

**STEWARDS' REPORT****Australian Turf Club  
ROYAL RANDWICKRACECOURSE****Saturday 10 March 2018**

Weather: Overcast  
 Track: Good (4)  
 Rail: +6m 1600m to WP; +4m remainder  
 Penetrometer: 5.19

**STEWARDS:** M F Van Gestel (Chairman), P C Dingwall, R W Livingstone, T A McDonald  
 and cadets M W Purse, R W Loughlin, T J Lee jl

**Supplementary Reports:****NEWCASTLE – Friday 9 March 2018****Race 6: Suez Newcastle Newmarket Handicap 1400m (Group 3)**

**Artlee** – trainer Mr K Lees advised that a subsequent endoscopic examination of the gelding, which performed disappointingly, had found it to be a roarer. Mr Lees indicated **Artlee** will now undergo corrective surgery.

**LATE RIDING CHANGES:**

Following H Bowman being dislodged in race 4 and unable to fulfil his remaining engagements, Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

Race 5	J Collett on <i>Terravista</i> .
Race 6	G Schofield on <i>Clearly Innocent</i> .
Race 7	A Adkins on <i>D'Argento</i> .
Race 9	B Shinn on <i>Patrick Erin</i> .

**RACE 1: City Ford Aspiration Quality (Group 3) 1600m**

**Nettoyer** - prior to the declaration of weight, the Stewards identified from the inquiry room that rider App. R King had struck her mount on nine occasions prior to the 100m. When Stewards could not be satisfied that **Nettoyer** had gained an advantage that resulted in it finishing in 3rd placing in the race, in accordance with AR168(2) they therefore declined to exercise their powers under AR137A(9) and did not proceed with a formal objection. At a subsequent inquiry App. King pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that she used the whip on 9 occasions prior to the 100m (4 more than permitted). App. King was fined the sum of \$800. Slow to begin and then from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Raced wide and without cover from the 900m. From the 600m was taken wide when *Dreams Of Paris* shifted out to improve. As a consequence **Nettoyer** made the home turn wider.

**Oklahoma Girl** – slow to begin. In the early stages of the straight was inclined to lay in and was reluctant to shift to the outside of *Dreams Of Paris* to find clear running. Soon after obtaining clear running between *Dreams Of Paris* and *Nettoyer* (App. R King) near the 300m,

had to be steadied when *Nettoyer* shifted in. App. King was advised she must stop riding and straighten her mounts when the commence to shift ground, when not clear of other runners.

**Karavali** – slow to begin.

**La Courbette** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

**Shagra** – overraced in the early stages and when caught wide and without cover, improved its position to travel outside the leader near the 900m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Perfect Rhyme** – held up for clear running in the early part of the straight when positioned close to the heels of *Pioneering*.

### **RACE 2: Tokyo City Keiba Fireball Stakes (Listed) 1100m**

**Debonairly** – rider A Hyeronimus stated that, although his mount was caught wide and without cover for the majority of the event, it did not travel well at any stage and was a beaten horse soon after entering the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr A Bott expressed disappointment with the performance of the filly and indicated that it had progressed well since its first up run. Mr Bott undertook to barrier trial **Debonairly** prior to its next race start. Stewards deemed the performance was unacceptable and confirmed that the filly must barrier trial prior to racing again.

**Perast** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start, however then raced wide and without cover for the majority of the race. Near the 200m was inconvenienced when *Jorda* shifted out to improve.

**Jorda** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Rider H Bowman could offer no excuse for the disappointing performance of the filly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be 1/5 lame in the off-foreleg. Trainer Mr J Cummings was advised before being permitted to race again a veterinary clearance must be provided for **Jorda**.

**Houtzen** – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly was slow to recover.

### **RACE 3: The Daily Telegraph Reisling Stakes (Group 2) 1200m**

**Pure Elation** – began awkwardly. Briefly held up behind *Estijaab* for some distance approaching the 200m. After secure running to the inside of *Estijaab* near the 200m was briefly inconvenienced when that runner shifted in.

**Heavenly Thunder** – badly crowded at the start between *Gongs* and *Nuclear Blitz*, which itself was hampered when *Ennis Hill* began awkwardly, ran out and bumped heavily with *Nuclear Blitz*. In the incident, *Gongs* became badly unbalanced.

