

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Australian Turf Club WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 9 May 2018

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (4); upgraded to a Good (3) at 3.20pm following the running of Race 5.  
Rail: True  
Penetrometer: 4.88

**STEWARDS:** T J Vassallo (Chairman), M F Van Gestel, R W Livingstone, T P Moxon and cadets R T Debels and R W Loughlin

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#### Supplementary Reports:

##### **ROYAL RANDWICK: Saturday, 10 March 2018**

*The Stewards today concluded an inquiry opened relative to a report from Chief Investigator Mr N Hayward that he had detected four syringes and needles which contained a yellow substance in the float of licensed trainer Mr M Smith. Mr Smith advised that the substance in the syringes was Acepromazine, which he had used to assist with the travelling of horses home from the racecourse. He added that he had inadvertently left the products in his float on the day when travel arrangements changed at the last minute when **La Courbette**, a runner he had that day, would not load onto the transport truck.*

*Post race blood and urine samples taken from **La Courbette** did not detect any prohibited substance and analysis performed on the syringes by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirmed the syringes to contain Acepromazine.*

*Mr Smith pleaded guilty to a charge under AR178A(1)(a) and (b) of having the said products in his possession on race day. After considering all of the circumstances, including Mr Smith's clean record, the Stewards issued a fine of \$1000.*

#### RACE 1 – Casino Prince@Vinery Handicap 1300m

**Finucane Missile** – which had been restless in the barriers, was slow to begin and then was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier. Rider A Hyeronimus reported that the saddle shifted back on jumping which placed him at a disadvantage for the remainder of the race. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Il Fantastico** – began awkwardly and then was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier after the start.

**Toryjoy** – slow to begin. When caught wide in the early stages, was allowed to stride forward and take up a position outside the leader *Ballet Baby* near the 900m.

**I'm A Legend** – after being slow to begin, was crowded for room between *Monsieur Sisu*, which knuckled shortly after the start, and *Ballet Baby*, which shifted in.

**Assioma** – when questioned, rider C Brown stated that shortly after the start, his mount stumbled and lost ground. He said that as a result, he took up a trailing position behind *Ballet Baby*. He added that he felt that the filly resented the crossover nose band and in his opinion, would be better suited when it is able to lead its races. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Assioma** to be lame (1/5) near fore leg. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth was advised a veterinary clearance was required prior to the filly racing again.

**Monsieur Sisu** – near the 900m had to be eased to avoid the heels of *Toryjoy* (K McEvoy) which shifted in when not quite clear. K McEvoy was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

### **RACE 2 – Tab.com.au Plate 1200m**

**Merlinite** – after arriving on course, was inspected by the Club's official veterinarian after it had sustained a minor abrasion to its head in its box late on Tuesday, 8 May 2018 and was found suitable to race. **Merlinite** had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight and then near the 50m, was shifted out around the heels of the weakening *Aperitif* to continue into clear running.

**Polhampton** – began awkwardly and then was steadied and shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier after the start. Raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Galina** – *Colombina* and **Galina** were badly crowded on jumping between *Merlinite* and *Aperitif*, both of which shifted ground after beginning awkwardly. In the incident, *Aperitif* was bumped on the hindquarter and became unbalanced. When questioned, rider K McEvoy stated that it was his intention to settle in a position around midfield. He said that on jumping, his mount was crowded between *Merlinite* and *Colombina* and as a result, he was obliged to settle further back than intended. He said that his mount travelled well behind *Sunsuzie* throughout in a slowly run race. He added that approaching the 400m, shortly after he had commenced to place his mount under pressure, he then became awkwardly placed for a short distance inside the heels of *Mandalong One Up*, which hung in. When questioned as to whether or not there was an opportunity to commence to shift to the outside of *Mandalong One Up*, K McEvoy stated that he was aware that he had *Miss Earth* racing to his outside and that to be able to perform this manoeuvre, he would have to shift it out a number of horses. He also stated that he did not think *Mandalong One Up* was travelling well at that point. K McEvoy stated that he then endeavoured to look for runs to the inside of *Mandalong One Up* and after being briefly held up behind *Sunsuzie*, he then attempted to secure a run to its outside approaching the 200m, however was disappointed for that run when *Sunsuzie* shifted out. As a result, he said he had to steady his mount and then shifted back to its inside to obtain clear running. He said near the 100m, he raced in restricted room between both *Sunsuzie* and *Colombina* and it was not until passing the 50m that he was able to place his mount under full pressure whereby his mount ran on strongly. K McEvoy, rider of the fourth placegetter, beaten a short half head for third, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(b) in that he failed to ride his mount out to the end of the race. K McEvoy's licence to ride races was suspended for a period to commence on Thursday, 17 May 2018 and to expire on Saturday, 26 May 2018 on which day he may ride.

