

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Australian Turf Club KENSINGTON RACECOURSE

Tuesday, 1 January 2019

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (4); upgraded to a Good (3) at 3.28pm following Race 4.  
Rail: +5m 1500m-W/Post, +3m Remainder  
Penetrometer: 4.71

**STEWARDS:** P C Dingwall (Chairman), J J E Earl, S T Matthews, D M Greer and cadets R W Loughlin and J P Dunn

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#### **RACE 1 – #Theraces Handicap 1800m**

**Red Dubawi** – was hampered shortly after the start by *Rock Zone*, which shifted out after beginning awkwardly. **Red Dubawi** was then shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**Rock Zone** – in the early stages, commenced to race keenly and for some distance leaving the 1600m, became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Staggering*, which itself was steadied to obtain cover, and as a result **Rock Zone** was restrained from the heels of *Staggering* for a short distance after the 1400m. When the tempo steadied approaching the 1200m, **Rock Zone** again became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Staggering* and had to be checked for a short distance. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (3/5) in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr D Payne was advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to the gelding's next race start.

**Gayatri** – slow to begin. Near the 1000m, due to the slow tempo, was checked from the heels of *Miss Jenny*. *Red Dubawi*, which was following, was steadied as a consequence. **Gayatri**, after being briefly held up, shifted to the outside of *D'Beak* to obtain clear running near the 200m and in doing so made contact with *Snippetspeed*.

**Staggering** – approaching the 500m was briefly tightened between *D'Beak* and *Snippetspeed*, which rolled in.

**Miss Jenny** – experienced some difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

**Snippetspeed** – when questioned, C Brown explained that he had been asked to ride **Snippetspeed** prominently today if possible. He said that in the early stages, although he pressured **Snippetspeed** to improve, he was unwilling to be too vigorous as **Snippetspeed** at its most recent start travelled strongly when he endeavoured to obtain a forward position. He said that today he was therefore cautious about being overvigorous on **Snippetspeed** to travel in a forward position and he therefore only applied moderate pressure to have **Snippetspeed** improve. He stated that **Snippetspeed**, however, did not respond to his efforts and as a result he was unable to clear runners to his inside and therefore travelled wide and without cover throughout the event. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (1/5) in the near fore leg. Co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden was advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to the gelding's next race start.

**D'Beak** – a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover.

#### **RACE 2 – 2019 Membership Handicap 1550m**

**Chalk** – slow to begin. After being held up in the early part of the straight, was continually shifted out where it ultimately obtained clear running to the outside of *Zeppelin* near the 250m.

**Sculptures** – was hampered shortly after the start by *Smiling Manolito*, which shifted in after beginning awkwardly.

**Love Shack Baby** – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Victime De L'Amour** – near the 1400m was hampered when *Zeppelin* shifted out momentarily. When questioned, C Brown stated that he had been asked to ride the gelding one out one back if possible. He said that he was satisfied with his positioning in the early stages, however when *Californiafirebird*, which was travelling wide and without cover, improved to race in a position in front of *Zeppelin* near the 800m, this resulted in his mount travelling further back than intended. Mr G Thompson, representing trainer Mr T Martin, confirmed the instructions issued to C Brown. He said the decision to ride **Victime De L'Amour** more conservatively today was based on the fact that **Victime De L'Amour** had not been competitive when leading at its most recent start and it was hoped today that **Victime De L'Amour**, when ridden in a slightly different manner, might be able to close the race off. In all the circumstances, Mr Martin, represented by his stable representative Mr G Thompson, was fined the sum of \$500 under AR135A.

**Californiafirebird** – raced wide and without cover until passing the 900m.

**Zeppelin** – laid in when under pressure from about the 300m to passing the 200m and during this stage shifted in.

**Sostenido** – when commencing to close the race off well, had difficulty obtaining clear running approaching and passing the 150m whereby the gelding was then shifted to the outside of *Chalk* to improve.

**Smiling Manolito** – when questioned, H Bowman said that when *Zeppelin* and *Californiafirebird* improved to his outside, he allowed **Smiling Manolito** on straightening to drift out closer to those runners to ensure that it raced competitively and ensure that **Smiling Manolito** would finish its race off competitively. He said that as a consequence, *Love Shack Baby* was able to improve to his inside. Whilst accepting that H Bowman had not directed his mount away from the running rail, he was nonetheless reminded to ride his mounts in a competitive manner where possible so as to ensure other runners are not advantaged. H Bowman was unable to provide any tangible explanation for the gelding's disappointing performance. He said that the gelding was able to travel in the lead at a moderate tempo, but soon after straightening was under pressure and did not respond thereafter. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

### **RACE 3 – ANZ Bloodstock News Handicap 1550m**

**Seababe** – was slow to begin and then from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Approaching and rounding the home turn, **Seababe** was carried wider when *Classic Princess* endeavoured to shift to the outside of *Via Veneto* to obtain clear running. As a result, **Seababe** and *Classic Princess* raced tight during this stage and made contact on straightening.

