

STEWARDS' REPORT**Australian Turf Club
ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE
(Kensington Track)****Monday 11 June 2018**

Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy (8); upgraded to Soft (7) at 11.22am; upgraded to Soft (6) at 12.16pm retrospective to race 1; upgraded to a Soft (5) at 1.26pm following race 3
Rail: +3m
Penetrometer: 5.72

STEWARDS: P C Dingwall (Chairman), M F Van Gestel, T J Vassallo and cadets M W Purse and T J Lee jl

Supplementary Reports:**ROYAL RANDWICK – Saturday 9 June 2018****Race 9: Australian Turf Club Sprint 1200m did not handle the heavy**

Sweet Serendipity – trainer Mr J Coyle advised that he was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding and it was his intention to continue with its preparation. He indicated that, as he felt **Sweet Serendipity** did not handle the heavy track conditions he will try to avoid racing on similar tracks in the future.

WARWICK FARM TRACKWORK – Friday 18 May 2018

Libelle – Stewards today continued their inquiries into the catastrophic breakdown and subsequent euthanasia of **Libelle** at Warwick Farm trackwork on the morning of Friday, 18 May 2018. Stewards interviewed trainer Mr M Newnham, who provided his veterinary and treatment records. A necropsy report from the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Camden was also tendered into evidence. The necropsy report revealed a comminuted spiral fracture of the right humerus. As the Stewards were satisfied that there was no pre-existing injury that may have led or contributed to **Libelle** breaking down, the inquiry was concluded.

RACE 1: Casino Prince@Vinery Handicap 1400m

The Bald Eagle – near the 350m *Time For Glory* (J Collett) shifted out to improve and caused some inconvenience to **The Bald Eagle**.

Baanone – App. J Van Overmeire explained that he had to make some use of the gelding in the early and middle stages to offset being wide and without cover. He said after the 700m he was able to take up a position directly to the outside of *Foreign Territory*. However that having regard to the use he was obliged to make of his mount it was left without a finishing effort. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Schoolmates – rider J McDonald explained that for the majority of the event the gelding raced without enthusiasm. He said that in his opinion the gelding may benefit from the addition of

blinkers, a view that he expressed to the connections following the race. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Aeecee Delighted – rider J Morris was reprimanded under AR137(4)(b) for using the whip above his shoulder height on a number of occasions over the final 100m.

RACE 2: Book Spring Hospitality Now Handicap 1400m

Tugboat – slow to begin.

Kiria – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Rider M Bell was cautioned against the practice of using the whip on a horse out of contention. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly had sustained overreach wounds to both front pasterns.

Stage Pass – after being crossed by *Wide Spread Panic* near the 1000m, which shifted in when not quite clear, commenced to race keenly and was restrained off the heels of *Wide Spread Panic* for a short distance thereafter.

Superior Choice – inclined to lay out under pressure over the final 100m. J Parr was reminded of his obligations to ensure that he rides his mounts out hands and heels to the winning post wherever possible.

RACE 3: TAB Handicap 1550m

Miss Earth – Stewards permitted B Avdulla to ride the filly ½ kilogram over the its declared weight of 53 kilograms. Experienced difficulty obtaining clear running until after the 300m.

Battle Plane – slow to begin.

Into The Oblivion – began awkwardly.

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

Morpheus – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Picaro – when questioned, J Parr said that it had been explained to him by the trainer that at the gelding's most recent start at Kembla Grange **Picaro** was not overly suited by leading and it was felt that the gelding, although racing competitively, did not sustain its effort right to the winning post. He said, having regard to his pre-race conversation with connections, he elected in the early stages, when a number of runners drawn directly to his inside maintained their positions, to steady and shift in to avoid racing wide and without cover. J Parr added that **Picaro** only finished the race off fairly when ridden conservatively today. Trainer Mr G Portelli advised that the owners of **Picaro** had been keen to see the gelding ridden with cover, as they were of the view this would best enable it to finish its races off. Mr Portelli was reminded of his obligations to notify the Stewards of any change in tactics.