**Mandalong One Up** – was steadied and shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier after the start. Near the 200m, rider J Adams accidentally dropped his whip. J Adams reported that his mount was inclined to hang in throughout the race.

**Pleated Miss** – was steadied and shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier after the start.

**Miss Earth** – after beginning well, when caught wide soon after the start, was then restrained towards the rear of the field to obtain cover. A post race veterinary examination revealed a laceration to its off hind cannon.

**Voila** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Sunsuzie** – near the 1100m, when racing very keenly, had to be steadied from the heels of *Aperitif* (K O'Hara) which shifted in when not clear. K O'Hara was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

**Colombina** – raced keenly in the middle stages when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Galina* near the 700m which was steadied and shifted in to take up a position behind *Merlinite*. **Colombina** was held up approaching and rounding the home turn and was unable to establish clear running until near the 150m. Approaching the winning post, **Colombina** improved into a narrow run to the inside of *I Like It Easy* and as a result, **Colombina** was unable to be ridden out to the finish. *Admissible*, which was to **Colombina's** inside, was also awkwardly placed on **Colombina's** heels and was unable to be ridden

out fully to the end of the race. A post race veterinary examination of **Colombina** revealed no abnormalities.

**Admissible** – had difficulty obtaining clear running until nearing the 100m. Inside the 100m, was bumped by *Colombina*, which shifted in. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Admissible** had shifted its near fore and off hind plates with no other abnormalities detected.

### **RACE 3 – #Theaces Plate 1200m**

**California Laestar** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Morpheus** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**On The Top** – *Morpheus* and **On The Top** made heavy contact at the start resulting in **On The Top** being hampered and becoming unbalanced. **On The Top** was then shifted in behind runners after this.

**Burbank** – slow to begin. Approaching the 1100m, was crowded and raced in restricted room between more *Exclusive* and *California Laestar*. **Burbank**, near the 900m, was awkwardly placed for some distance to the inside of *California Laestar*. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Wagner** – when questioned, K McEvoy stated he was given no specific instructions as to how to ride the colt today. He said that after his mount began well, he allowed it to stride forward without placing it under any undue pressure and ultimately settled outside the leader *Whiteley*.

**Exclusive** – passing the 800m, was bumped and carried in by *Morpheus* (M Bell) which shifted in slightly. As a result, *Morpheus* then made contact with *Burbank* on a number of occasions. M Bell was advised to exercise more care.

**Orcein** – was inclined to lay in when placed under pressure in the straight.

**Coterie** – Over the concluding stages, **Coterie** had to be steadied when crowded to the inside of *Whiteley* (T Clark), which shifted in. T Clark was reprimanded under AR137(a).

### **RACE 4 – Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap 2400m**

**Red Dream** – was shifted in and behind runners from its wide barrier after the start.

**La Courbette** – was shifted in and behind runners from its wide barrier after the start.

**Only Tiger** – approaching and rounding the home turn, was badly held up and was unable to secure clear running until near the 200m.

**Hoof Hustler** – when questioned, rider K McEvoy stated that his mount enjoyed an easy lead throughout the race, however when placed under pressure from the 500m, failed to respond to his riding and weakened quickly from the 300m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth advised that he was at a loss to explain the performance of **Hoof Hustler** and that the horse would now undergo a thorough veterinary examination on return to the stables, the results of which he will forward to the Stewards. The Stewards adjourned the matter pending the advice from Mr Duckworth.

### **RACE 5 – Ribchester New To Darley Handicap 1600m**

**Marabel** – the Stewards acceded to a request from trainer Ms W Roche to have the mare withdrawn due to smoke haze surrounding the track as the horse had previously bleed from both nostrils. As such **Marabel** was withdrawn at 11am.

**Gresham** – began awkwardly and ran out after the start.

**Magical Stance** – was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier after the start.

**Egyptian Ruler** – was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier after the start.

**Pure Rebel** – was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier after the start.

**Lani Girl** – near the 200m, sustained an injury to its near fore leg and was eased out of the race by its rider S Pollard. **Lani Girl** was subsequently euthanised and transported to the University Teaching Hospital Camden for a necropsy. The inquiry was adjourned until such time as the results of the necropsy are forwarded to the Stewards. Co-trainer Mr L Price was asked to provide his veterinary and treatment records for the mare.