**Maddison Avenue** – raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Everlasting Love** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Classic Princess** – from the 300m to the 150m, proved reluctant to improve when racing tight to the inside of *Seababe*. **Classic Princess**, near the 100m, was shifted to the inside of *Via Veneto* when disappointed for running at that point due to *Seababe* shifting out and as a result, **Classic Princess** then was unable to obtain clear running until over the final 30m and consequently was not tested. A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame (1/5) in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr G Moore was advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to the mare's next race start.

**Ivy's Court** – was badly held up until approaching the 200m.

**Shantou** – a post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have lost it near hind plate.

#### **RACE 4 – TAB Rewards Plate 1400m**

**Bring The Magic** – was slow to begin and then was shifted behind runners shortly after the start. Near the 500m, *Proud Tradition* shifted out slightly to improve carrying Nobu and *Killer Instinct* onto **Bring The Magic**, which was hampered.

**Seamagic** – shortly after the start was hampered when crowded for room between *Proud Tradition* and *Belladeel*, which shifted in after beginning awkwardly. **Seamagic**, approaching the 1000m, commenced to race keenly and got its head up when its rider endeavoured to maintain a position with cover. As a result, **Seamagic** got its head on the side and raced keenly for a short distance thereafter. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Seamagic** to be slow to recover.

**Mrs Madrid** – shortly after the start bumped with *Proud Tradition* and became unbalanced.

**Elusive Nature** – shortly after the start was steadied when shifted behind runners to obtain cover. **Elusive Nature**, from about the 400m to the 250m, when being held up, was continually shifted towards the outside of the field to obtain clear running. **Elusive Nature** (C Brown), over the final 40m, was inconvenienced as *Proud Tradition* shifted out slightly. As a result, C Brown was unable to ride his mount using his usual vigour.

**Nobu** – from the outside barrier, was ridden vigorously throughout the early stages to obtain a forward position.

**Killer Instinct** – after the 800m, was left racing wide and without cover.

**Affogato** – for a short distance after the 400m was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Belladeel*. Leaving the 600m, *Belladeel*, which had been racing along the running rail, got its head on the side and shifted out. **Affogato**, which was following, improved to the position vacated by *Belladeel*, however when *Belladeel* rolled back in to resume its position along the running rail, **Affogato** was impeded.

**Belladeel** – H Bowman stated that he was not disappointed with the horse's performance today having regard to **Belladeel** having its first race start today which was over 1400m. He said that the colt raced competitively but weakened slightly over the final 50m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Jimmu** – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Jimmu** to be lame (3/5) in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr G Ryan was advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to the colt's next race start.

#### **RACE 5 – New Year's Day Cup 2400m**

**Dashing Special** – the Stewards permitted G Schofield to ride the gelding ½kg over its allotted weight of 54kgs. **Dashing Special** was slow to begin and then shortly after the start shifted out and made contact with *Earth Angel*.

**Just Dylan** – the Stewards permitted T Marquand to ride the gelding 1kg over its allotted weight of 54kgs. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Earth Angel** – in the early stages, when being shifted behind runners to obtain cover, commenced to race fiercely and got its head up on a number of occasions as the mare proved difficult to settle. Near the 1900m, *Just Dylan* (T Marquand), which was racing tight to the inside of *Dashing Special*, was eased by its rider and then shifted out when not clear onto *Naval Warfare*, which improved quickly to the outside of that runner, resulting in **Earth Angel** being hampered. T Marquand was advised to exercise more care. **Earth Angel** hung in in the early part of the straight.

**Destiny's Kiss** – R King (*Earth Angel*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding in that near the 350m she permitted her mount to shift in when not clear of **Destiny's Kiss**, which had to be checked. In assessing penalty, the Stewards were mindful that *Just Dylan* (T Marquand) shifted out to relieve

tightening to *Dashing Special* and this shift had contributed to the interference of **Destiny's Kiss**. T Marquand was advised that he must exercise due care when shifting out in similar circumstances. R King's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period of time to commence on Wednesday, 9 January 2019 and to expire on Sunday, 13 January 2019 on which day she may ride again.

