit* and *Allcash*

Biodynamic – slow to begin. **Biodynamic** was held up approaching and rounding the home turn.

Firebird Flyer – shifted in shortly after the start making contact with *Allcash*. **Firebird Flyer** then laid in for some distance thereafter. Near the 1100m, **Firebird Flyer** was hampered and taken wider by *Dream Folk*, which shifted out despite the efforts of its rider. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Dream Folk – pulled hard throughout the middle stages and near the 1100m, shifted out despite the efforts of its rider. **Dream Folk** then raced wide and without cover from this point. Having regard to the manner in which **Dream Folk** raced, trainer Mr G Hickman advised that he would not utilise the services of an apprentice again on the gelding.

Raise The Limit – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

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

Race 1: Monsieur Sisu, I'm A Legend (2), Nautibernie, Sporty, Lady Eleanor, Denver.

Race 2: Eden Vale (2), Mista Legend, My Blue Jeans.

Race 3: Ljungberg (2), Tell Me, Task And Purpose.

Race 4: Mana, Carluca, Princess Pattern, Regine, Sensacova, Smart As (2).

Race 5: Zafina, Shantou, Mollyfield, Flame Of Love, Stilettoed Vixen, Villa Carlotta.

Race 6: Darci's Affair, Pianissimo, Mad For Art, Metamorphic, Darci's Affair.

Race 7: Base Camp, Magical Stance, Raise The Limit, Dream Folk, Chloride, Allcash.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 4: Poet's Advocate (trainer S Singleton) – barrier manners, reared in gates.
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Nil
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 6: Red Zephyr to be ridden further forward from the inside barrier; settled off pace.
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 2: Mista Legend (trainer L Bridge) – poor performance. Race 7: Metamorphic (trainer C Waller) – poor performance.