

**STEWARDS' REPORT****Australian Turf Club  
WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE****Saturday 10 February 2018**

Weather: Fine  
Track: Soft (5); upgraded to Good (4) at 2.14pm after race 3.  
Rail: True  
Penetrometer: 5.11

**STEWARDS:** M F Van Gestel (Chairman), P C Dingwall, D M Greer, D L Carr, J A Shultz and cadets C K McIntosh, M W Purse, R T Debels and R W Loughlin

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**Supplementary Reports:****CANTERBURY PARK – Friday 9 February 2018****Race 7: – Electrical Trade Unions Handicap 1100m**

**Rose Of Man** – trainer Mr T Robinson reported the mare was found to be sore in front following its disappointing performance for which it has now been treated. Mr Robinson was advised that he would be required to furnish a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to **Rose Of Man** starting again.

**WARWICK FARM STABLES – Tuesday 16 January 2018**

**Trbojevic** – Stewards today inquired into the death of the six-year-old gelding at the Warwick Farm stables of trainer Mr M de Montfort. Evidence today was taken from Mr de Montfort, licensed veterinarian Dr C Pellegrini and Racing NSW Official Veterinarian Dr T Selig. Stewards also considered a necropsy report provided by the University Teaching Hospital, Camden and treatment and veterinary records provided by Mr de Montfort. The inquiry established that on 15 January 2018 the gelding was treated by Dr Pellegrini for inflammation in its right hind leg due to a foot abscess and Dr Pellegrini had prescribed the antibiotic Sulprim to treat the condition. After considering all the evidence, Stewards found that the most likely cause of the death was due to the gelding suffering an acute severe colitis following the gelding sustaining a fatal reaction to the administration of Sulprim. Having regard to the evidence, Stewards found that both Mr de Montfort and Dr Pellegrini had acted in accordance with their requirements under their licensing conditions and the matter was closed on that basis.

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**RACE 1: Thoroughbred Breeders NSW Lonhro Plate (Listed) 1100m**

**Spiritual Pursuit** – the filly, which sustained an abrasion to its chest, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and passed fit to start.

**Phoneme** – slow to begin. After improving into a position to the inside of *Partners* near the 800m, had to be steadied when briefly crowded by *Partners*, which shifted in and away from *Spiritual Pursuit*. A towel, which rider D McDonogh had used prior to the start being effected inadvertently remained over the wither of the colt, resulting in it carrying the towel until it was released near the 250m. D McDonogh was fined \$200 under AR175(k).

**Burbank** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Overraced throughout the early stages and when being restrained from the heels of *Partners* near the 800m blundered and became unbalanced. Continued to race keenly and when being crossed by *Osorno* leaving the 800m had to be steadied to avoid that runner's heels.

**Tell Me** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. In the early stages commenced to race fiercely, refused to settle and for some distance near the 900m was checked from the heels of *Osorno*. Then continued to overrace throughout the middle stages and would not settle.

**Partners** – from the 600m was held up and taken back through the field when *Make 'Em Cry* commenced to give ground. **Partners** was then shifted to the outside of *Make 'Em Cry* near the 400m to secure clear running.

**Make 'Em Cry** – rider T Clark stated he had expected to lead on the colt, but it failed to show the necessary speed today and was crossed by *Oxford Tycoon* despite being ridden along in the early stages. He added **Make 'Em Cry** never really travelled at any stage of the event and from the 600m, when *Spiritual Pursuit* improved to his outside, his mount was reluctant to hold its position to the inside of that runner, laid in and brushed the running rail. He said from this point **Make 'Em Cry** commenced to give ground in the straight, however he could not detect any abnormalities with the colt. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr A Bott confirmed that the stable had expected the colt, with blinkers on today, to lead and he attributed today's performance to the fact that **Make 'Em Cry** was not comfortable racing amongst other horses. Mr Bott said nevertheless the colt would now be spelled.

**Satin Slippers** – when questioned regarding his riding, B Shinn stated his instructions were to find cover on the filly. He said, although his mount commenced well today, he elected to not ride it forward, but to ride it in accordance with his instructions and when caught wide in the middle stages he was able to find cover on the back of the eventual winner *Sandbar*, where he enjoyed cover throughout the race.

#### **RACE 2: Davali Thoroughbreds Cup 2400m**

**Multitude** – near the 900m was awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Great Glen* and was steadied. *Xebec*, which was following, was also steadied as a consequence.

