

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 7 February 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +12m
Penetrometer: 5.22

STEWARDS: P C Dingwall (Chairman), R W Livingstone, T J Vassallo, D M Greer and cadets M W Purse, F J Dale, T J Lee and R W Loughlin.

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Supplementary Reports:

CANTERBURY PARK: Friday, 2 February 2018

RACE 6 – Schweppes Shooting Star 1250m

Ruthless Agent -- the Stewards today continued their inquiry into a charge of careless riding levelled against B Shinn on the aforementioned date. At the request of B Shinn, the matter was adjourned until today to enable B Shinn to consider his plea. B Shinn was found guilty of careless riding under AR137(a), the particulars being that B Shinn, as the rider of **Ruthless Agent**, near the 200m, permitted his mount to shift out when not clear of Reach For Heaven and as a result, Reach For Heaven was steadied and lost its running to which it was entitled. B Shinn's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 11 February 2018 and to resume on Thursday, 22 February 2018 on which day he may ride.

ROSEHILL GARDENS: Saturday, 3 February 2018

RACE 6 – Freshmark Handicap 1500m

Quick Defence -- trainer Mr C Waller advised that he was satisfied with the post race condition of **Quick Defence** and it was his intention to continue on with the horse's preparation.

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As J Collett was ruled unfit to fulfil his remaining engagements after falling in Race 3, the following rider substitutions were permitted by the Stewards:

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| Race 4 | Moccasin Miss – A Adkins |
| Race 6 | Lucky Legend – B Shinn |
| Race 7 | All In The Reflexs – A Hyeronimus |

RACE 1 – Tab.com.au Plate 1000m

Pindus – which had been restless in the barriers, began awkwardly and shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier after the start.

Hiemal – began awkwardly. After the race, stable representative Mr D Beadman advised that he noted that the cross nose band fitted to **Hiemal** had shifted during the course of the race and as such was incorrectly placed. This issue was verified using Hawkeye. **Hiemal** raced greenly under pressure in the straight.

Royal Witness – began awkwardly and brushed the nearside portion of its barrier on jumping away. Approaching the 50m, **Royal Witness** had to be checked when tightened for room onto **Vega One** by **Hiemal** (T Angland) which, whilst laying in, shifted ground slightly before corrected by its rider. Having regard to all the circumstances, the Stewards believed the appropriate action was T Angland to be

reprimanded and reminded of his obligation to ensure he does his utmost where possible to prevent his mounts from shifting ground. The Stewards further advised T England he should have reacted sooner than he did on this occasion. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Vega One – slow to begin. For some distance after the 150m, **Vega One**, which was endeavouring to improve into tight running between *Cyclonite* and *Royal Witness*, was briefly held up and then raced tight to the inside of *Royal Witness* for some distance thereafter.

Cyclonite – approaching the 150m, **Cyclonite**, which was giving ground, was steadied to avoid the heels of *Zousain* (K McEvoy), which shifted out when not clear. K McEvoy was reprimanded and advised in similar circumstances he has an obligation on to stop riding and straighten his mount.

Miss Blumenthal – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Miss Blumenthal**, J Collett said that after obtaining the lead in the early stages, the filly then travelled too keenly and he attributed this to the manner in which **Miss Blumenthal** commenced to weaken over the final 200m. He said that despite his efforts in the early and middle stages, he was unable to rate **Miss Blumenthal** in an endeavour to travel in a more even tempo and he believed the race experience today will benefit the filly. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Miss Blumenthal** had shifted its off hind plate. Co-trainer Mr E Cummings undertook to barrier trial **Miss Blumenthal** and thus will provide an opportunity for him to experiment with the gear prior to its next start.

RACE 2 – #Theraces Handicap 1400m

Crystal Billy – began awkwardly. **Crystal Billy**, for some distance after the 800m, raced keenly.

Pharisee – began awkwardly.

Kookabaa – knuckled shortly after the start and shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier. **Kookabaa** was held up for clear running until approaching the 300m and then was continually shifted to the outside of *Pharisee* for a short distance thereafter.

Tangmere – approaching the 150m until the about the 100m was held up for clear running.