#### **RACE 6 – Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap 1400m**

**Snitzel Day** – became fractious, lunged forward and made contact with the front gate of the barriers. **Snitzel Day** subsequently underwent a veterinary examination by the Racing NSW Chief Veterinary Officer and was withdrawn on veterinary grounds at 4.40pm. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on **Snitzel Day** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 4.40pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket.

1<sup>st</sup> *Fuchu* 14 cents win, 12 cents place

2<sup>nd</sup> *Great Job* 17 cents place

Trainer Mr C Waller was advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to the gelding's next race start.

**Fuchu** – had difficulty obtaining clear running until the 300m when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Great Job*, which itself was shifting out slightly. **Fuchu** then near the 250m was directed to the outside of *Great Job* to obtain clear running.

**Moondancer** – a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (2/5) in the off fore leg. Stable representative Mr L Miller was advised that a veterinary certificate must be provided prior to the gelding's next race start.

#### **RACE 7 – Tab.com.au Handicap 1250m**

**Miss Faith** – reared as the start was affected and lost ground. Making the turn near the 850m, was checked when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Osorno*. As a result, **Miss Faith** got its head up, hung out, shifted wider causing *Pelorus Jack* to also be carried wider. The rider of *Pelorus Jack* endeavoured to correct his mount, however *Pelorus Jack* got its head up and shifted out further.

**Seles** – was slow to begin and shortly after the start was hampered when crowded for room between *Osorno* and *Clifton County*, both of which shifted ground.

**Pelorus Jack** – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Raced wide and without cover for the major part of the race.

**Osorno** – raced wide and without cover for the major part of the race.

**Clifton County** – near the 1000m, commenced to race keenly and got its head up on a number of occasions when being restrained from the heels of *Kopite*.

**Just Got Lucky** – when questioned App R Dolan said he had been asked to ride the gelding in a prominent position behind the leaders, if possible. He said that in the early stages, when it became apparent that he would be obliged to travel wide and without cover, he elected to improve and was able to eventually shift in front of *Kopite* near the 600m. He said that as a result, he travelled slightly ahead of *My Song*. He said that he was unwilling to steady his mount to travel at *My Song*'s girth as he felt that *Kopite* was positioned close to his heels and he may cause interference to that runner if he were to ease his mount. As a result, *My Song* and **Just Got Lucky** set a fast tempo during the mid-section of the race.

**My Song** – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

#### **RACE 8 – Australian Turf Club Sprint 1000m**

**Nic's Vendetta** – began awkwardly. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (2/5) in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr T Howlett was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding's next race start.

**Vincero** – shortly after the start, was crowded for room between *Nic's Vendetta*, which began awkwardly and shifted out, and *Il Bandito*. **Vincero**, for a short distance on straightening, was awkwardly placed on the heels of *November Man*.

**Witherspoon** – began awkwardly, shifted in and briefly hampered *Laburnum*.

**Mr Kylin** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

**November Man** – raced wide and without cover throughout. When questioned J Collett explained that near the 200m he shifted to the outside of *Laburnum* to continue into clear running. He said that **November Man** commenced to close the race off strongly and therefore to ensure he maintain **November Man's** progression, he continued to ride **November Man** along hands and heels as the horse was responding well to this style of riding. He added that he did not feel it was appropriate to place **November Man** under any other further form of pressure as his mount was finishing as best as it was able. J Collett's explanation was noted. Co-trainer Mr E Cummings said that **November Man** had only been finishing its races off only fairly in recent times and he was mindful of T Berry's advice that when he rode the horse in October that **November Man** performed competitively and it may derive benefit from being ridden hands and heels in the future. Mr Cummings said that he had relayed this information to J Collett and had given him the option of using hands and heels only if **November Man** was responding adequately. Mr Cummings expressed satisfaction with the manner in which **November Man** was ridden over the final 200m. Mr Cummings undertook to ensure that where possible, **November Man** would be ridden in a similar manner. The Stewards will monitor **November Man** at its upcoming starts.

**Archytas** – a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be suffering from cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer Mr A St Vincent was advised that a veterinary clearance, including the results of a satisfactory ECG, must be provided prior to barrier trialling to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to the gelding's next race start.