**Chatelard** – rider D McDonogh pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 400m he shifted out to improve when not clear of **Chatelard**, resulting in **Chatelard** losing its rightful running and being checked. D McDonogh's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 11 February 2018 and to expire on Sunday, 18 February 2018, on which day he may ride. Rider B Avdulla stated his intention was to be a little more forward on the gelding, but when unable to obtain cover in the early stages in a more forward position, he elected to take up a position towards the rear of the field. He said his mount then raced keenly in the run, particularly in the middle stages and took some time to settle. He added that near the 400m he was obliged to check his mount when crowded for room and from this point, whilst **Chatelard** was a beaten horse, he did not fully test it out to the finish of the race. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Great Glen** – when questioned regarding his riding in the middle stages, G Schofield stated that he was able to take up a position directly behind *Multitude* in the early stages, however making the first turn near the 1600m his mount commenced to race keenly. He said as a result he shifted to the outside of *Multitude* and had intended racing at that runner's girth. He added that approaching the 1500m the tempo eased, which resulted in **Great Glen** continuing to pull and as a result he allowed the gelding to stride forward in order to help it settle, however when *Multitude's* rider App. R King contested that position, this resulted in a quicker tempo being set in the middle stages than he had anticipated. G Schofield further stated that, although under pressure on the home turn, having regard to the fact that **Great Glen** had not started for four weeks and was running over 2400m, he was not too disappointed with today's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying heat stress. Stable representative Mr L Prior was told a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Great Glen** racing again.

**Beijing Board** – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying heat stress. Stable representative Mr N Dilmi was told a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Beijing Board** racing again.

### **RACE 3: Inglis Sprint 1100m**

**Shudabeen** – missed the start (2L).

**She Will Reign** – linking up to the course proper approaching the 800m blundered.

**Diamond Tathagata** – on straightening was bumped by *Acqume*, which shifted to the outside of *She Will Reign* to improve. Near the 200m under pressure blundered and became unbalanced. When questioned regarding the colt racing more forward, rider T Clark advised he was instructed to ensure that his mount began today to enable it to take up a prominent position. He said, whilst he did not expect to race outside the leader, when *Shudabeen*, one of the expected leaders, missed the start, **Diamond Tathagata** was able to take up a more forward position than expected. Trainer Mr M Newnham confirmed the instructions issued. He added when the other anticipated on-pace runner, *Za Zi Ba*, did not race prominently, **Diamond Tathagata** was then positioned further in advance of his intentions, but having regard to the circumstances expressed satisfaction with the ride.

**Za Zi Ba** – when questioned regarding his riding and particularly the reason the filly settled towards the rear of the field, rider C Reith stated that his instructions had been to be positive on the filly and with the stablemate *Acqume* expected to race close to the lead, his instructions were to follow that runner. He said when *She Will Reign* and *Diamond Tathagata* showed superior speed in the early stages and *Acqume* was not able to take up a more forward position, his mount settled further back than he had intended, albeit travelled comfortably when it was able to trail *Acqume*. Trainer Mr B Widdup confirmed the instructions issued and indicated that due to the fast early speed both stable runners, namely *Acqume* and **Za Zi Ba**, had settled slightly further back than he had anticipated.

**Limbo Soul** – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be suffering from heat stress, which required treatment. Trainer Mr T Martin was advised a veterinary clearance must be furnished prior to **Limbo Soul** racing again.

**RACE 4: TAB Highway Handicap 1200m**

**Beau Hoffa** – as rider C Van Der Werf was injured, Stewards permitted T Wolfgram to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. Blundered badly on jumping, resulting in its rider T Wolfgram almost being dislodged.

**Call Me Brad** – jumped awkwardly and bumped with *Beau Hoffa*.

**Under The Thumb** – held up making the home turn and early part of the straight. Over the final 200m laid in, resulting in J Parr having to stop riding and straighten near the 100m.

**Volpe** – held up in the early part of the straight and near the 250m was shifted back to the inside of *El Mo* to secure clear running. Again over the final 100m could not be fully tested when positioned close to the heels of *Call Me Brad*

**El Mo** – near the 250m became unbalanced when bumped by *Under The Thumb*, which shifted to the outside of *Conniving* to improve. In the straight was inclined to race greenly, shifted ground and proved difficult to ride out. Blundered at the 150m.

**Makfi Lass** – over the final 150m was unable to be tested when unable to obtain clear running.

**O'Lordy** – raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event.

**Heidsieck** – rider T Clark advised that he was able to take up a forward position on the gelding, but was under pressure on the home turn, particularly when taken out by *El Mo*. He said soon after straightening his mount blundered and from this point he had concerns with its action and eased it down over the final 200m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover. Trainer Mr T Howlett advised that **Heidsieck** had pleased him leading into today's race, including two barrier trials. He added that he would now have the gelding undergo a full veterinary examination by the stable veterinarian and provide a veterinary clearance prior to its next race start.