Schoolmates – when questioned regarding his riding over the final 100m, B Shinn said that whilst he acknowledged that during this time **Schoolmates** shifted out under pressure, he did not consider changing the whip over into his left hand as he feels he is a more effective rider whilst having the horse balanced and using the whip in the right hand. He did acknowledge with the benefit of hindsight it would have been preferable for him to use the whip in the left hand, over the final 100m, which may have assisted in preventing the colt from shifting out. When close to the winning post, *Crystal Billy* was inconvenienced and carried wider when **Schoolmates** shifted out. B Shinn was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

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

RACE 3 – TAB Plate 1100m

My Zebrinka – for the majority of the race, raced wide and without cover.

Selective – began awkwardly and shifted in abruptly.

Lucky Louie – was slow to begin and then was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Prahaar – began awkwardly, shifted out and made heavy contact with *My Wiseman*. **Prahaar** was then steadied and taken back in across runners from its wide barrier shortly after the start. Leaving the 50m, **Prahaar** shifted out abruptly resulting in J Collett being dislodged. Trainer Mr D Pfeiffer was advised that before **Prahaar** races again, it must perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Swaffham Bulbeck – joining the course proper, after the 800m, got its head on the side and shifted out despite the efforts of its rider resulting in *Ridicule* being checked.

My Wiseman – when questioned, T Clark said he had been asked to ride the gelding, which was having its first race start, back in the field from its wide barrier. He said although it had trialled satisfactorily when leading, he had been advised by the trainer that **My Wiseman** may not show sufficient speed from its barrier to race prominently. He said that **My Wiseman** only travelled fairly throughout the event and failed to make any appreciable ground in the straight. A post race veterinary examination of **My Wiseman** revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr L Bridge confirmed the instructions issued and he said that whilst **My Wiseman** has been ridden prominently in its trials, he felt in order for **My Wiseman** to avoid being caught wide and without cover, the best option from the barrier was to ride the gelding conservatively. Mr Bridge indicated that **My Wiseman** will benefit from being stepped up in distance and may be ridden more prominently in these races from a better draw. He undertook to the report to the Stewards if there was anything amiss with **My Wiseman** in the days subsequent. Mr Bridge was reprimanded for his conduct in the weighing room following the adjournment of the inquiry.

RACE 4 – Australian Turf Club Handicap 1000m

Loverboy Charlie – underwent a veterinary examination after the horse's arrival on course was delayed and was cleared to start. **Loverboy Charlie** shifted its off fore plate during the preliminary which necessitated it being refitted on arrival at the barriers. **Loverboy Charlie** was then cleared to start by the Club's veterinary officer. **Loverboy Charlie** commenced to hang out from the 600m to the home turn and had to be steadied after being awkwardly placed on the heels of *Akasaki* near the 500m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

What Could Be – underwent a veterinary examination after the horse's arrival on course was delayed and was cleared to start. When questioned, K McEvoy explained that he had been asked by the trainer to ensure that the horse began well. He said that in the early stages, in a race that lacked any genuine tempo, **What Could Be**, after beginning on terms, was able to take up the lead without being pressured to do so. He said that although it was the intention to have **What Could Be** travel in a midfield position, the circumstances outlined ultimately resulted in the horse leading today.

Star Shaft – underwent a veterinary examination after the horse's arrival on course was delayed and was cleared to start. **Star Shaft**, after being slow to begin, raced in restricted room after the start and then near the 900m, was steadied when *Akasaki* shifted out. Over the final 50m, *Akasaki* (App B McDougall) commenced to shift in resulting in **Star Shaft** being steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Akasaki*, which continued to shift in when not sufficiently clear. Whilst acknowledging that App McDougall stopped riding and straightened his mount approaching the 30m, he was nonetheless reprimanded and advised he should have reacted sooner than he did on this occasion.

Invincible Quest – commenced to buck soon after the start and took no competitive part in the race. Trainer Mr B Partelle was advised that **Invincible Quest** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Akasaki – raced greenly in the straight and shifted ground on a number of occasions.

