

**STEWARDS' REPORT****Australian Turf Club  
ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE****Saturday 13 January 2018**

Weather: Fine  
 Track: Good (4); upgraded to Good (3) retrospectively to include race 5.  
 Rail: +4m  
 Penetrometer: 5.1

**STEWARDS:** M F Van Gestel (Chairman), P C Dingwall, D M Greer, D L Carr and cadet F J Dale  
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**Supplementary Reports:****CANTERBURY PARK – Wednesday 10 January 2018****Race 6: Schweppes Handicap 1100m*****Living Choice – slow to begin.*****LATE RIDING CHANGES:**

As J Parr was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

<b>Race 2</b>	J Ford on <b>From Within.</b>
<b>Race 3</b>	B Spriggs on <b>Lead Choreographer.</b>
<b>Race 4</b>	J Taylor on <b>Adjective.</b>
<b>Race 5</b>	M Cahill on <b>Tears In Heaven.</b>
<b>Race 6</b>	D McDonogh on <b>Supply And Demand.</b>
<b>Race 7</b>	M Cahill on <b>Sizzling Bullet.</b>
<b>Race 8</b>	G Schofield on <b>Ghostly.</b>
<b>Race 9</b>	M Cahill on <b>Vaucluse Bay.</b>

**RACE 1: TAB Highway Handicap 1600m**

**Fastquest** – jumped awkwardly. Held up making the home turn and in the early part of the straight and did not obtain clear running until near the 250m.

**Arrondissement** – overraced in the early stages. Near the 350m had to be steadied when crowded between *Newtown Bluebag* and *Danetrille* which, after making contact with *General Harmony* (App. C Gallagher), was taken out by that runner. App. Gallagher was reprimanded and advised he must ensure he is sufficiently clear when shifting ground. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be slow to recover.

**General Harmony** – J Penza, rider of *Fui San* pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding in that near the 1400m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of **General Harmony**, resulting in that runner losing its rightful running and having to be checked. J Penza's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday, 16 January 2018 and to expire on Saturday, 20 January 2018, on which day he may ride. When questioned

regarding his riding in the straight, App. C Gallagher stated, after being briefly held up on the back of *Fui San* in the early stages of the straight, he then made contact with *Danetrille* on a number of occasions as he endeavoured to obtain clear running to *Fui San's* outside. He said, after securing clear running near the 250m, his mount took some time to respond to his riding and near the 100m, as he commenced to make ground, then had to be steadied when disappointed for clear running between that runner and *Newtown Bluebag* due to *Fui San* shifting out. App. Gallagher further added he was briefly held up on the heels of *Fui San*, shifted back to that runner's inside and then raced tight to its inside over the final 50m.

**So It Is** – near the 1000m commenced to overrace and had to be checked away from the heels of *Newtown Bluebag*. Inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

**O'Lordy** – near the 250m was disappointed for clear running between *Fastquest* and *Bray* as that runner commenced to give ground. **O'Lordy** then did not obtain clear running until near the 200m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Bray** – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near-foreleg (2 out of 5). Trainer Mr B Cavanough was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Bray** racing again.

**Danetrille** – when questioned, App. J Innes Jr stated that his instructions were to endeavour to find cover on the gelding, particularly as it can have a tendency to overrace. He said his mount was caught wide in the early stages and, whilst he contemplated going forward to cross *Fui San* near the 1000m, he elected not to do so as he was concerned his mount would commence to overrace. He added as a consequence he allowed **Danetrille** to maintain its rhythm and balance when caught three wide without cover for the majority of the event. App. Innes further added that soon after entering the straight his mount became under pressure when bumped by *General Harmony* and gave ground from that point.

### **RACE 2: 2018 ATC Membership Sprint 1000m**

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

**Another Sin** – slow to begin. Rider A Gibbons reported his mount raced keenly first up today when positioned outside the leader.

**From Within** - jumped awkwardly. Overraced throughout the early and middle stages. Over the final 100m was inclined to lay in under pressure, resulting in its rider J Ford having to change the whip into his right hand.

**Goldfinch** – when questioned regarding her riding, App. D Panya stated, as notified to the Stewards, her instructions were to obtain cover if possible. She said in the early stages, when positioned to the outside of *Pendeloque*, she took hold of her mount to race on the back of that runner and was ultimately positioned to its inside near the 800m. She added that she continued improving to *Pendeloque's* inside to oblige that runner to remain racing three wide. She said as *Pendeloque* was shifted in simultaneously, as she obtained a position to its inside, she was reluctant to continue to improve in circumstances where *Roman Typhoon* was positioned back to her inside. She added as a consequence she elected to allow *Pendeloque* to cross her mount, but this resulted in **Goldfinch** then racing keenly and having to be restrained away from the heels of *Pendeloque* for some distance near the 600m. App. Panya

further stated that in the straight, when again positioned to the inside of *Pendeloque*, she elected to attempt to obtain clear running between *Another Sin* and *Pendeloque*, but when those two runners shifted ground slightly she had to steady her mount when disappointed for clear running. She said that near the 100m she then improved to the inside of *Pendeloque* and raced tight to that runner's inside over the final stages of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly lost its near-fore plate in running.

**Roman Typhoon** – when questioned regarding his riding in the straight, rider J Penza stated his mount hung in when placed under pressure and had a tendency to run in behind *Puppet Master* as that runner commenced to give ground. He said near the 300m when *Puppet Master* shifted out slightly, because of his mount's racing manners he then attempted to secure clear running to that runner's inside, but when *Puppet Master* shifted back in he had to check his mount when disappointed for this run. He further added he was then held up on the heels of *Puppet Master* for some distance before securing clear running approaching the 150m.

**Puppet Master** – rider D McDonogh stated his mount travelled well in the lead today, but soon after straightening did not respond to his riding and was somewhat disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr G Portelli stated in his view **Puppet Master** races best when not held up and able to run freely. He said that the colt had pleased him coming into today's race and as a consequence of today's performance would now drop it back in grade to provincial class, whereby he will instruct the rider not to hold the colt up. Mr Portelli undertook to report back if there is anything amiss with **Puppet Master** subsequent to the race.

**Pendeloque** – a post-race veterinary examination revealed a laceration to the off-hind coronet band. Trainer's representative Mr B Ryan was asked to provide a veterinary clearance prior to **Pendeloque** racing again.

### **RACE 3: TAB Handicap 2400m**

**Cordero** – slow to begin.

**Rock On Ivy** – for a short distance leaving the 600m was held up on the heels of *Great Glen*.

**Richard Of Yorke** – hung in making the home turn and under pressure in the straight.

**Great Glen** – rider G Schofield stated his mount did not travel well at any stage of the event, hung out making the turn and gave ground in the straight. He said that in his view **Great Glen** did not back up from its tough run at Warwick Farm on 23 December 2017 in hot conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding shifted its near-hind plate, resulting in the plate penetrating the wall of the hoof. Trainer's representative Mr C Duckworth stated he will assess the post-race condition of the gelding in the days subsequent and will notify the Stewards of the immediate racing plans for **Great Glen**. Stewards adjourned the inquiry pending receipt of the advice from the stable.

**Lead Choreographer** – when questioned regarding his riding in the middle stages whereby he improved to the lead, rider B Spriggs confirmed that his instructions were to endeavour to ride his mount with cover in order to assist it run out a strong 2400m. He said, although the tempo throughout the early and middle stages was solid, his mount raced keenly and refused to settle when awkwardly placed closed to the heels of *Blanco Cara* for some distance after

the 1600m. He added as a consequence he was obliged to shift to the outside of *Blanco Cara* to avoid that runner's heels and this resulted in **Lead Choreographer** improving around that runner, whereby he then assumed the lead from the 1000m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Coonawarra** – rider D McDonogh stated his instructions were to set a solid tempo in the early stages, however his mount was inclined to race keenly when pressured in the lead by *Blanco Cara*. He added that when *Lead Choreographer* improved around his mount leaving the 1000m, **Coonawarra** was immediately off the bit and gave ground from that point. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr A Bott stated he will assess the post-race condition of the gelding in the days subsequent and will notify the Stewards of the immediate racing plans for **Coonawarra**. Stewards adjourned the inquiry pending receipt of the advice from the stable.

#### **RACE 4: Book Summer Hospitality Today Handicap 1200m**

**Reach For Heaven** – when being crossed by *Bratislava* near the 900m, *Tip Top* had to be steadied away from the heels of that runner. **Reach For Heaven** and *Grande Punto*, which were following, had to be steadied as a consequence. When questioned regarding his riding on the home turn and as to whether there was an opportunity to hold his position to the inside of *Last Witness*, rider A Bullock stated that his mount had raced keenly in the early stages when caught wide without cover and when *Last Witness* improved past him to his outside on the home turn he was reluctant to ride his mount to hold his position as he felt he would have had to make too much use of his mount to do so. He added as a result he elected to allow *Last Witness* to cross **Reach For Heaven**, whereby he then briefly followed *Last Witness* into the straight before improving to its outside soon after straightening.

**Last Witness** – raced wide and without cover from the 900m.

**Thaad** – raced keenly in the middle stages. After being held up in the early part of the straight, improved into a narrow run to the inside of *Bratislava* near the 300m. Approaching the 200m **Thaad** then had to be steadied when crowded for a number of strides as *Bratislava* (G Schofield) shifted in. G Schofield was advised to exercise more care.

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

**Adjective** – rider J Taylor stated her mount travelled satisfactorily towards the rear of the field, but when the tempo quickened it became under pressure and was disappointing in its failure to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr S Singleton was asked to report back on the post-race condition of **Adjective**.

**Tip Top** – when questioned regarding the gelding racing more forward, rider App. B McDougall stated his intention was to ride his mount with cover today, but from its awkward barrier and with only a moderate early tempo, his mount commenced to race keenly soon after the start. He added this resulted in **Tip Top** taking up a more forward position than expected, whereby it raced outside the lead.

**RACE 5: TAB Rewards Handicap 1200m**

**Machinegun Jubs** – bumped on jumping with *Leami Astray*. When questioned regarding his riding, App. B McDougall stated his instructions were to follow the two anticipated leaders, *Reward For Fashion* and *Leami Astray* and also to ensure that he made his run wide on the mare in the straight. He said, after being crossed by the leader *Reward For Fashion* when positioned on the rail, he elected then to shift to a one off position to follow *Leami Astray* to allow him to comply with his instructions in the straight to go wider. He added, after obtaining a position behind *Leami Astray*, the eventual winner *Kawaikini* was able to improve to his inside. App. McDougall further stated that making the home turn under its being weight, the mare was not travelling well enough to hold *Kawaikini* to his inside despite his efforts and, as *Kawaikini* shifted out, **Machinegun Jubs** was inclined to shift away from that runner without being taken wider. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be heat affected and had lost its off-fore plate. Trainer Ms A Davies was told a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Machinegun Jubs** racing again.

**Leami Astray** – bumped on jumping with *Machinegun Jubs*.

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

**Tears In Heaven** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare lost its off-hind plate.

**Reward For Fashion** – when questioned regarding the performance, rider App. J Innes Jr stated that under his light weight today he was advised to lead on the mare. He said, after commencing well, **Reward For Fashion** travelled comfortably in front and, after *Leami Astray* improved to his outside soon after straightening, became under pressure. He added, whilst his mount initially responded, he was somewhat disappointed with its finishing effort. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer's representative Mr J Webb confirmed the instructions issued and advised Stewards **Reward For Fashion** had pleased the stable leading into today's event and had worked particularly well on Tuesday, 9 January 2018. He added that the stable had supported the mare today and were confident of its chances. Mr Webb undertook to report back if there is anything amiss with **Reward For Fashion** in the days subsequent.

**Miss Iano** – App. L Magorrian reported that the mare did not feel fluent in its action and he had some concerns over the concluding stages that something was amiss with it. As **Miss Iano** had left the course prior to the prescribed time, a veterinary examination was unable to be conducted and trainer Mr M Webb was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the mare racing again.

**RACE 6: Maroubra Mile 1600m**

No report.

**RACE 7: #Theraces Handicap 1400m**

**New Universe** – slow to begin.

**Sizzling Bullet** – near the 250m when giving ground was crowded by *Eusebio* (G Schofield), which was inclined to hang in. G Schofield was told to exercise more care. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Careless** – rider D McDonogh pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used the whip on 11 occasions prior to the 100m (6 more than permitted). D McDonogh was fined \$600.

#### **RACE 8: ATC Owners Benefit Card Handicap 1400m**

**Invincible George** – began awkwardly, made contact with the offside front gate of its barrier and lost ground.

**Ghostly** – after being loaded, the gelding lunged forward. **Ghostly** was removed from the barriers, examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and cleared to race. Slow to begin and shortly after was bumped by *Sugar Bella*, which shifted in.

**Mr McBat** – slow to begin (2L). Rider M Cahill was fined the sum of \$200 under AR145 for returning to scale in excess of ½ a kilogram over his declared weight.

**Vain Elaine** – raced keenly in the middle stages and near the 900m was steadied away from the heels of *Fleeting Stryke*.

**Aquatic** – when questioned regarding his riding in the middle stages and as to the whether he was able to hold his position to the inside of *Sugar Bella* when that runner was caught wide and without cover, J Ford stated that his mount, which has a tendency to overrace, jumped well and obtained a more forward position in the early stages than he had anticipated. He said, whilst he was aware that he had *Sugar Bella* positioned to his outside nearing the 900m, he was reluctant to ride his mount forward to hold a position to the inside of *Sugar Bella*, particularly in circumstances where his mount last start had raced keenly and refused to settle in its race. J Ford added for this reason, rather than contesting a position, he allowed *Sugar Bella* to cross his mount, whereby he was able to follow that horse into the straight. Whilst Stewards accepted the explanation tendered by J Ford, he was advised that wherever possible he should ride his mounts in a competitive manner.

**Gitan** – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### **RACE 9: tab.com.au Handicap 1800m**

**Hurricane Harbour** – as J Adams was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted B Spriggs to be substituted as the rider of the gelding.

**Vaucluse Bay** – as notified by the Stewards prior to the running of the race, trainer Mr C Waller advised that the intention was to ride the gelding quiet from its barrier. They advised that this tactic was issued on the basis that last start when the gelding raced in a forward position there was a lack of perceived early speed in the event and today, with a more genuine tempo expected, from its wide draw and awkward starting position they elected to ride **Vaucluse Bay** more conservatively. 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.

**Gamblestown** – slow to begin.

**Olympic Academy** – slow to begin. Leaving the 600m was bumped on the hindquarter by *Speed Hero* and became unbalanced.

**Speed Hero** – D McDonogh, rider of *Gamblestown*, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that leaving the 600m he permitted his mount to shift out, resulting in *Vaucluse Bay* being taken out across the running of **Speed Hero**, which had to be checked when crowded between *Vaucluse Bay* and *Olympic Academy*. D McDonogh's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Thursday, 18 January 2018 and to expire on Sunday, 21 January 2018, on which day he may ride.

**Emperor's Way** – briefly held up near the 300m.

**Coys** – rider App. D Panya stated her mount raced like a horse which had come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr M Connors advised **Coys** will now be spelled. Acting on this assurance, no action was taken.

#### 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	B Spriggs ( <i>Lead Choreographer</i> )	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 5	B Spriggs ( <i>Reward For Fashion</i> )	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 6	App. J Innes Jr ( <i>Coolring</i> ) D McDonogh ( <i>Supply And Demand</i> )	6 strikes prior to the 100m. 8 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	App. L Magorrian ( <i>New Universe</i> ) G Schofield ( <i>Eusebio</i> )	2 consecutive strikes prior to the 100m. 6 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Race 1: O'Lordy, Newtown Bluebag (2), Bray, So It Is, Fastquest (2), Danetrille, General Harmony.

Race 2: Kennedy, Lightz, Goldfinch, Another Sin, From Within.

Race 3: Great Glen, Cordero (2), Coonawarra (2), Rock On Ivy, Waking Moment.

Race 4: Grande Punto, Last Witness, Reach For Heaven (2), Thaad.

Race 5: Machinegun Jubs (2), Miss Iano, Tears In Heaven, Leami Astray.

Race 6: Coolring, Supply And Demand, Liapari, Dreamforce (2), Morton's Fork.

Race 7: Eusebio, The Bandit, Samadoubt (2), Sizzling Bullet.

Race 8: Lay Down The Law, Fleeting Stryke, Vain Elaine, Aquatic.

Race 9: Emperor's Way (2), Hurricane Harbour, Speed Hero, Atlantic Fox.

SUMMARY	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 7: D McDonogh ( <i>Careless</i> ) \$600 – use of the whip (AR137A(5)(a)(ii)). Race 8: M Cahill ( <i>Mr McBat</i> ) \$200 – return to scale in excess of ½ kg over declared weight (AR145).
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 1: App. C Gallagher ( <i>General Harmony</i> ) – careless riding (AR137(a)).
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race 1: J Penza ( <i>Fui San</i> ) – careless riding (AR137(a)), suspended

	from 16/1/18 to 20/1/18. Race 9: D McDonogh ( <i>Gamblestown</i> ) – careless riding (AR137(a)), suspended from 18/1/18 to 21/1/18.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil.
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 1: <i>Bray</i> (trainer B Cavanough) – lame near-foreleg (2 out of 5). Race 2: <i>Pendeloque</i> (trainer G Ryan) – laceration to off-hind coronet band. Race 5: <i>Miss Iano</i> (trainer M Webb) – left course prior to prescribed time. <i>Machinegun Jubs</i> (trainer A Davies) – heat affected.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Tactics Notified:</b>	Race 2: <i>Goldfinch</i> – if tempo too genuine option to be ridden with cover; settled midfield with cover. Race 3: <i>Richard Of Yorke</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled worse than midfield. Race 7: <i>Careless</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled outside the lead. Race 8: <i>Lay Down The Law</i> – option to be further forward if begins well; settled outside the lead. Race 9: <i>Vaucluse Bay</i> – to be ridden further back; settled back.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Race 2: <i>Puppet Master</i> (trainer G Portelli) – poor performance. Race 3: <i>Coonawarra</i> (co-trainer A Bott) – poor performance. Race 4: <i>Adjective</i> (trainer S Singleton) – poor performance. Race 5: <i>Reward For Fashion</i> (trainer T Martin) – poor performance.