

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 7 March 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (5)
Rail: +5m 1000m-W/Post; +3m Remainder
Penetrometer: 5.09

STEWARDS: P C Dingwall (Chairman), T J Vassallo, D M Greer, D L Carr and cadets C K McIntosh and T J Lee.

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Supplementary Reports:

ROYAL RANDWICK: Saturday, 3 March 2018

RACE 3: Schweppes Skyline Stakes (Group 2) 1200m

Irish Best – trainer Mr J O'Shea expressed satisfaction with the manner in which the horse had returned to the stables, however it was his intention, given the below expectations performance, to trial **Irish Best** prior to it racing again.

WYONG: Saturday, 3 March 2018

Race 8 – Polytrack Provincial Championships Qualifier (1350m)

Echo Effect – trainer Ms K Buchanan reported that the gelding had undergone a veterinary examination in the days subsequent to the event which did not reveal any abnormalities. She advised that bearing in mind the gelding's racing manners, particularly in the middle stages of the event, it was now her intention to add ear muffs and a Norton bit to **Echo Effect's** approved gear for its future starts. She was told that a warning would be placed on **Echo Effect's** record relative to its overall performance and racing manners. The veterinary certificate has since been received.

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As App Z Spain was unable to claim his full allowance, the Stewards permitted the following rider substitutions:

Race 4	Raptor – App M Weir
Race 8	Elouera – App B McDougall

App Spain was reprimanded under LR70.

RACE 1 – Ranvet Farewells TD Handicap 1100m

Momentum Factor – which had its head turned to the nearside as the start was effected, was then slow to begin. Approaching and rounding the home turn, was held up and on straightening, shifted out and bumped *Global Impact*. **Momentum Factor** shortly after was then disappointed for running to the outside of *Lilith*, which shifted out and had to be directed to the inside of that filly's heels to improve. Approaching the 100m, **Momentum Factor**, which was closing the race off well, was steadied after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Roosevelt*.

Glamour Cruise – after being slow away, then had to be eased away from the heels of *Cyclonite*, which, after being bumped on the hindquarters by *Schnapps*, then shifted in. Then, despite being ridden along, **Glamour Cruise** failed to muster speed. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, T Clark said that due to the circumstances at the start, his mount was not suited travelling in behind runners. He said that **Glamour Cruise**, in his view, is better suited when able to

race in a forward position. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Glamour Cruise** to have a slow recovery.

I'm So Sweet – began awkwardly. A post race veterinary examination revealed **I'm So Sweet** to have a slow recovery.

Knievel – from its wide barrier was shifted in across behind runners shortly after the start. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Knievel** to have lost its near fore plate.

Military Zone – from its wide barrier, was steadied and shifted in across behind runners and in the early and middle stages, proved difficult to settle and got its head up on a number of occasions. In the early part of the straight, **Military Zone**, when placed under pressure, was inclined to lay in and then near the 100m, became awkwardly placed on the heels of *I'm So Sweet* and was steadied.

Cyclonite – near the 800m, blundered and then was unbalanced for a short distance thereafter.

Roosevelt – near the 600m, was steadied to avoid the heels of *Schnapps*, which shifted in. *First Time Lucky*, which was following, was steadied as a consequence. *Knievel*, which was also following, shifted out away from the heels of *First Time Lucky* and caused some inconvenience to *Military Zone*. *Military Zone* was then left racing wide and without cover from the 600m.

First Time Lucky – rounding the home turn, shifted out away from *I'm So Sweet* and in doing so, carried *Knievel* and *Military Zone* wider.

Lilith – when questioned, J Collett said that he had been asked to ride the horse in a prominent position if possible. He said, however, that his mount did not show sufficient speed despite his efforts and raced further back than intended. He was of the view that **Lilith** was not entirely comfortable on today's soft track conditions and believed this was the principal reason for the horse being unable to be ridden as per the stable's intentions in the early stages.

