

STEWARDS REPORT

Australian Turf Club ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE

Saturday 1 August 2020

Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy (9)
Rail: +9m 1600m-W/Post; +7m Remainder
Penetrometer: 6.15

COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS: W. R. Birch, (Chairman), T. J. Vassallo, C L Albrecht, J J E Earl, and Cadets B. J. Pearce, L J Martin and J D Boehm.

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Supplementary Reports:

Canterbury Racecourse Wednesday 22 July 2020

Race 4: TAB Handicap 1900m:

Dalmatia Prince – Stewards today concluded an inquiry into A Hyeronimus' riding of the gelding after adjourning to review aspects of the race, including betting on the event. Stewards considered a report from Racing NSW Betting Analyst, Mr M Reid, who advised that there were no integrity concerns in respect to betting on the event. Having considered the explanations provided by both A Hyeronimus and T Clark (Merlinite), the Stewards found that Mr Hyeronimus' actions in the circumstances were not unreasonable having regard to the explanations he provided as to why he made such a manoeuvre. Stewards advised T Clark that whilst they accepted his explanation as to the reasons why he called to A Hyeronimus, nonetheless, he was advised that it would be expected that calling to other riders be only in circumstances whereby a riders safety could be jeopardised.

Rosehill Gardens Saturday 25 July 2020

Race 2 – Xtravagant at Newhaven Park Sprint 1200m:

In Lighten Me – Trainer Mr G Ryan reported that the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the mare.

Race 4 – July Sprint 1100m:

Time To Reign: Trainer Mr G Portelli reported that veterinary examination following the event failed to reveal any lameness and advised the stable was awaiting results on a dynamic scope before deciding on the future race plans of the colt.

Race 9 – Rosehill Bowling Club Handicap 1100m:

Pleasant: Trainer Mr P Sweeney reported that the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding and it is the intention of the stable to continue on with the gelding's preparation.

Gosford Racecourse Saturday 25 July 2020

Race 6 - BJ Howes Metaland Class 1 Handicap 1600m:

Mission Dream: Trainer Mr M Newnham subsequently reported satisfaction with the post-race condition of the gelding but advised it has now been spelled. He added that **Mission Dream** has a tendency to get himself worked up, and after being difficult to pull up after the race and completing an extra lap of the course, he believes these to be the reasons for the gelding collapsing after the race.

Warwick Farm Racecourse Wednesday 29 July 2020

Race 2 – All Too Hard @ Vinery Handicap 1300m:

Aeecee Beau: Co-trainer Mr A Bott advised that the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding, however **Aeecee Beau** had now been spelled.

RACE 1: Industry Celebration Race Day Handicap 1300m:

Not Feint Hearted – Stewards sought an explanation from Rider K O'Hara in respect to her whip use over the final 100m and when the gelding was holding a clear advantage over the remainder of the field. Rider K O'Hara stated that she had commenced a run a considerable distance from the finish line and inside the final 100m she felt **Not Feint Hearted** had commenced to tire and when she was unaware of the margin she had established on the remaining runners she continued to use her whip to encourage her mount to the finish line. After considering her explanation, Stewards decided not to take any direct action other than to remind her of her obligations pursuant to AR132(6)(g).

Syncline – On jumping was crowded for room between *Fling* and *Compatriot* both of which shifted ground. When asked to explain the disappointing performance of the gelding rider B Avdulla stated that the gelding travelled well through the early and middle stages trailing *Bazooka* on a genuine tempo, however when *Not Feint Hearted* improved to his outside passing the 600m he attempted to progress forward with that runner however **Syncline** did not accelerate as expected and he was then forced to continue to trail *Bazooka*. He added that after bringing the gelding wider on the track into clear running at the top of the straight it failed to finish the race off as expected and, in his view, did not handle today's heavy track conditions. Trainer Mr K Lees agreed with rider B Avdulla that **Syncline** did not handle today's heavy track conditions. He added that the gelding will now be freshened up prior to its next race start and he would look to avoid similar surfaces in the future. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover. Mr Lees undertook to report back on the post-race condition of **Syncline** to the Stewards in the days subsequent.

Badoosh – Began awkwardly and lost ground.

Girls Are Ready – After initially being slow to begin was then hampered by *Lubuk* which shifted in on jumping away. Laid in under pressure in the home straight.