RACE 5 – TAB Rewards Handicap 1600m

Mull Over – began awkwardly (2L). When questioned, D McDonogh said that in the early and middle stages, **Mull Over** made an abnormal respiratory noise and on a number of occasions, got its head up and proved very difficult to settle. He said that leaving the 800m, **Mull Over** then got its head on the side and raced intractably for some distance thereafter. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Mull Over** to have a slow recovery. Trainer A Cummings was advised that before **Mull Over** is permitted to race again, a veterinary clearance, including an endoscopic examination, must be provided prior to **Mull Over** barrier trialling to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

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

Stella Victoria – near the 1200m, got its head up on a number of occasions when proving difficult to settle when endeavouring to obtain a position with cover.

Midnight Delight – when questioned, K McEvoy said that his mount travelled satisfactorily until approaching the home turn. He said that from the 300m, **Midnight Delight**, when racing between *Queen Of Heights* and *Allez Bien*, commenced to give ground and weakened noticeably from the 200m. He said he was unable to provide any tangible explanation for the horse's performance other than the horse may be better suited on a more forgiving surface. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Midnight Delight** to have a slow recovery. Trainer Mr C Waller said that **Midnight Delight** would be better suited down in grade and undertook to report back on the post race condition and future plans of **Midnight Delight** in the days subsequent.

RACE 6 – Ranvet Handicap 2400m

Meteorologist – slow to begin. Near the 200m, **Meteorologist**, which was commencing to close the race off well, was disappointed when attempting a narrow run to the inside of *My Friend Charlie*, which, when tiring, rolled in.

Lucky Legend – raced wide until nearing the 1600m, whereby it was permitted to stride forward and travel prominently.

The Gavel – from its outside barrier, was shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Colesberg – when being steadied near the 1800m, got its head up, proved difficult to settle and shifted out approaching the 1600m, during which time *Napoleon* improved to the inside of the heels of **Colesberg**. When **Colesberg** shifted back in, *Napoleon* had to be steadied. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Go Benny – near the 1400m, became awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Equipped* and was eased.

Equipped – when questioned, C Brown explained that the horse, which he was riding for the first time, worked strongly during its preliminary. He said he had been asked to ride the gelding prominently, however, in the early stages, when the tempo was good, he was reluctant to make use of **Equipped** having regard to the manner in which had it had performed whilst proceeding to the barriers. He said that rather than being caught wide in the early stages, he elected, leaving the straight on the first occasion, to steady and shift into a position behind *Napoleon*.

Mazaz – D McDonogh was reprimanded for permitting his mount to shift out near the 150m when not clear of *Go Benny* causing that horse to be hampered. **Mazaz** had difficulty obtaining clear running until after the 300m.

My Friend Charlie – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Itsa Fait Accompli – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Itsa Fait Accompli** to have a slow recovery.

RACE 7 – ATC Owner Benefit Card Handicap 1400m

Kopi Luwak – was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 3.45pm after the horse which was fractious in the float en route to the course, reared, struck its head and had blood present in both nostrils. As the veterinarian was satisfied that the blood in both nostrils was as a result of external trauma, no action was taken other than to advise trainer Mr D Williams that a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to the horse racing again.

So You Win – slow to begin.

Gracious Grey – slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. The Stewards deemed the performance of **Gracious Grey** to be unacceptable and advised trainer Mr J O'Shea that the horse must perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial before being permitted to race again. Mr O'Shea advised that **Gracious Grey** would undergo a veterinary examination including an endoscopic examination on return to the stable to which he would report the results in the days subsequent.

Danzie – slow to begin and raced wide and without cover throughout.

Victime De L'Armour – when questioned, App L Maggorian said that his mount, despite his efforts, showed no interest and was uncompetitive throughout the event. App Maggorian was fined the sum of \$200 for the use of the whip when out of contention. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Victime De L'Armour** to be lame (2/5) in the off fore leg. Trainer T Martin was advised a veterinary clearance was required prior to **Victim De L'Armour** racing again.

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

Onslaught – raced wide without cover until nearing the 600m.

Budderoo Knight – after shifting in when barely clear near the 900m, was steadied by its rider to obtain a position with cover behind *All In The Reflexs*. As a result, *Tip Top*, which was following, had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Budderoo Knight**. **Budderoo Knight** then, for some distance after the 800m, got its head up and was awkwardly placed on the heels of *All In The Reflexs* which again resulted in *Tip Top* being inconvenienced. W Costin was cautioned against the practice of reducing the tempo whereby it makes it difficult for riders following to react to the change of pace. **Budderoo Knight** was steadied when disappointed for running to the inside of *Danzie* approaching the 250m and was then shifted out.

Chapelco – when questioned, B Avdulla stated that he had concerns in respect of the horse's action and for this reason, over the final 200m, he desisted from riding and retired the gelding from the race. The Stewards deemed the performance of **Chapelco** to be unacceptable and advised stable representative Ms H Devlin that the horse must perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial before being permitted to race again.

Tip Top – when questioned, App B McDougall explained that approaching the 600m, he considered shifting to race three wide with cover behind *Onslaught*. He said, however, that when he proceeded to do so, he noticed that *Hand From Above* was racing directly to his outside and approximately a length behind him. He said as he felt he was unable to safely execute this manoeuvre, he remained racing to the inside of *Onslaught*, which resulted in *Hand From Above* being able to improve around him approaching the home turn. He said this further resulted in his mount being unable to secure clear running until the 300m, whereby he was able to improve between *Onslaught* and *Hand From Above*. He added, however, that *Onslaught* commenced to shift out slightly approaching the 100m which caused some inconvenience to his mount, which had not fully established running to that horse's outside.

All In The Reflexs – a post race veterinary examination revealed **All In The Reflexs** to be slow to recover.

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):

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| Race 1 | C Brown (Royal Witness) | 6 strikes |
| Race 1 | T Angland (Hiemal) | 7 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: Pindus (2), Vega One.

Race 2: Salvador, Tangmere, Schoolmates.

Race 3: My Zebrinka (2), Prahaar.

Race 4: Loverboy Charlie, Moccasin Miss, Akasaki.

Race 5: Allez Bien, Queen Of Heights, Sensacova, Mull Over, Midnight Delight, Stella Victoria.

Race 6: The Gavel, Meteorologist, Rock On Ivy, Equipped (2), Lucky Legend.

Race 7: Victime De L'Amour, All In The Reflexs, Tip Top.

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | Race 7: App L Maggorian (Victime De L'Armour) – \$200 – use of whip when out of contention [AR137(4)(c)]. |
| Reprimands: | Race 1: K McEvoy (Zousain) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. Race 1: T Angland (Hiemal) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. Race 3: Trainer L Bridge – improper conduct [AR175AA] Race 4: App B McDougall (Akasaki) - careless riding [AR137(a)]. Race 6: D McDonogh (Mazaz) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. |
| Suspensions: | Canterbury (2.2.18): B Shinn (Ruthless Agent) – 11.2.18 to 22.2.18 – careless riding [AR137(a)]. |
| Bleeders: | Nil |
| Warnings: | Nil |
| Trials: | Race 3: Prahaar (trainer D Pfeiffer) – shifted abruptly at the 50m. Race 4: Invincible Quest (trainer B Partelle) – bucked after the start. Race 5: Mull Over (trainer A Cummings) – difficult to settle. Race 7: Gracious Grey (trainer J O'Shea) – poor performance. Race 7: Chapelco (trainer J Pride) – poor performance. |
| Certificates: | Race 5: Mull Over (trainer A Cummings) – including scope, respiratory noises. Race 7: Kopi Luwak (trainer D Williams) – struck head in float. Race 7: Victime De L'Armour (trainer T Martin) – lame in the off fore leg. Race 7: Gracious Grey (trainer J O'Shea) – including scope. |
| Fall/Injuries: | Race 3: J Collett (Prahaar) – dislodged near the 50m. |
| Change of Tactics: | Race 3: Selective – if begins well to be ridden more forward; led. |
| Change of Colours: | Nil |
| Change of Gear | Nil |
| Follow up: | Race 3: My Wiseman (trainer L Bridge) – post race condition. Race 5: Midnight Delight (trainer C Waller) – poor performance. |