RACE 2 – Casino Prince@Vinery Handicap 1200m

Workdrinks – which was fractious in the barriers, was slow to begin (2L). When questioned, H Bowman said that his mount travelled well until approaching the home turn, however after being crowded for room for some distance near the 200m and becoming unbalanced, his mount was then reluctant then to finish the race off.

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

Boorooj – after the 900m, was steadied to avoid the heels of *Limbo Soul* (A Hyeronimus) which shifted in when not clear. A Hyeronimus was advised to exercise more care.

Limbo Soul – approaching the 250m, commenced to hang in significantly, initially bumping *Legadema* and then causing that horse to be crowded for some distance between **Limbo Soul** and *Workdrinks*. During this time, near the 200m, *Legadema* made heavy contact with the hindquarter of *Workdrinks* causing both horses to become badly unbalanced. **Limbo Soul** then continued to shift ground slightly whilst hanging in resulting in *Legadema*, near the 150m, being steadied to avoid that runner's heels. **Limbo Soul** continued to lay in for the remainder of the race. Rider A Hyeronimus was advised that whilst the Stewards appreciate that **Limbo Soul** had proven difficult to ride, he must do his utmost to ensure that he provides his fellow riders with sufficient racing room and that he would be expected to make more effort than he did on this occasion. A warning was placed on the racing manners of **Limbo Soul**.

Legadema – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Legadema** to be slow to recover.

RACE 3 – TAB Handicap 1600m

Roc Sands – began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with *Expiredtime*. In this incident, **Roc Sands** lost ground. After the 800m, **Roc Sands** commenced to race ungenerously and shifted out resulting in *Arms Race* being carried out and steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Semper Fidelis*. Near the 600m, **Roc Sands**, which was continuing to race ungenerously when placed under pressure, was steadied and tightened for room between *Semper Fidelis* and *Expiredtime*, both of which shifted ground slightly.

Semper Fidelis – shortly after the start was bumped by *Mandyllion*, which was bumped and taken in by *Lutreola*. Near the 1200m, **Semper Fidelis** shifted in and bumped *Madame Markievicz*, which became unbalanced. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Semper Fidelis**, K McEvoy explained that his mount travelled satisfactorily in a midfield position but lost touch with the field when the pace quickened after the 800m and came under pressure. He said that he was reluctant to ride his mount along at this point, bearing in mind the proximity of the race. He therefore elected to resist putting his mount under pressure until at least the 600m before commencing his run. He said he vigorously rode **Semper Fidelis** along from this point, however it failed to respond and was only one paced in the run to the line. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth advised that the filly may benefit from being stepped up in distance whereby it will have an opportunity to travel in races that are run at a more even tempo throughout.

Golden Lily – from its wide barrier, was steadied and shifted in across behind runners shortly after the start. **Golden Lily**, in the middle stages, raced keenly. After the 700m, **Golden Lily** was left racing wide and without cover.

Lutreola – travelled wide and without cover until near the 800m. Rounding the home turn, **Lutreola** was steadied to avoid the heels of *Smiling Manolito*, which shifted out when not properly clear.

Neruda – rider J Parr dropped its whip approaching the home turn.

Smiling Manolito – when under pressure in the straight, commenced to lay in and proved difficult to ride resulting in its rider changing the whip over to his right hand passing the 200m. **Smiling Manolito** continued to hang in resulting in its rider, H Bowman, dropping his offside rein until the end of the race. H Bowman continued to have difficulty in riding his mount out in his normal manner.

RACE 4 – Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap 1600m

Raptor – after being slow to begin was steadied when crowded by *Vain Elaine*, which shifted out. **Raptor** raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages. During this time, it proved very difficult to settle. **Raptor** then became unbalanced near the 1000m. **Raptor**, while continuing to race keenly, had to be restrained off the heels of *Balius* for some distance thereafter.

