

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club CANTERBURY RACECOURSE

Friday, 9 February 2018

Weather: Showers
Track: Good (4); upgraded to Good (3) at 6.25pm following Race 1 and downgraded to Good (4) at 7.28pm following Race 3 and rain prior to this race.
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 4.93

STEWARDS: T J Vassallo (Chairman), M F Van Gestel, P C Dingwall, R W Livingstone and cadets C K McIntosh, R T Debels, T J Lee and R W Loughlin.

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LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As J Collett was indisposed due to injury after falling at Randwick on Wednesday, 7 February 2018, the Stewards permitted the following rider substitutions:

Race 2	Madame Markievicz – C Brown
Race 5	Goldmine – K McEvoy
Race 8	Crafty Tycoon – T Angland

As App B McDougall was unable to fulfil his engagement due to transport difficulties, the Stewards permitted the following rider substitution:

Race 5	Balmain Boy – App L Magorrian (only able to claim half a kilo of his allowance)
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RACE 1 – TAB Handicap 1550m

High Low Bet – got its head up when inclined to race keenly in the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination revealed **High Low Bet** to have lost its near fore plate.

Moss Trip – passing the home turn, was held up and passing the 250m, had to be steadied when disappointed for a run between *Jolly Honour* and *Rockin' Ruga*, which laid out. **Moss Trip** was then held up and was unable to obtain completely clear running until near the 150m.

Jolly Honour – when questioned, rider K McEvoy stated that approaching and rounding the home turn, he was positioned outside the leader and whilst he was endeavouring to maintain a straight course, his mount commenced to roll out slightly which ultimately allowed *Moss Trip*, which he did not observe improving to his inside, being able to secure clear running between his mount and *Rockin' Ruga*, near the 200m.

Rockin' Ruga – a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (5/5) in the off fore leg. Stable representative Mr N Paine was advised that a veterinary certificate would be required prior to the horse barrier trialling to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

RACE 2 – Tab.com.au Handicap 1250m

Southern Lad – after being slightly slow to begin was then bumped by *Trestrail*, which shifted out slightly.

Madam Markievicz – shortly after the start, was steadied and shifted in behind runners to obtain cover. When questioned, C Brown stated that he was under no specific instructions as to where to

have the filly, which was having its first race start, settle. He added that after beginning particularly well, and when he observed runners drawn to his inside showing intent to improve, he elected to restrain his mount in an attempt to obtain cover. He further added that in the middle stages, he was caught wide outside *Southern Lad* and near the 700m, he again had to restrain in order to obtain cover behind *Southern Lad*, which ultimately resulted in him being placed at the rear of the field. He added that when the tempo of the race quickened from the 500m, his mount was left flat footed and despite his urgings, became somewhat detached from the field. He said that his mount, when placed under full pressure in the straight, worked to the line well.

Longmu – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Hemingways – hung out approaching and rounding the home turn. Near the 200m, the whip occupied by rider T Clark almost became dislodged from his grasp when struck by the whip of the rider of *Venture Capital*, J Ford.

Southern Lad – rounding the home turn was carried wider on the track by *Trestrail* after it was carried out by *Longmu*, which in turn shifted out from the heels of *Hemingways* to improve.

Venture Capital – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 3 – Wests Tigers Membership Handicap 1900m

Deladies Boy – slow to begin.

Huangshan – shortly after the start, was tightened for room by *Nathula* and *Californiafirebird*, both of which shifted ground.

Campaign – near the 1800m, **Campaign** became unbalanced when *Californiafirebird* (D McDonogh) shifted in and made heavy contact with that runner. D McDonogh was reprimanded and advised he must be mindful of the degree of his shift when shifting ground in future. Over the concluding stages, **Campaign** had to be steadied when tightened between *Nathula* (G Schofield), which shifted in marginally, and *Deladies Boy* (A Layt) which shifted out when not clear. G Schofield was advised to exercise more care, however A Layt was issued with a reprimand.