RACE 4: Unconquered Sprint 1100m

Kashiwa – after being slow to begin, from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Near the 800m commenced to race keenly and was restrained off the heels of *Ballesteros*.

Ballesteros – jumped awkwardly and made contact with *Royal Witness*.

Canonyero – shortly the start was hampered by *Poseidon Star*, which shifted in.

Unguarded – shortly after the start was steadied and shifted in behind runners. Near the 700m commenced to race keenly and had to be restrained from *Poseidon Star*. Near the 300m, when commencing to close the race off strongly, was inconvenienced when *Poseidon Star* shifted out slightly.

Poseidon Star – hung out approaching and rounding the home turn. Over the final 200m had a tendency to lay out when placed under pressure.

RACE 5: Half Yearly Membership Handicap 1550m

Screamarr – co-trainer Mr E Cummings was fined the sum of \$200 under LR36A for failing to scratch the gelding by the prescribed time.

Just Shine – slow to begin.

Charming Lad – slow to begin. Approaching and rounding the home turn raced in restricted room to the inside of *Just Shine*, which itself was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Reneged* (T Angland), which shifted in. T Angland was told to ensure that he provides his fellow riders with sufficient racing room.

Hypernicus – slow to begin.

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

Revolver – near the 1200m when the pace steadied became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Penske* and shifted out. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider J McDonald stated that he believes the gelding performs best when able to lead. He said in the early stages, when he was unable to maintain his position after being crossed by *Penske*, his mount raced keenly and failed to finish the event off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover. The Waller stable was asked to report back on the post-race condition of **Revolver**.

Segenhoe – passing the 800m became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Revolver*, shifted out and then travelled wide and without cover.

RACE 6: Queen's Birthday Handicap 1400m

O'Lordy – began awkwardly.

The Gavel – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Held up for clear running until after the 300m and, when shifting to the outside of *Dawn Raid*, caused some inconvenience to *Lightning Nic*.

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

Dawn Raid – knuckled shortly after the start. Rider J Collett reported that his mount raced keenly outside the leader and in retrospect was not suited by racing as prominently. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

High Mist – raced keenly during the middle stages of the event.

Medovina – when questioned, rider B Avdulla stated that when the on pace runners had been withdrawn from the race it was decided to have the filly ridden prominently. He said after the 800m when *Dawn Raid* had improved alongside him, his mount was unsuited by being pressured in the middle stages. He added as consequence of having the filly in the lead today, it was unable to close the race off and weakened late. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 7: Invictus Sprint 1100m

Salerno – began awkwardly. Shortly after the start. was steadied and shifted in behind runners.

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

Raiden – shortly after the start was crowded between *Rockafella* and *Easy Eddie*, which shifted out.

Wander – shortly after the start was hampered by *Falcon Island*, which shifted out. In the early stages *Falcon Island* got its head on the side, shifted out and caused some inconvenience to **Wander**. Held up until the 200m. Over the final 50m shifted out when placed under pressure and proved somewhat difficult for rider B Avdulla to pressure his mount using his normal vigour.

Easy Eddie – showed an inclination to lay out in the early stages. When travelling wide and without cover in the early stages was shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

Legadema - blundered joining the course proper. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Rockafella – for some distance after the 900m raced tight inside *Salerno*. After the 200m the gelding, which was commencing to close the race off well, had to be restrained and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Cordoned*, which itself rolled out briefly when under pressure.

Falcon Island – a post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which raced fiercely throughout the middle stages, revealed it to be slow to recover.

Cordoned – App. J Van Overmeire stated that he had been asked to ride the gelding in a midfield position if possible. He said, however after beginning well and when the composition of the race was such that he was going to be unable to ride his mount with cover, he elected in the circumstances to race prominently, albeit wide and without cover for the major part of the race.