**Il Bandito** – when questioned App R Dolan explained that with the anticipated fast tempo of the race, he had been asked to ride the horse prominently if possible. He said that as expected, *Witherspoon* and *Royal Witness* set a fast tempo in the early stages and he was content to travel directly behind those horse's. He said, however, that **Il Bandito** travelled ungenerously in the early stages with its head up and although he wanted to ensure *Laburnum* did not cross him, his mount was not showing sufficient pace to prevent that horse from shifting in passing the 800m and as a result, **Il Bandito** travelled further back than anticipated. He stated that **Il Bandito** got its head on the side, laid in in the early part of the straight and felt unbalanced in its action. He said he experienced some difficulty obtaining clear running until the final 150m when he shifted to the inside of *Nic's Vendetta*. He said that over the final 100m, he did not place **Il Bandito** under full pressure as he felt his mount was finishing off as best it could. App Dolan was advised that whilst the Stewards accepted that the early tempo resulted in his mount settling further back than intended, nonetheless he should have made a greater effort to prevent *Laburnum* from shifting in. and also with regard to the final 100m, he is to ensure he places his mounts under full pressure so as to leave no room for query. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (1/5) in the off fore leg. Stable representative Ms H Devlin was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Il Bandito's** next race start again.

## GENERAL:

### Summary of whip use

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

<b>Race 7</b>	App C Williams ( <b>Pelorus Jack</b> )	8 strikes
<b>Race 7</b>	App J Duggan ( <b>Kopite</b> )	8 strikes
<b>Race 8</b>	C Brown ( <b>Witherspoon</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 8</b>	G Schofield ( <b>Laburnum</b> )	6 strikes

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: Bezel, Miss Jenny, D'Beak, Snippetspeed, Thunder Pace (2), Staggering.

Race 2: Victime De L'Amour; Love Shack Baby, Californiafirebird, Sculptures, Chalk.

Race 3: Shantou, Seababe, Everlasting Love (2).

Race 4: Proud Tradition, Affogato, Killer Instinct.

Race 5: Destiny's Kiss, Naval Warfare, Earth Angel, Dashing Special, Just Dylan, Earth Angel.

Race 6: Fuchu, Great Job, Without Revenge, Ready Set Sing, Great Job.

Race 7: Pelorus Jack, My Song, Osorno, Kopite.

Race 8: Witherspoon, November Man (2), Laburnum.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 2:</b> Trainer T Martin ( <b>Victime De L'Amour</b> ) – \$500 – failed to advise the Stewards of a change of tactics [AR135A].
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 5:</b> R King ( <b>Earth Angel</b> ) – 9.1.19 to 13.1.19 – careless riding [AR137(a)].
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 8:</b> <b>Archytas</b> (trainer A St Vincent) – cardiac arrhythmia.
<b>Certificates:</b>	<p><b>Race 1:</b> <b>Snippetspeed</b> (co-trainer Paul Snowden) – lame (1/5) in the near fore leg.</p> <p><b>Race 1:</b> <b>Rock Zone</b> (trainer D Payne) – lame (3/5) in the near fore leg.</p> <p><b>Race 3:</b> <b>Classic Princess</b> (trainer G Moore) – lame (1/5) in the near fore leg.</p> <p><b>Race 4:</b> <b>Jimmu</b> (trainer G Ryan) – lame (3/5) in the near fore leg.</p> <p><b>Race 6:</b> <b>Moondancer</b> (trainer K Lees) – lame (2/5) in the off fore leg.</p> <p><b>Race 6:</b> <b>Snitzel Day</b> (trainer C Waller) – fractious in the barriers, withdrawn.</p> <p><b>Race 8:</b> <b>Il Bandito</b> (trainer J Pride) – lame (1/5) in the off fore leg.</p> <p><b>Race 8:</b> <b>Nic's Vendetta</b> (trainer T Howlett) – lame (2/5) in the near fore leg.</p> <p><b>Race 8:</b> <b>Archytas</b> (trainer A St Vincent) – cardiac arrhythmia, including ECG.</p>
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	<p><b>Race 3:</b> <b>Shantou</b> to be ridden prominently with the intention to lead; settled off pace.</p> <p><b>Race 4:</b> <b>Nobu</b> to be ridden prominently with the option to lead; settled outside the leader.</p> <p><b>Race 4:</b> <b>Bring The Magic</b> to be ridden prominently; settled back.</p> <p><b>Race 5:</b> <b>Dashing Special</b> to be ridden prominently with the intention to lead; led.</p> <p><b>Race 7:</b> <b>Osorno</b> to be ridden prominently; settled off pace.</p>
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> <b>Classic Princess</b> – purple cap.
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil