

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Australian Turf Club CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 12 September 2018

Weather: Fine  
Track: Soft (6); upgraded to a Soft (5) at 12.58pm, retrospective to include Race 1.  
Rail: +8m  
Penetrometer: 5.32

**STEWARDS:** T P Moxon (Chairman), P C Dingwall, T J Vassallo, S J Matthews and cadets  
R T Debels, T J Lee and J A Dinopoulous

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#### Supplementary Reports:

**NEWCASTLE: Saturday, 25 August 2018**

##### RACE 1 – Minco Tech Australia Class 1 & Maiden Plate 2350m

**Apache Junction** – trainer Mr M Newnham advised that he was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding, however **Apache Junction** has now been spelled.

**ROSEHILL GARDENS: Saturday, 8 September 2018**

##### RACE 1 – Canadian Club Handicap 1500m

**Impulsive** – stable representative Mr C Duckworth advised that an endoscopic examination performed on the mare did not reveal any abnormalities. He added that the connections of **Impulsive** had now made the decision to retire the mare to stud.

**Pandemonium** – co trainer Mr A Bott advised that the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the mare and it is the intention to continue with the horse's preparation.

##### RACE 4 – The Daily Telegraph Stan Fox Stakes 1500m (Group 2)

**Master Ash** – co-trainer Mr A Bott advised that the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the colt and it is the intention to continue with the horse's preparation.

##### RACE 5 – Theo Marks Stakes 1300m (Group 2)

**Siege Of Quebec** – co-trainer Mr A Bott advised that the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the horse and it is the intention to continue with the horse's preparation.

##### RACE 8 – Zyrtec Spring Sprint 1100m

**She Knows** – rider H Bowman was reminded of his obligations to ride his mounts out at least hands and heels right to the finish line.

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##### RACE 1 – 4yo & Up Benchmark 76 Handicap 1100m

**Orcein** – slow to begin.

**England** – began only fairly. **England**, approaching the 1100m, was hampered by *Nicco Lad*, which shifted in. **England**, laid out making the home turn and in the early part of the straight, obliging its rider to change his whip through to his left hand passing the 200m.

**Commissioner** – was slow to begin and despite being ridden along in the early stages, did not respond. **Commissioner** then was shifted in behind runners in the early stages to obtain cover.

**Altair** – from the outside barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. **Altair**, passing the 500m, improved onto the heels of *Orcein* and had to be steadied. **Altair** was then held up behind *Orcein* and did not obtain clear running until passing the 250m. **Altair**, over the final 50m, could not be tested when held up on the heels of *Nicco Lad*, which shifted in.

**God Of Thunder** – raced keenly in the lead throughout the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Burbank** – got its head on the side and raced greenly throughout the early and middle stages.

**Chamfer** – approaching the 1100m, was inconvenienced by *England*, which was taken in by *Nicco Lad*.

**Nicco Lad** – approaching the 1000m, when being shifted out to relieve tightening to runners to its inside, had to be eased to avoid the heels of *God Of Thunder* (T Berry), which shifted in slightly when not clear. T Berry was advised to exercise more care. Approaching the winning post, **Nicco Lad** was bumped by *England*, which shifted in.

### **RACE 2 – Benchmark 74 Handicap 1250m**

**So Taken** – after beginning awkwardly, was bumped and lost ground when *Alison Of Tuffy* itself began awkwardly and shifted in. **So Taken** was held up making the home turn.

**Iberian Lace** – began awkwardly. **Iberian Lace**, raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages when being restrained when endeavouring to obtain cover. When **Iberian Lace** was unable to do so, it then raced wide and without cover throughout this period. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Press Box** – from a wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. **Press Box**, approaching the 700m, was steadied when crowded for room between *Iberian Lace* and *So Taken*, both of which shifted ground.

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

**Maggie Miss** – shortly after straightening was bumped by *Vitesse*, which shifted in. In this incident, both **Maggie Miss** and *Vitesse* became momentarily unbalanced. When questioned regarding the performance, rider T Clark stated the filly, which was having its first start over 1250m, in his opinion may not have handled today's track conditions. He added that bearing in mind **Maggie Miss** was giving away race experience to the horses which beat her home, he was not disappointed with his mount's overall performance. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

### **RACE 3 – Benchmark 72 Handicap 1550m**

**Silent Explorer** – was fractious in the barriers and as the start was effected, made contact with the nearside of its barrier. **Silent Explorer** hung out under pressure in the straight and approaching the 50m, was shifted to the inside of *Patron Black* to continue into clear running.

**Major Wager** – which was fractious in the barriers, began awkwardly and then from a wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

**Aperitif** – as the start was effected, bounded, became badly unbalanced and as a result, shifted out abruptly and lost considerable ground (8L). The Stewards questioned rider H Bowman relative to his vigour on the filly over the final 300m. Bearing in mind the circumstances at the start, and the work that **Aperitif** had done to obtain a position closer to the rear of the field, the Stewards found in all the circumstances, H Bowman's riding of the filly in the straight was not unreasonable. However, H Bowman was advised that wherever possible, he must ensure that he places his mounts under the appropriate pressure and that he rides in a competitive manner in similar circumstances. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth was advised that the filly will be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Gentle Persuasion** – approaching the finish line, had to be steadied when crowded by *Major Wager* (R Hutchings), which shifted in. R Hutchings was reprimanded.

**Pembroke Castle** – when questioned regarding his riding from the 600m, App S Weatherly stated that his mount was travelling in a position on the rail behind *Silent Explorer*. He added that approaching the 400m, he shifted out in an endeavour to improve between *Silent Explorer* and *Gentle Persuasion* when that runner shifted out slightly. He added that he was aware that a narrow run had presented between *Gentle Persuasion* and the eventual winner *Major Wager* at this time, however after committing to the inside of the heels of *Gentle Persuasion* approaching the 300m and bearing in mind he would have had to make contact with *Major Wager* to establish this run should he elect to do so, he persevered to improve into running to the inside of *Gentle Persuasion*. He added that when *Gentle Persuasion* did not continue to shift out, **Pembroke Castle** was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight. He added that **Pembroke Castle** then continued to be held up until approaching the 50m where it was shifted to the outside of *Major Wager* to obtain clear running whereby his mount finished the race off strongly.

**Happy Bubbles** – raced keenly throughout the middle stages. Rider J Grisedale (*Patron Black*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding in that after passing the 50m, he permitted his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of **Happy Bubbles**, which had to be checked when crowded between *Patron Black* and *Gentle Persuasion*, which shifted in marginally. J Grisedale's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 16 September 2018 and to expire on Monday, 24 September 2018 on which day he may ride again. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

#### **RACE 4 – Benchmark 72 Handicap 1900m**

**Follow On** – was hampered on jumping by *Scream Park*, which shifted in. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**The Cartoonist** – was crowded on jumping between *Moondancer* and *Plagiarist*, both of which shifted ground. **The Cartoonist** had some difficulty obtaining clear running approaching the 100m before shifting to the outside of *Gretzky* inside the 100m to continue into clear running. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Darts Away** – from the outside barrier, was shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

**The Bandit** – from a wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

**Scream Park** – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider J McDonald stated that the gelding travelled well in a favourable position with cover, however his mount did not respond to his riding when under pressure after passing the 400m. He added he was disappointed in the manner in which his mount failed to finish the race off. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Moondancer** – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider J Collett stated that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages. He added that passing the 400m, he shifted to the outside of *Gretzky* to improve into the race, however **Moondancer**, although has some soft track form, in his opinion, did not handle today's track conditions. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

#### **RACE 5 – Mares Benchmark 70 Handicap 1100m**

**Social Element** – slow to begin and despite being pressured in the early stages, failed to muster speed.

**Corinth** – from the outside barrier, was shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Corinth** to have lost its near hind plate.

**Scratches** – from a wide barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. When questioned, rider J McDonald stated that shortly after straightening, he anticipated *Makdanife* shifting out, and as a result, he shifted his mount in to obtain running to the inside of that runner. He added that *Makdanife*

then desisted from shifting out and maintained its position, and he was disappointed for this run between *Makdanife* and *Valentino Rossa* approaching the 250m. J McDonald further stated that his mount continued to be held up until obtaining clear running approaching the 150m where **Scratches** closed the race of strongly.

**Fantastic Man** – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Fantastic Man** to be lame (2/5) in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr J Thompson was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Fantastic Man** racing again.

**Valentino Rossa** – a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be suffering heat stress. Trainer Mr J Coyle was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Valentino Rossa** racing again.

#### **RACE 6 – 3yo Benchmark 66 Handicap 1100m**

**She's Magical** – began awkwardly.

**Ellie's Encore** – slow to begin. **Ellie's Encore**, passing the 600m, was steadied away from the heels of *Sojourner*.

**Missybeel** – from a wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Approaching the winning post, **Missybeel** had to be eased when placed close to the heels of *Moccasin Miss*, which was taken out by *Leami Astray*, which itself was taken out by *Deity*.

**Deity** – was held up rounding the home turn and in the straight before shifting to the outside of *Excellent Design* passing the 150m, to continue into clear running. **Deity** shifted ground under pressure over the final 50m.

#### **RACE 7 – 3yo Fillies Maiden Handicap 1250m**

**Piracy** – which was difficult to load and fractious in the barriers, lunged forward as the start was effected, made contact with the front gates and as a result, was slow to begin. **Piracy** was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight before shifting to the outside of *Fuel* inside the 200m to continue into clear running.

**Pianissimo** – slow to begin. when questioned regarding his riding in the straight, particularly over the final 150m, J Parr stated that in the early part of the straight, he was following *Za Zi Ba*. He added that he observed that runner being inclined to shift out when under pressure and he noticed that the rider had his mount's head turned inwards. He said that passing the 150m, *Za Zi Ba* shifted out to a one off position, however shortly after, he again noted that the rider of *Za Zi Ba* was endeavouring to correct his mount and shift in. He considered that in the circumstances, the run to the inside of that runner would close, so he endeavoured to improve to *Za Zi Ba*'s outside as his mount was commencing to close the race off well. He added that when endeavouring to shift to the outside of *Za Zi Ba* and improve into running between that runner and *Cordoned*, *Za Zi Ba* then continued to shift out under pressure, which resulted in **Pianissimo** being awkwardly positioned on the heels of *Za Zi Ba* for some distance approaching the 50m and losing momentum and then being obliged to shift out further whereby his mount made contact with *Cordoned* approaching the winning post. He added that as his mount may have been causing interference to runners to his outside, he desisted from riding **Pianissimo** out over the concluding stages. The Stewards advised J Parr that he had erred in his assessment of the racing manners of *Za Zi Ba* and furthermore, his decision to shift away from clear running to the inside of that runner which ultimately resulted in **Pianissimo** not being properly tested over the final 75m, was an error of judgment.

**Coruscate** – after beginning well, when caught wide in the early stages, was shifted in behind runners to obtain cover. **Coruscate**, passing the 700m, had to be steadied away from the heels of *Chapelco*.

**Chapelco** – after beginning well, despite being ridden along in the early stages, failed to muster speed. **Chapelco** raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

## RACE 8 – 3yo C&G Maiden Handicap 1250m

**Crafty Tycoon** – began awkwardly.

**Chief In Command** – began only fairly.

**Memento** – was slow to begin (3L). **Memento** raced keenly throughout the early stages. **Memento**, near the 500m, was inconvenienced by *Wagner*, which shifted out to improve.

**Tinkermosa** – slow to begin. Rider J Collett reported that in his opinion, the mare was not suited by today's track condition. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

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

**Magic Choir** – raced wide and without cover from the 700m.

**Bravisimo** – App B Ryan was reminded of his obligations to ride his mounts out to the end of the race at least hands and heels wherever possible.

### GENERAL:

#### Summary of whip use

The Stewards noted the following rider exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii):

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| <b>Race 5</b> | App M Weir ( <b>Dalmatia Prince</b> ) | 6 strikes |
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Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

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

Race 1: Nicco Lad, Burbank, God Of Thunder, Chamfer, Commissioner, England.

Race 2: Lady Legend, Maggie Miss, So Taken, Bring The Magic, Vitesse.

Race 3: Pembroke Castle, Silent Explorer, Aperitif, Happy Bubbles, Major Wager, Patron Black.

Race 4: The Bandit, Moondancer, Cosmologist, Follow On, The Cartoonist (2).

Race 5: Dalmatia Prince, Imanui, Makdanife, Arrows Destiny, Scratches.

Race 6: Ellie's Encore, Sojourner, Leami Astray, Missybeel, Deity.

Race 7: Chapelco, Coruscate, Cordoned, Za Zi Ba.

Race 8: Arraignment, Tahsin, Tinkermosa, Metamorphic.

| SUMMARY                   |   |
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| <b>Fines:</b>             | Nil   |
| <b>Reprimands:</b>        | <b>Race 3: R Hutchings (Major Wager)</b> – careless riding [AR137(a)].  |
| <b>Suspensions:</b>       | <b>Race 3: J Grisedale (Patron Black)</b> – 16.9.18 to 24.9.18 – careless riding [AR137(a)].  |
| <b>Bleeders:</b>          | Nil   |
| <b>Warnings:</b>          | Nil   |
| <b>Trials:</b>            | <b>Race 3: Aperitif</b> (trainer C Waller) – barrier manners.   |
| <b>Certificates:</b>      | <b>Race 5: Fantastic Man</b> (trainer J Thompson) – lame (2/5) in the near fore leg.<br><b>Race 5: Valentino Rossa</b> (trainer J Coyle) – heat stress. |
| <b>Fall/Injuries:</b>     | Nil   |
| <b>Change of Tactics:</b> | <b>Race 5: Corinth</b> to be ridden further back from the wide barrier; settled back.   |
| <b>Change of Colours:</b> | Nil   |
| <b>Change of Gear</b>     | Nil   |
| <b>Follow up:</b>         | Nil   |