**Ennis Hill** – overraced in the early and middle stages.

**Sister Sledge** – inclined to race greenly under pressure in the straight.

**Outback Barbie** – raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event.

**RACE 4: UNSW Todman Stakes (Group 2) 1200m**

**Performer** – began awkwardly, ran in and hampered *Exceltic*, which in turn shifted in and made contact with *Ragged Rascal*. Leaving the 150m ran out abruptly, resulting in rider H Bowman being dislodged and suffering a heavy fall. *Exceltic* and *Paquirri*, which were following. H Bowman was transported to St Vincent's Hospital for precautionary x-rays and observation. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr C Waller was at a loss to explain the manners of **Performer**. Stewards advised Mr Waller that the colt would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

**Paquirri** – began awkwardly and then from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

**Aylmerton** – made contact with *Ef Troop* at the start and became unbalanced.

**Exceltic** – began only fairly and then was bumped and became unbalanced when *Performer* shifted in and made contact with that horse. Laid out under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Plaque Stone** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Legend Of Condor** – when questioned, rider G Schofield explained he had been asked to ride the colt in a similar manner to when it was ridden conservatively at its most recent start. He said when his mount showed good early gate speed and when it became apparent that no other rider was intent on racing prominently, which would have provided him with cover, he elected in the circumstances, rather than racing wide and without cover, to allow **Legend Of Condor** to proceed forward without being pressured, which ultimately resulted in him vying for the lead with *Ef Troop* in the early and middle stages.

**RACE 5: Hyland Race Colours Challenge Stakes (Group 2) 1000m**

Due to the delay after H Bowman was dislodged in race 4, the starting time for this race was amended to 3.05pm.

**Terravista** – after being slow to begin, from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**English** – slow to begin.

**Viridine** – after being slow to begin, was then crowded for room between *Super Too* and *Redzel*, which shifted out and brushed that horse.

**Takedown** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Jungle Edge** – rider K Forrester was interviewed relative to his vigour in the early part of the straight. K Forrester stated, after following *Super Too* into the straight, when that runner held a significant lead he positioned his mount to the outside of *Super Too* with an expectation that *Super Too* would commence to give ground. He said that near the 350m *Redzel* improved to

his outside and quickly gained a margin on him, which resulted in **Jungle Edge** then being in an awkward position as *Super Too* commenced to give ground. Stewards advised K Forrester that he must ensure that he uses the appropriate vigour on his mounts so that he leaves no room for query and that they obtain the best possible place in the event.

#### **RACE 6: Bisley Workwear Canterbury Stakes (Group 1) 1300m**

**Endless Drama** – after being restless in the barriers, began awkwardly. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

**Tulip** – slow to begin.

**Derryn** – after only beginning fairly, from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Clearly Innocent** – when being eased by its rider soon after the start, was crowded for room between *Endless Drama* and *Tulip*, which shifted out and as a result lost ground.

**Invincible Gem** – on the home turn became unbalanced when bumped by *Happy Clapper* as that runner endeavoured to shift to the outside of *Endless Drama*. When *Happy Clapper* was unable to secure clear running it was then briefly held up on the back of *Endless Drama*. In this incident **Invincible Gem** became unbalanced on two occasions. Whilst being post-race sampled, the mare was found to be sore behind. Trainer Mr K Lees was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Invincible Gem** racing again.

**Foxplay** – rider K McEvoy stated that from his awkward barrier he elected to take the mare back in the field to avoid being caught wide. He said when a fast tempo was set in the early stages by *Global Glamour* he was obliged to ride his mount along in order to maintain a position behind the field in the middle stages. He added that, having regard to the circumstances in which the race was run, he was not too disappointed with the finishing effort of **Foxplay** and in his opinion the mare would appreciate a track with more give in it. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Showtime** – rider B Avdulla stated, after obtaining a position outside *Global Glamour* in the early stages, the colt travelled comfortably in that position. He said in the straight under pressure **Showtime**, whilst it responded to his riding, was somewhat one-paced and, after being inconvenienced near the 100m when *Endless Drama* and *Tulip* both shifted ground, he was unable to fully test his mount from that point. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### **RACE 7: Mostyn Copper Group Randwick Guineas (Group 1) 1600m**

**Age Of Fire** – slow to begin and then from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

**Capital Gain** – began awkwardly. G Schofield, rider of *Kementari*, was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 1300m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of **Capital Gain**, resulting in **Capital Gain** having to be checked and losing its rightful running when crowded between *Pierata* and *Kementari*. G Schofield's licence to ride was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 18 March 2018 and to expire on Tuesday, 3 April 2018, on which day he may ride.

**Kementari** – bumped heavily at the start by *Kaonic*, which began awkwardly and shifted out.

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

**D'Argento** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start, however overraced and raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event.

**Tangmere** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Near the 1300m was checked from the heels of *Tangled*.

**Tangled** - near the 1300 was checked to avoid the heels of *Capital Gain*.

**Pierata** – held up for clear running until near the 250m. Near the 100m bumped by *Trapeze Artist* when that runner shifted out slightly.

**Kaonic** – had some difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 200m.

**Peaceful State** – rider B Rawiller stated his mount travelled well behind the leaders, but failed to respond to his riding in the straight. He said in his opinion **Peaceful State** failed to back up from its 2<sup>nd</sup> placing at Flemington on 3 March 2018. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Ace High** – when questioned regarding his riding from the 800m, rider T Angland stated, after following *Siege Of Quebec*, he felt the tempo slackened at that point and for this reason he became awkward on the heels of *Siege Of Quebec* and shifted out. He said, as he felt he was unable to re-establish a position behind *Siege Of Quebec*, he improved given that **Ace High** is looking for additional ground and is somewhat one-paced. He said, as he commenced to improve, *Siege Of Quebec* shifted out, resulting in his mount having to make a wide run on the home turn before finishing the race off well.

#### **RACE 8: Schweppes Wenona Girl Quality (Group 3) 1200m**

**Miss Que** – made contact with *Conchita* at the start. C Brown pleaded guilty to a charge under AR145 in that he weighed in ½ a kilogram in excess of his allotted weight (**Miss Que** placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, beaten a short head for 1<sup>st</sup> place). Bearing in mind the narrow margin and **Miss Que's** placing in the race, C Brown's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 18 March 2018 and to expire on Wednesday, 28 March 2018, on which day he may ride.

**Conchita** - made contact with *Miss Que* at the start. Overraced in the early stages and refused to settle. When making ground in the straight was steadied near the 150m when *Perizada* shifted in slightly.

**Sugar Bella** – after being only fairly away, was bumped by *Miss Gunpowder*, which shifted in. A short distance later **Sugar Bella**, when being ridden along to hold its position, made contact on a number of occasions when *Imposing Lass* and *Miss Gunpowder*, both of which shifted ground, and was checked. In this incident *Imposing Lass* became unbalanced.

**Perizada** – when being restrained by its rider in an attempt to obtain cover overraced.

**Miss Gunpowder** – in the early and middle stages raced keenly for some distance near the 800m when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Gibraltar Girl*. Over the final 100m could not be fully tested when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Slow Burn*. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Gibraltar Girl** – held up for clear running until near the 250m.

**Smart Amelia** – held up for clear running until near the 150m.

**Slow Burn** – rider T Clark stated he had anticipated taking up this forward position, but also felt that the tempo of the race would not be as quick as it was for this reason, when caught wide in the early stages, he initially endeavoured to take up a position behind *Perizada*, where he hoped he would be able to obtain cover. He said, however when that runner was able to shift in behind *Conchita* near the 800m, **Slow Burn** was left racing wide and without cover. He added, given the tough run that the mare experienced during the running of the event, he was not too disappointed with its performance in the straight, where in his view its condition gave out near the 100m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be making an abnormal respiratory noise. Trainer Mr L Bridge was advised a veterinary clearance would be required, including the results of a satisfactory endoscopic examination, prior to racing again.

**Ravi** – when questioned regarding the mare leading today, rider K McEvoy stated, whilst he was instructed to be in a forward position, he had intended to obtain cover. He said, when the expected speed in the race did not eventuate, **Ravi** was left in front when it was not his intention to race in that position.

#### **RACE 9: Randwick City Stakes (Listed) 2000m**

**Tally** – slow to begin. Inclined to race keenly in the middle stages.

**Smart As You Think** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

**Liapari** – approaching the 1600m, when inclined to overrace, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of *Patrick Erin*, which was taken in by *Emporer's Way* (A Adkins). A Adkins was reprimanded and advised to ensure he is sufficiently clear when shifting ground. Near the 200m was bumped by *Smart As You Think*, which was taken out by *Tally*.

**The Getaway** – hung out under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride.

**Alward** – when questioned regarding his riding, K McEvoy stated he had been instructed to take up a position forward of midfield. He said, when caught wide and without cover in the middle stages, he contemplated improving to obtain a position closer to the rail, however felt his mount was travelling comfortably within itself and to do so he would have had to make too much use of his mount irrespective of the moderate tempo.

#### **GENERAL:**

Acting on a report from Chief Investigator Mr N Hayward that he had discovered four unlabelled syringes and needles containing a substance in the float used by trainer Mr M Smith, the Stewards opened an inquiry and took evidence from Mr Smith. Mr Smith stated that the four syringes contained the prohibited substance acepromazine and that he had

placed the substance in the float to assist in ensuring the welfare of horses that are fractious to float. Stewards adjourned the inquiry to allow the analysis of the syringes to a date to be fixed. Samples were also taken from Mr Smith's runner in race 1, *La Courbette*.

### **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 2	K McEvoy ( <i>I Am Excited</i> )	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 4	C Brown ( <i>Ef Troop</i> )	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	C Reith ( <i>Siege Of Quebec</i> )	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	J Parr (Condor)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	B Shinn (Sully)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	A Adkins (D'Argento)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 9	K McEvoy ( <i>Alward</i> )	6 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Race 1: Nettoyer, Oklahoma Girl, The Pinnacle (2).

Race 2: Houtzen, Jorda, Acqume.

Race 3: Estijaab (2), Gongs, Pure Elation.

Race 4: Ef Troop (2), Performer, Paquirri.

Race 5: Redzel (2), Terravista, Takedown, English, Super Too, The Mission, Viridine, Jungle Edge.

Race 6: Happy Clapper (2), Clearly Innocent, Foxplay, Invincible Gem (2), Global Glamour (2).

Race 7: Ace High, Trapeze Artist (2), Kementari (2), Pierata (2), Sully, D'Argento, Siege Of Quebec, Kaonic.

Race 8: Imposing Lass, My Country, Gibraltar Girl, Miss Que.

Race 9: Tally, Alward (2).

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 1: App. R King ( <i>Nettoyer</i> ) \$800 – use of the whip (AR137A(5)(a)(ii)).
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 9: A Adkins ( <i>Emporer's Way</i> ) – careless riding (AR137(a)).
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race 7: G Schofield ( <i>Kementari</i> ) – careless riding (AR137(a)), suspended from 18/3/18 to 3/4/18 Race 8: C Brown ( <i>Miss Que</i> ) – weigh in overweight (AR145), suspended from 18/3/18 to 28/3/18.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 2: <i>Debonairly</i> (co-trainers Bott & Waterhouse) – poor performance. Race 4: <i>Performer</i> (trainer C Waller) – racing manners.
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 2: <i>Jorda</i> (trainer J Cummings) – 1/5 lame off-foreleg. Race 6: <i>Invincible Gem</i> (trainer K Lees) – sore behind. Race 8: <i>Slow Burn</i> (trainer L Bridge) – abnormal respiratory noise.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Race 4: H Bowman ( <i>Performer</i> ) – transported to St Vincent's Hospital.
<b>Tactics Notified:</b>	Race 2: <i>Shudabeen</i> – to be ridden further forward if begins well; settled outside lead. Race 4: <i>Plague Stone</i> – to be ridden further forward; settled on pace.

	Race 9: <i>Liapari</i> – to be ridden further forward; settled midfield. <i>Carzoff</i> – to be ridden further forward; settled off pace.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	General: Trainer M Smith ( <i>La Courbette</i> ) – inquiry adjourned pending test results.