Californiafirebird – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the colt, D McDonogh stated that his mount travelled too keenly throughout and as a consequence, it was left without a finishing effort and gave ground noticeably from the 400m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden concurred with the views of rider D McDonogh and advised that the colt will now be spelled.

Follow On – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 4 – Wests Tigers #Onthebus Handicap 1550m

Sculptures – underwent a veterinary examination after arriving on course when it aggravated an old abrasion to its offside hip whilst being transported to the course and was found suitable to race. **Sculptures**, for some distance near the 1400m, had to be steadied when crowded for room between *Kasharn* and *Bon Equus*, which laid out despite the efforts of its rider. **Sculptures**, rounding the home turn, was bumped on the hindquarter by *Aquatic* and became slightly unbalanced.

Aquatic – was slow to begin and raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages. Near the 900m, **Aquatic** had to be steadied away from the heels of *Sculptures*.

Kasharn – raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages. Approaching the winning post, **Kasharn** was unable to be fully ridden out when placed in restricted room between *Zardabba* and *Sculptures*, which shifted in slightly.

RACE 5 – Lindsay Murphy 40th Anniversary Handicap 1900m

Balmain Boy – began awkwardly. **Balmain Boy** raced keenly in the middle stages.

Domed – when caught wide in the early stages, had to be steadied in an endeavour to obtain cover whereby it ultimately settled at the rear of the field.

Prodigy – near the 1400m, had to be steadied and shifted out away from the heels of *Presscott*. **Prodigy**, approaching the 150m, had to be steadied when crowded between *Presscott* and *Hurricane Harbour*, which was taken in by *Domed* (App R King) which shifted in when not clear. App King was reprimanded.

Goldmine – after being disappointed for a run between *Presscott* and *Prodigy* near the 250m, then had to be shifted out across the heels of *Hurricane Harbour*, passing the 200m, to obtain clear running.

Presscott – K O'Hara (*Vain Elaine*) was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that approaching the 150m, she permitted her mount to shift out when riding it along when insufficiently clear of **Presscott**, which had to be steadied when crowded between her mount and *Prodigy*. After considering the submissions from K O'Hara, the Stewards issued a reprimand. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Hurricane Harbour – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 6 – Schweppes Evening Star 1550m

Estikraaj – began awkwardly. App L Maggorian, placed fifth by a nose, was fined the sum of \$500 for failing to ride his mount out to the finish line.

Takewing – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Multifacets – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, D McDonogh stated that his mount travelled well behind the leaders, however when placed under pressure near the 400m, failed to respond to his riding and weakened over the final 100m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Pianissimo – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Pianissimo** to be lame (4/5) in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr R Litt advised that **Pianissimo** would now be spelled. Mr Litt will be advised that a veterinary clearance will be required prior to **Pianissimo** racing again.

RACE 7 – Electrical Trades Union Handicap 1100m

Choice Larga – was bumped on jumping by *Soothing*, which shifted in.

Lightz – shortly after the start was steadied and shifted in behind runners.

Rose Of Man – got its head up when being restrained in an endeavour to obtain cover in the early stages. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the mare, rider T Angland stated that after beginning well, when he observed runners improving to his inside, rather than being caught wide, he elected to restrain his mount in an endeavour to find cover and ultimately settle further back than he had hoped. He added that his mount travelled well thereafter, however when asked to improve into the race on straightening, his mount failed to respond to his riding and was very disappointing in the run to the line. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr T Robinson was at a loss to explain the poor performance of the mare, adding that the horse had worked well leading into today's event and in his opinion, races better fresh. Mr Robinson undertook to report back on the progress of the mare in the days subsequent before the Stewards would consider the mare's immediate racing future.