Danzie – shortly after the start was bumped by *Turnberry*. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Danzie**, J Collett said that after obtaining a position outside the leader, his mount relaxed and travelled satisfactorily. He said that **Danzie** was inclined to lay out approaching and rounding the home turn and when placed under pressure at the 200m, did not respond and weakened noticeably over the latter stages. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Stable representative Mr J Bruce advised that **Danzie** will now be spelled. Acting on this assurance, no action was taken.

Turnberry – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Who Is Game – when questioned regarding the improved performance of **Who Is Game**, trainer Mr M Byers advised that the mare was suited today by stepping up to a more suitable distance of 1600m. He said at its most recent start at Coffs Harbour on 25 February 2018, the horse, over a sprint distance, travelled well back in the field from its wide barrier and finished the race off satisfactorily. He said that the only tangible explanation he could provide today is that **Who Is Game**, racing in a benchmark 78 whereby the mare gained some weight relief over its preferred distance.

Lani Girl – when questioned, T Clark explained that approaching the 250m, when *Danzie* was not quickening, he elected to shift to the outside of that horse rather than pursuing a run to its inside as he believed that the going was superior wider on the track and that *Danzie* may roll in. He said that during the relevant time when he was shifting out, he was briefly unable to fully test his mount when altering course. The Stewards were comfortably satisfied that T Clark's riding at this point had no material effect on its finishing position.

Cervinia – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Cervinia** to be coughing. Trainer Mr D Lane was advised a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination, will be required prior to **Cervinia** racing again.

RACE 5 – Australian Turf Club Handicap 1000m

Postmaster General – began very awkwardly, got its head up and lost ground (3L).

Goldfinch – slow to begin. App D Panya was unable to provide any tangible explanation for the filly's poor performance today. She said that after taking up a leading position, her mount came under pressure early in the straight and weakened noticeably over the latter stages. App B Panya said she is galloped **Goldfinch** on Saturday, 3 March 2018 and that piece of work had been pleasing and **Goldfinch** was expected to perform accordingly today. The connections advised in lieu of the poor performance, **Goldfinch** will be given a short spell. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

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

Isaurian – near the 300m, was steadied and shifted in to obtain clear running.

Sweet Surprise – rounding the home turn, carried *Our Royal Egyptian* and *Brook Magic* wider.

Brook Magic – when questioned, App B McDougall explained that when the start was effected, the filly lifted its front feet off the ground and consequently missed the start. He said that his mount travelled satisfactorily just behind the leading division with cover. He said that rounding the home turn, he shifted to the outside of *Our Royal Egyptian* where he was provided with clear and uninterrupted running. He said, however, that **Brook Magic** did not respond to his riding and was disappointing in the manner in which it failed to extend when placed under pressure. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Brook Magic** to be slow to recover.

Rebel Miss – App P Scorse was fined the sum of \$200 for failing to ride his mount out to the end of the race. In assessing this penalty, the Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that this breach had compromised his finishing position.

Our Royal Egyptian – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 6 – 1ST Adelaide Yearlings In 2018 Handicap 1400m

Elle A Walking – an inquiry was opened into a report from Mr N Heywood, Racing NSW's Chief Investigative Officer, that an inspection today of **Elle A Walking** revealed a discrete swelling to the nearside jugular vein. Trainer Mr G Brown explained that he had injected the horse on Monday at 8.30am with VAM (vitamin and mineral supplement) and that the swelling present today was due to that injection. **Elle A Walking** was examined by the Club's veterinary officer, who stated that the swelling was not inconsistent with the evidence provided by Mr Brown and she passed the gelding suitable to race. Mr Brown pleaded guilty to a charge under AR178F in that he failed to record in his stable treatment records the treatment administered to **Elle A Walking** on Monday, 5 March 2018. Mr Brown was fined the sum of \$400. Rounding the home turn, **Elle A Walking** shifted out resulting in *Dalmatia Prince* being carried wider and becoming unbalanced.

Vaniloquio – which had its head turned to the nearside as the start was effected, then began awkwardly. **Vaniloquio** then travelled wide and without cover throughout the race. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Bank On Henry – slow to begin.

Ataraxia – was slow to begin and then shifted in across behind runners shortly after the start. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Ataraxia** to be lame (1/5) in the near hind leg due to a substantial abrasion to the bumper. Trainer Mr J Cummings was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Ataraxia** racing again.

Drochaid – when questioned, App J Van Overmeire explained that he had been instructed to have his mount, which was having its first race start in Australia today, ridden conservatively from its wide barrier and that he was also advised to ensure the horse had comfortable racing room before placing it under pressure. He said after settling in a rearward position, he commenced, prior to the 500m, to trail *Bank On Henry* and take inside runs in an endeavour to save ground thereafter. He said that he was unable to secure clear running until approaching the 400m and as he was attempting to ride the horse as conservatively as he could, given that it had not raced for a considerable time, he did not place **Drochaid** under full pressure until the 250m. He added that **Drochaid** closed the race off well, although he believed the horse's finishing effort had peaked 30m before the line. Mr J Cummings confirmed the instructions issued and expressed general satisfaction with App Van Overmeire's overall ride. App J Overmeire was advised that his riding between the 500m until early in the straight had come under notice and that in the circumstances of today's race, he should have been more vigorous at the relevant stages and he was advised to ensure that he rides his mount in such a manner that it is not open to query.

Magic Dallas – raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages and near the 900m had to be steadied for some distance off the heels of *Dalmatia Prince*. Mr J Coyle advised that **Magic Dallas** will now be retired.

Star Of Monsoon – and *Tip Top*, over the concluding stages, raced tight.

Careless – the gelding having returned with blood present in both nostrils, trainer Mr M Newnham was advised that **Careless** would now incur the mandatory 3 month ban from racing. Mr Newnham advised that **Careless** would now be retired.

Groundbreak – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 7 – #Theaces Handicap 1200m

Lieutenant Dan – trainer Mr D Pfeiffer was fined the sum of \$200 for the late declaration of T Clark as the rider of **Lieutenant Dan**. In assessing this penalty, the Stewards were mindful that the rider declaration was not until 7.28am this morning. As the start was effected, **Lieutenant Dan**, which was restless and in the care of an attendant, dwelt and lost ground (3L).

Bravissimo – began awkwardly. **Bravissimo** commenced to race keenly for some distance approaching and passing the 800m and proved difficult to settle. App B McDougall was reprimanded for permitting his mount to shift out for a short distance near the 50m resulting in *Groundbreak* being steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of that runner. App McDougall was advised that in similar circumstances he must stop riding and correct his mount when not clear of other runners. App B McDougall was spoken to regarding raising his whip above shoulder height. App McDougall was reprimanded.

Centro Superior – for some distance approaching the 100m, **Centro Superior**, which was closing the race off strongly, became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Groundbreak* and was held up until after the 50m when it was able to shift to the outside of *Crafty Tycoon* to obtain clear running.

RACE 8 – Tab.com.au.Handicap 1300m

Magicaz – began awkwardly, shifted in and hampered *Lady Sansa*. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, H Bowman said that after being slow to begin, in order to obtain cover, he drifted towards the rear of the field. He said that although this was contrary to the horse's established racing pattern, he was nonetheless confident that **Magicaz** could close the race off strongly having regard to the manner it was travelling prior to the home turn. He said, however, when he shifted to the outside of the field in the straight, **Magicaz** failed to let down and in his view, was not suited by the Soft (5) track conditions. A post race veterinary examination revealed a poor post race recovery. Trainer Mr D Pfeiffer was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Magicaz** racing again.

Dancers – from its wide barrier, shifted in and across behind runners shortly after the start.

Chatuchak – from its wide barrier, shifted in and across behind runners shortly after the start. **Chatuchak** then raced wide and without cover throughout.

Melberra Star – shortly after the start was restrained when tightened for room between *All In the Reflexs* and *Improvise*. For a short distance after the 1100m, **Melberra Star** raced tight in the inside of *Improvise*, which in turn was racing tight inside *Missile Coda*. Approaching the 1100m, *Improvise* was then steadied when tightened for room between *All In the Reflexs* and *Missile Coda*, both of which shifted ground slightly. As the Stewards were not of the view there was any rider error exhibited, no action was taken. **Melberra Star**, approaching the 800m, raced keenly.

Missile Coda – slow to begin. **Missile Coda** raced wide and without cover throughout.

Antelope – near the 800m, was briefly crowded when *Sexy Eyes* rolled in momentarily.

All In The Reflexs – raced keenly approaching and passing the 800m when racing close to the heels of *Lady Sansa*. Near the 700m, **All In the Reflexs** then shifted out inconveniencing *Improvise*, which lost some ground.

Elouera – approaching the 600m, *Improvise* shifted in away from *Dancers* resulting in *Melberra Star* being taken in and crowding **Elouera**, which got its head up and had to be checked when tightened for room between that horse and *Antelope*. *Improvise* had some difficulty obtaining clear running until the 200m whereby it shifted abruptly to the outside of *Chatuchak* and made contact with *Dancers* on two occasions.

Sexy Eyes – on straightening, was steadied when disappointed for running between *Lady Sansa* and *Art Of Dance* when *Lady Sansa* rolled in. When placed under pressure approaching the 50m, **Sexy Eyes** shifted out abruptly resulting in its rider having to straighten his mount.

Art Of Dance - B Avdulla (*Antelope*) was reprimanded for permitting his mount to shift out near the 50m causing **Art Of Dance** to be hampered when crowded. In this incident, **Art Of Dance** made contact with *Elouera*, which also became unbalanced when closing the race off fairly.

Elouera – approaching the winning post, shifted out and although the Stewards were of the view that *Melberra Star* had sufficient racing room, the horse overreacted to the initial shift and was steadied.

Lady Sansa – when questioned, A Adkins explained that from his wide barrier, he had been asked to ride the horse with cover, if possible. He said, however, that *Lady Sansa* began far better than he had expected and when *Missile Coda* did not show early speed and was ridden just behind the leader, he elected in the circumstances to allow his mount to travel in a forward position. He said that although the mare travelled satisfactorily, it failed to run on and would be better suited when able to be ridden more conservatively. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

GENERAL:

Summary of whip use

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

Race 4	T Angland (Who Is Game)	6 strikes
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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: Cyclonite, Lilith (2).

Race 2: Boorooj, Limbo Soul.

Race 3: Smiling Manolito, Mandy Lion, Madame Markievicz, Arms Race, Just Gorgeous.

Race 4: Danzie (2), Cervinia, Balius, Raptor, Turnberry.

Race 5: Rebel Miss, Isaurian, I'm Imogen.

Race 6: Tip Top, Bank Of Henry, Star Of Monsoon, Elle A Walking.

Race 7: Groundbreak, Lieutenant Dan, Bravissimo.

Race 8: Missile Coda, Irithea.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 5: App P Scorse (Rebel Miss) – \$200 – fail to ride out to the finish line [AR137(b)]. Race 6: Trainer G Brown (Elle A Walking) – \$400 – fail to maintain treatment records [AR178F]. Race 7: trainer D Pfeiffer (Lieutenant Dan) – \$200 [LR35(2)].
Reprimands:	General: App Z Spain – overweight [LR70]. Race 2: A Hyeronimus (Limbo Soul) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. Race 7: App B McDougall (Bravissimo) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. Race 7: App B McDougall (Bravissimo) – whip use [AR137A(4(b))].
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Race 6: Careless (trainer M Newnham) – both nostrils, 3 month ban.
Warnings:	Race 2: Limbo Soul (trainer T Martin) – hanging in.
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 4: Cervinia (trainer D Lane) – including scope (coughing). Race 6: Ataraxia (trainer J Cummings) – lame near hind leg. Race 8: Magicaz (trainer D Pfeiffer) – poor post race recovery.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 3: Smiling Manolito – to be ridden quieter; settled midfield.
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Nil