**My Tagoson** – rider R Thompson reported that linking up to the course proper near the 900m his mount blundered and from this point did not travel at any stage of the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr R Northam stated **My Tagoson** was stirred up and sweated prior to the event and this may have attributed to the gelding's disappointing performance. He said **My Tagoson** would be suited by stepping up in distance at its next start. Mr Northam undertook to report back if there is anything amiss with the gelding subsequent to the event.

**Conniving** – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying heat stress and colic. Stable representative Ms K Dunn advised that **Conniving** would now be spelled. Acting on this assurance, no action was taken.

**RACE 5: Inglis Classic (Restricted Listed) 1200m**

**Gaffa** – the gelding was a late withdrawal at 12.25pm on veterinary advice when it was found to be lame in the off-foreleg and had abrasions to its head. Trainer Mr S Jones was asked to provide a veterinary clearance prior to **Gaffa** racing again.

**The Enzo** – on jumping was crowded between *Sunfighter* and *Sunreel*, which shifted in. Soon after the start was again crowded between *Sunreel* and *Sunfighter*, which shifted out slightly.

**Now Or Never** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Raced greenly in the early stages and near the 600m shifted in away from *Pembroke Castle* and became unbalanced. On the home turn was briefly held up behind *Buckle Up Baby*.

**Sunreel** – raced keenly in the early stages.

**Chamfer** – despite being ridden along in the early stages failed to muster any speed and settled well back. Trainer Mr N Mayfield-Smith reported it was now his intention to remove the blinkers from the colt.

**Snicki Minaj** – leaving the 600m became unbalanced when crowded between *Ta Chanson* and *Sunfighter*, which was taken out by *Momentum Factor*, which shifted out and away from *Ballistica*. Raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event.

**I Stole Your Love** - approaching the home turn was steadied to avoid the heels of *Sunfighter* when that runner commenced to give ground. B Melham (*Now Or Never*) was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that rounding the home turn he allowed his mount to improve into a position between *Buckle Up Baby* and **I Stole Your Love** where there was insufficient room, which resulted in **I Stole Your Love** losing its running and having to be checked. B Melham's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 11 February 2018 and to expire on Friday, 23 February 2018, on which day he may ride.

**Buckle Up Baby** – near the 200m was steadied when bumped by *Now Or Never* (B Melham), which shifted to the inside of *Ballistica* to improve into clear running where there was not sufficient room. B Melham was reprimanded and advised he must ensure there is sufficient room when improving into runs. In assessing penalty, Stewards took into consideration the racing manners of *I Stole Your Love* had contributed to the interference suffered by **Buckle Up Baby**.

**Ta Chanson** - raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event.

**Sunfighter** – rider C Reith stated, after racing wide and without cover for the majority of the event, his mount became unbalanced when crowded between runners leaving the 600m and from this point commenced to give ground. He said when his mount was again contacted on the hindquarter making the home turn he stopped riding it along and consequently was well beaten in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to have abrasions to the off-hind pastern and to be 1/5 lame in the off-hind leg. Trainer Mr B Widdup was asked to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the colt's next start.

**Ballistica** – rider J Collett stated, whilst he was able to lead on the filly, it raced very keen within itself and as a consequence was left without a finishing effort. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**RACE 6: Aquis Farm Eskimo Prince Stakes (Group 3) 1200m**

**Kementari** – the colt, which sustained a minor laceration to its off-side hip, underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

**Assimilate** – slow to begin. Linking up with the course proper near the 900m blundered.

**Lord Cecil** – bumped on jumping by *Kementari*, which shifted out.

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

**Seige Of Quebec** – blundered linking up with the course proper near the 900m. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Single Bullet** – rider B Melham reported the colt raced too keenly in the early and middle stages and consequently weakened noticeably in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Another Sin** – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**RACE 7: Yarraman Park Breeders Classic (Group 2) 1200m**

**Nettoyer** – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare lost both front plates in running.

**Bonny O'Reilly** – began awkwardly, shifted in and bumped *Slightly Sweet*. Near the 150m had to be steadied when crowded by *Memes* (App. R King), which shifted out. App. King was advised she must stop riding and straighten her mounts when they commence to shift ground. In assessing penalty, Stewards took into account **Bonny O'Reilly** had a tendency to lay in towards *Memes* initially. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider T Clark stated first up today **Bonny O'Reilly** was forced to chase a fast early tempo set by *Memes* and in his opinion this resulted in the condition of the mare giving out at the 100m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr J Bruce undertook to report back the results of a veterinary examination, including an endoscopic examination.

**Danish Twist** – when questioned regarding his riding in the straight, G Schofield stated that, after following the line of *Memes* in the early part of the straight, he elected to allow his mount to shift out as he was concerned that *Memes* would give ground in advance of him. He said that near the 200m, after briefly being inconvenienced when taking a position to the outside of *Bonny O'Reilly* he was able to place his mount under pressure over the final 200m, where **Danish Twist** finished the race off reasonably well.

**Tswalu** – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**RACE 8: Bowness Stud Mile 1600m**

**Auvray** – slow to begin.

**Supply And Demand** – slow to begin. Rider J Parr stated it was his intention to be more forward, however his mount did not show any early pace and consequently raced further back

than intended. He indicated that subsequent to the race he felt **Supply And Demand** to be lame in the near-foreleg. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have lost its near-fore plate to be 4/5 lame in the near-foreleg, which required treatment. Co-trainer Mr A Bott confirmed the instructions were to endeavour to be more forward. He advised that **Supply And Demand** had foot issues, which have been managed this preparation with the use of Equilox and attributed today's lameness to the fact it lost its plate during the running of this event. Mr Bott was advised he must supply a veterinary clearance for the gelding prior to its next race start.

### **RACE 9: Sledmere Stud Dash 1000m**

**Dal Cielo** – stood flat-foot and refused to jump. Trainer Mr K Lees was advised that the gelding must barrier trial on two consecutive occasions before being permitted to race again.

**Artlee** – slow to begin. Rider App. J Van Overmeire stated he was under no special instructions other than to settle where comfortable, as the gelding is known to race keenly when placed under pressure early, however, after taking up a rearward position, he was forced to make his run on the inside where he felt the going was inferior and he was satisfied with the manner in which **Artlee** finished the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Echo Effect** – slow to begin.

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

**Grand Condor** – hung out when placed under pressure in the straight.

**Khalama** – when questioned regarding his riding in the straight, rider B Avdulla stated, after following *Straturbo*, he elected to come to that runner's outside as he had strict instructions to try and secure clear and uninterrupted running to the outside. He said when *Hieroglyphics* improved to the inside of *My Favorite* he was disappointed for this run and as a consequence was obliged to shift back inside *Straturbo* in order to secure clear running near the 200m.

### **GENERAL:**

#### **Summary of whip use:**

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race 3	C Brown ( <i>Acqume</i> )	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
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Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Satin Slipper (2), Make 'Em Cry (2), Oxford Tycoon.

Race 2: Gamblestown, Xebec, Multitude,(2), Chatelard.

Race 3: Diamond Tathagata, She Will Reign (2), Za Zi Ba, Acqume (2), Limbo Soul.

Race 4: My Tagoson, Volpe, Heidsieck, Soft Top, Under The Thumb.

Race 5: Sanctimonious (2), Sunfighter, Momentum Factor, Snicki Minaj.

Race 6: Single Bullet, Goodfella, Siege Of Quebec, Assimilate, Brave Song.

Race 7: Prompt Response (2), Danish Tiwst, Bonny O'Reilly, Tswalu, Egyptian Symbol.

Race 8: Testashadow, Auvray, Show A Star (2), Coolring, Supply And Demand.

Race 9: Artlee, Dal Cielo, Echo Effect, Hieroglyphics, Khalama.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 1: D McDonogh ( <i>Phoneme</i> ) \$200 – negligence in leaving towel on horse (AR175(k)).
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 5: B Melham ( <i>Now Or Never</i> ) – careless riding AR137(a).
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race 2: D McDonogh ( <i>Xebec</i> ) – careless riding (AR137(a)), suspended from 11/2/18 to 18/2/18. Race 5: B Melham ( <i>Now Or Never</i> ) – careless riding (AR137(a)), suspended from 11/2/18 to 23/2/18.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 9: <i>Dal Cielo</i> (trainer K Lees) two consecutive trials – refused to jump.
<b>Certificates:</b>	Supplementary: <i>Rose Of Man</i> (trainer T Robinson) – sore in front. Race 2: <i>Beijing Board</i> (trainer J Cummings) – heat stress. <i>Great Glen</i> (trainer C Waller) – heat stress. Race 3: <i>Limbo Soul</i> (trainer T Martin) – heat stress. Race 4: <i>Heidsieck</i> (trainer T Howlett) – slow to recover. Race 5: <i>Gaffa</i> (trainer S Jones) – lame off-foreleg and abrasions to - head. <i>Sunfighter</i> (B Widdup) – abrasions to off-hind pastern and 1/5 lame off-hind leg. Race 8: <i>Supply And Demand</i> (Waterhouse & Bott) – 4/5 lame near-foreleg.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Tactics Notified:</b>	Race 2: <i>Xebec</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled midfield. <i>Chatelard</i> – to be ridden quieter; settled back. Race 6: <i>Goodfella</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled worse than midfield. Race 7: <i>Bonny O'Reilly</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Race 4: <i>My Tagoson</i> (trainer R Northam) – poor performance. Race 7: <i>Bonny O'Reilly</i> (trainer B Baker) – poor performance.