**Enlightened Boy** – when questioned, K McEvoy stated that his mount travelled well throughout behind the leader Penske, however was under pressure from the 400m and commenced to weaken shortly after the 200m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

#### **RACE 6 – TAB Rewards Handicap 1100m**

**Hammond Lane** – was slow to begin and then was shifted in behind runners after the start.

**Rockafella** – was slow to begin and then from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier.

**Realise Potential** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Phoebe's Lass** – raced wide and without cover throughout and hung in throughout. **Phoebe's Lass**, passing the 200m, had to be steadied when crowded between *Rose Of Man* and *Neapolitan*, which hung out despite the efforts of its rider. Stable representative Mr J Bruce was advised a warning would be recorded on the mare's racing manners for hanging out.

**Termele** – near the 800m, when racing keenly, had to be steadied and was taken in by *Count Dekroner*, which after being inclined to lay in, then shifted out when being corrected. Near the 500m, **Termele** was steadied when crowded to the inside of *Phoebe's Lass*, which hung in despite the efforts of its rider.

**Rose Of Man** – near the 500m, when racing tight between *Rockafella* and *Termele*, was bumped after *Termele* was taken in by *Phoebe's Lass* which hung in.

**Ever So Natural** – was held up approaching and rounding the home turn and approaching the 250m, was able to secure clear running between *Misery* and *Realise Potential*.

#### **RACE 7 – Exosphere Standing At Darley Handicap 1300m**

**Lisdoonvarna** – was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 4.21pm after the horse lunged forward in the barriers and hit its head. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on **Lisdoonvarna** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 4.21pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket.

1<sup>st</sup> *Schubert* 20 cents win, 15 cents place

2<sup>nd</sup> *Beacon* 14 cents place

3<sup>rd</sup> *Fierce Impact* 17 cents place

Co-trainer Ms A Turner was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing again.

**Dorf Star** – slow to begin.

**Fierce Impact** – was slow to begin and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. **Fierce Impact** was held up rounding the home turn and was unable to secure clear running until near the 200m.

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

**Reneged** – was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier shortly after the start. **Reneged** raced very keenly in the early and middle stages. **Reneged**, passing the 500m, had to be eased when crowded between *Beacon* and *Invicta* (App J Duggan), which shifted out when not clear. App Duggan advised to exercise more care. Over the final 75m, **Reneged** was unable to be ridden out fully to the end of the race when held up on the heel of *Carluca*.

**Schubert** – *Reneged* and **Schubert** bumped at the start, then shortly after, **Schubert** raced in restricted room when *Beacon* shifted in.

**La Chica Bella** – raced wide and without cover throughout. Approaching the 50m, **La Chica Bella**, when weakening, had to be eased away from the heels of *Chipelco* which was taken out slightly by *Reiby Rampart*.

**Tenorina** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Good Weather** – near the 150m, was steadied when crowded between *Beacon* and *Regine* (App R King) which shifted out when not clear. App R King was reprimanded under AR137(a). A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Chapelco** – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

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

Race 1: Assioma, Monsieur Sisu.

Race 2: Admissible, Miss Earth, Sunsuzie, Voila.

Race 3: Burbank, California Laestar, Whiteley.

Race 4: Bon Equus, La Courbette (2), Hoof Hustler, Art Of Defence, Griddlebone.

Race 5: Penske, Egyptian Ruler, Gresham, Niccochet (2), Balmain Boy, Lani Girl.

Race 6: Ever So Natural (2), Realise Potential, Count Dekroner, Profiler, Bella Vino, Termele, Neapolitan.

Race 7: Good Weather, Dorf Star, Invicta, Tenorino, La Chica Bella, Beacon.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Randwick (10.3.18)</b> – trainer M Smith – \$1000 [AR178A(1)(a) and (b)].
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> T Clark ( <b>Whiteley</b> ) – careless riding [AR137(a)]. <b>Race 7:</b> App R King ( <b>Good Weather</b> ) – careless riding [AR137(a)].
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 2:</b> K McEvoy ( <b>Galina</b> ) – 17.5.18 to 26.5.18 – fail to ride out to the end of the race [AR137(b)].
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 6:</b> <b>Neapolitan</b> (trainer B Baker) – hung out.
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 1:</b> <b>Assioma</b> (trainer C Waller) – lame near fore leg. <b>Race 7:</b> <b>Lisdoonvarna</b> (co-trainer A Turner) – bumped head in barriers.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> <b>Grand Challenge</b> to be ridden more forward; settled midfield. <b>Race 7:</b> <b>Tenorino</b> to be ridden quieter from its wide draw; settled off pace.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	<b>Race 4:</b> <b>Hoof Hustler</b> (trainer C Waller) – poor performance. <b>Race 5:</b> <b>Lani Girl</b> (co-trainer L Price)