RACE 8: ATC Owner Benefits Card Sprint 1100m

Painted Lady – began awkwardly and lost ground. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it to be 5/5 lame in the off-foreleg. Trainer Mr P Perry was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Painted Lady** racing again.

Right As Rain – began awkwardly and lost ground. Near the 700m was eased after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Timing* which itself was steady to allow *Empress Matilda* to obtain a position in front of it.

I Am Special – began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, App. C Williams explained that approaching the 800m his mount commenced to make an audible respiratory noise, advising that he was of the view that the mare during this time got its tongue over the bit. He indicated to connections that **I Am Special** would benefit from the addition of a tongue tie at its next start.. c App. C Williams was cautioned against the practice of using the whip on a horse which is out of contention.

Wooshka – jumped awkwardly, made contact with its nearside gate and as a result lost ground.

Bella Success – after the 900m had to be steadied to avoid the heels of *Timing*, which shifted in when not quite clear.

Vienna Romance – from its wide barrier, when endeavouring to obtain a position with cover, throughout the early and middle stages raced fiercely, got its head up and would not settle until after the 800m.

Bella Vella – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

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

I Am Special – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying a poor post-race recovery.

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.

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| Race 1 | J Morris (<i>Aeecee Delighted</i>) | 6 strikes prior to the 100m. |
| Race 3 | K McEvoy (<i>Dealmaker</i>) | 6 strikes prior to the 100m. |
| Race 5 | App. B Ryan (<i>Hypernicus</i>) | 6 strikes prior to the 100m. |
| Race 6 | App. L Magorrian (<i>High Mist</i>) K O'Hara (<i>Lightning Nic</i>) | 7 strikes prior to the 100m. 6 strikes prior to the 100m. |
| Race 7 | G Schofield (<i>Rockafella</i>) | 2 consecutive strikes prior to the 100m. |

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

Race 1: Baanone, Foreign Territory (2), Aeecee Delighted, The Bald Eagle.

Race 2: Wide Spread Panic (2), Scratches, Superior Choice, Tugboat, Stage Pass.

Race 3: Morpheus (2), Dealmaker (2), Costello, Into The Oblivion.
 Race 4: Ballesteros, Poseidon Star, Royal Witness, Canyonero.
 Race 5: Charming Lad, Reneged (2), Penske (2), Segenhoe, Hypernicus.
 Race 6: The Gavel, Dawn Raid, O'Lordy, Lightning Nic (2).
 Race 7: Easy Eddie (2), Legadema, Salerno, Wander.
 Race 8: See The Show, I Am Special (2), Right As Rain, Seventhchic (2), Timing, Bella Success.

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | Race 5: Co-trainer E Cummings (<i>Screamarr</i>) \$200 – fail to scratch by the prescribed time. |
| Reprimands: | Race 1: J Morris (<i>Aeecee Delighted</i>) - use of the whip (AR137(4)(b)). |
| Suspensions: | Nil. |
| Bleeders: | Nil. |
| Warnings: | Nil |
| Trials: | Nil. |
| Certificates: | Race 8: <i>Painted Lady</i> (trainer P Perry) – 5/5 lame off-foreleg. |
| Fall/Injuries: | Nil. |
| Tactics Notified: | Race 2: <i>Wide Spread Panic</i> – to be ridden positively with intention to lead; settled on pace. Race 3: <i>Costello</i> – to be ridden quieter; settled back. <i>Dealmaker</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled outside lead. Race 7: <i>Salerno</i> – to be ridden quieter; settled worse than midfield. |
| Change of Colours: | Race 5: <i>Segenhoe</i> – orange cap. Race 7: <i>Legadema</i> – blue cap. <i>Ebenos</i> – blue cap. <i>Cordoned</i> – white cap. |
| Change of Gear | Nil. |
| Follow up: | Race 5: <i>Revolver</i> (trainer C Waller) – slow to recover. |