Geneteau – when questioned regarding the performance of the mare, App J Van Overmeire stated that after being able to obtain an easy lead, his mount travelled on the wrong leg and as a consequence, hung out throughout. He added that his mount continued to hang out approaching and rounding the home turn which enabled the eventual winner, *Bold Chance*, to improve to his immediate inside. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 8 – E-Group Security Handicap 1250m

Leami Astray – the Stewards deferred the declaration of correct weight as they were of the prima facie view that *Great Choice*, the fifth placegetter, had caused sufficient interference to sixth placegetter **Leami Astray** near the 150m, which over the concluding stages to cast doubt on whether *Great Choice* should be declared the fifth placegetter. Having regard to the circumstances of the incident, Mr M Van Gestel, Chairman of Stewards, exercised his discretion under AR164 and lodged a formal objection on behalf of the connections of the sixth placegetter **Leami Astray** against *Great Choice* on the grounds of alleged interference near the 150m. After taking evidence from all relevant parties, the Stewards found that near the 150m, **Leami Astray** established running to the inside of *Great Choice* (K O'Hara), which then shifted in when not clear resulting in **Leami Astray** being steadied and losing its rightful running. Bearing in mind the half neck margin, as the Stewards were satisfied that had the interference not occurred, that **Leami Astray** would have finished ahead of *Great Choice*, the objection was upheld and the placings were amended to read:

1st *Renewal*
2nd *Our Mantra*
3rd *Crafty Tycoon*
4th *Arigold*
5th *Leami Astray*
6th *Great Choice*

At a subsequent inquiry, K O'Hara pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) for permitting her mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Leami Astray** resulting in that horse having to be steadied and losing the running to which it was entitled. K O'Hara's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Thursday, 15 February 2018 and to expire on Friday, 23 February 2108 on which day she may ride. J Ford (**Leami Astray**) was reprimanded under AR165(1) for failing to lodge an objection.

Renewal – slow to begin.

Vega – shortly after the start, was steadied and shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

Crafty Tycoon – shortly after the start, was steadied and shifted in behind runners to obtain cover. **Crafty Tycoon** was held up rounding the home turn passing the 300m and had to be steadied away from the heels of *Leami Astray*. **Crafty Tycoon** then had to shift to the outside of the heels of *Renewal* to establish clear running.

Reward For Fashion – when questioned, A Hyeronimus advised that when he was not able to lead and dictate terms, as the mare has done previously, it raced somewhat keenly. He added that **Reward For Fashion** never travelled comfortably throughout the middle stages and after receiving some contact on straightening failed to finish its race off and was most disappointing. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr T Martin will be advised that **Reward For Fashion** will be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again. An inquiry into the interference suffered to **Reward For Fashion** near the 250m was adjourned to tomorrow at the Warwick Farm race meeting.

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

Race 1: High Low Bet, Jolly Honour.

Race 2: Hemingways, Longmu.

Race 3: Nathula (2), Let It Roll, Deladies Boy, Huangshan.
 Race 4: Zardabba, Galiano, Sculptures.
 Race 5: Balmain Boy, Sea Sharp, Domed (2), Goldmine.
 Race 6: Nat King Cu (2), Takewing.
 Race 7: Rose Of Man, Walk Right In, Bold Chance, Soothing (2).
 Race 8: Great Choice, Vega, Our Mantra.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 6: App L Maggorian (Estikraaj) – \$500 – failing to ride his mount out to the finish line [AR137(b)].
Reprimands:	Race 3: A Layt (Deladies Boy) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. Race 3: D McDonogh (Californiafirebird) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. Race 5: App R King (Domed) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. Race 5: K O'Hara (Vain Elaine) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. Race 8: J Ford (Leami Astray) – failing to lodge an objection [AR165(1)].
Suspensions:	Race 8: K O'Hara (Great Choice) – 15.2.18 to 23.2.18 – careless riding [AR137(a)].
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 1: Rockin' Ruga (Waterhouse/Bott stable) – poor performance. Race 8: Reward For Fashion (T Martin) – poor performance.
Certificates:	Race 1: Rockin' Ruga (Waterhouse/Bott stable) – lame off fore leg. Race 6: Pianissimo (trainer R Litt) – lame off fore leg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 5: Prescott to be ridden further forward; settled off pace.
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 6: Pianissimo (trainer R Litt) – lame off fore leg. Race 8: Rose Of Man (trainer T Robinson) – poor performance.