Compatriot – After beginning awkwardly was then shifted in behind runners. App R Dolan reported that the mare did not handle the heavy track conditions today. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be slow to recover. Trainer Mr G Ryan advised that **Compatriot** would now be retired.

Fling – Stewards gave App B Ryan permission to ride 1kg under his normal riding weight to ride the mare at 49kg. The Stewards sought an explanation from App B Ryan regarding his riding of the mare particularly the tempo he set throughout the early and middle stages of the race. App B Ryan informed Stewards he had been instructed to lead and with the 49kg today ensure the race was run at a genuine tempo. B Ryan added that **Fling** was under pressure from the 600m and tired badly in the home straight. Stewards informed B Ryan that whilst they were conscious of the instructions he had been issued they were of the view he should have attempted to slow the tempo of the race after securing the lead leaving the 1000m. Trainer Mr M Dale confirmed the instructions issued to App B Ryan and informed Stewards that whilst he believed the tempo in the early stages to be the principal reason **Fling** was not able to finish the race off he was still disappointed in the manner in which the mare tired from the 500m and undertook to report back to the Stewards on the post-race condition of the mare in days subsequent. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be slow to recover.

RACE 2: TAB Highway Class 3 Handicap 1200m:

Beacon – Raced wide and without cover throughout. Stewards sought an explanation from App C Williams in respect to the tactics adopted which appeared to be in contrast in the manner in which the gelding was ridden at its most recent start at Moree on 16 July 2020. C Williams advised Stewards he was instructed to ride the gelding with cover today as **Beacon** had not been able to finish its races off when ridden on the speed. Trainer Mr P Sinclair informed Stewards that **Beacon** raced poorly when forced to race without cover outside the leader at its last start and accordingly instructed C Williams to obtain cover today in an endeavour to have the gelding finish its race off. After giving consideration to the explanation provided by trainer Mr P Sinclair Stewards reminded him of his obligation to inform Stewards of any change of tactics in future. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have lost its off fore plate.

Golden Avenger – When asked to explain the disappointing performance rider K McEvoy advised that the gelding travelled only fairly in the early and middle stages and when the tempo increased passing the 500m **Golden Avenger** was immediately under pressure and in his view failed to handle the prevailing track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Liberty Head – From a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Approaching the 600m commenced to race keenly and had to be restrained from the heels of *Halcyon House*.

Ameares – Raced wide and without cover for the majority. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Larynx – Slow to begin.

Mr Magical – After beginning only fairly shifted out and made contact with *Liberty Head* and was then shifted behind runners in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 3: ATC Thank You Jockeys Handicap 1300m:

Noble Boy – Slow to begin.

Man Of Peace – Laid out under pressure in the home straight.

Sir Plush – Began awkwardly and lost ground.

Cinquedea – From its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

RACE 4: Four Time Champion Sire Snitzel Sprint 1000m:

Fanciful Dream – Began awkwardly and lost ground. Overraced in the middle stages. Approaching the 350m momentarily placed awkwardly at the heels of *Look Only*.

Karaja – For some distance rounding the home turn was forced to race in restricted room and shortly after entering the home straight had to be momentarily steadied when further tightened for room between *Mr Polar* and *Escaped* which had a tendency to lay out.

Escaped – Laid out when forced to race wide and without cover throughout the event. For a short distance passing the 300m raced in restricted room between *Fanciful Dream* and *Karaja*.

Sweeping Statement – Approaching the 1100m was bumped on the hindquarters by *Mr Polar* which shifted in. When asked for an explanation regarding the tactics adopted in the home straight in particular the reason he manoeuvred the mare to the extreme outside of the track shortly after entering the home straight, rider B Avdulla informed Stewards that in his view the inside section of the track had raced superior and when he was forced to race wide he believed it was best to search for better ground towards the outside of the track as he had formed the view after walking the surface prior to racing having commenced that this was better ground than the middle section.

Mr Polar – Was hampered and taken wider on jumping by *Sweeping Statement* which shifted out abruptly. Raced wide and without cover throughout. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Emanate – Began only fairly. When asked for an explanation regarding the mares disappointing performance rider K McEvoy informed Stewards that the mare travelled well, however failed to accelerate when asked for an effort approaching the home turn and, in his view, did not handle the heavy 9 track. He added that the mare's respiration rate on return to scale indicated to him that it would take benefit from today's first up performance. Trainers representative Mr D Beadman informed Stewards that in his view the poor performance could be attributed solely to the heavy track conditions, however he undertook to advise Stewards if anything comes to light in the days subsequent which might serve to explain the disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Emanate** to be slow to recover.

RACE 5: Happy Clapper Special Achievement Handicap 1600m:

Zourhea – Began awkwardly and lost ground. Was held up momentarily rounding the home turn. Passing the 400m was obliged to alter course to the inside of *Derbari* to obtain clear running. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Word For Word – The mare which had been exhibiting soreness in the near hind foot in the preceding days leading up to today's race was examined by Veterinarian Surgeon Dr T Koenig on arrival at the course and was deemed suitable to race.

Mercurial Lad – When asked about the disappointing performance rider R King stated that the gelding did not travel well at any stage during the event and was under pressure prior to rounding the home turn before compounding badly in the straight. Co-Trainer Mr P Jones was advised that **Mercurial Lad** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race again. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 6: NSWROA Trophy Handicap 1800m:

Decroux – When asked for an explanation regarding the disappointing performance rider T Clark stated that the gelding travelled only fairly and after attempting to maintain his position to the inside of *Kiss the Bride* leaving the 1000m did not appreciate the heavy track conditions and tired badly in the home straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Kiss The Bride – Raced wide until obtaining a position with cover near the 1000m.

Night Of Power – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Picaro – Began awkwardly and lost ground.

Orcein – Began awkwardly and made contact with the inside barrier partition. Hung in rounding the home turn. Rider B Avdulla reported to Stewards that in his view the gelding did not handle the heavy track conditions today and this was the principal reason for the disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover.

Chalmers – After being slow to begin was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Leaving the 500m after being disappointed for a run between *Decroux* and *Orcein* was then shifted inwards and was held up before obtaining a run to the inside of *Orcein* upon entering the home straight.

RACE 7: ATC Thank You Stable Staff Handicap 1100m:

Single Bullet – Overraced throughout the middle stages.

Inanup – Bumped heavily on jumping and became unbalanced. Was held up and was unable to secure clear running from entering the home straight until passing the 300m.

Tonsor – Raced wide and without cover.

Black Magnum – Was crowded for room at the start. Held up from entering the home straight until passing the 300m.

Grimoire – Declared a late scratching at 3:32pm after the gelding refused to load into the barriers. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on **Grimoire** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 3.32pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1st *Inanup* 5 cents win 8 cents place

2nd *Single Bullet* 14 cents place

3rd *Accelerato* 9 cents place

Trainer Mr J Coyle was advised that **Grimoire** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race again.

Sangria – Rider T Berry reported that the mare did not handle the prevailing track conditions and after placing the mare under pressure in the early part of the straight it failed to respond and therefore he desisted from placing undue pressure on the mare when it commenced to tire quite badly over the concluding stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Broken Arrows – Declared a late scratching at 7:55am by order of the Stewards. Trainer Mr D Pfeiffer was fined the sum of \$100 under LR36(A) for failing to scratch **Broken Arrows** by the prescribed time.

Accelerato – Began awkwardly and shifted in making contact with *Inanup*.

Salad Dodger – After being slow to begin was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Gunnaza – Leaving the 600m had to be steadied when tightened for room by *Black Magnum* which was taken in by *Inanup*.

RACE 8: ATC Thank You Trainers Handicap 1800m:

Monegal – After being bumped at the start was then shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Itz Lily – Held up rounding the home turn until entering the home straight and when placed under full pressure had a tendency to lay in.

Savigne – Stewards permitted J McDonald to ride the mare ½kg over its allotted weight of 56.5kg. When asked to explain the disappointing performance rider J McDonald stated that in his view the mare failed to run out the 1800m on the heavy track today. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no significant abnormalities other than the mare had lost its near fore plate.

Peace Of Mind – Began awkwardly and from the wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Etheridge – Began awkwardly, making contact with *Monegal* and lost ground. Was then shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Montefilia – Trainer D Payne made application to the Stewards to scratch the filly on the basis that he believed the track to be racing worse than a heavy 9 and therefore was of the view that the filly would not be competitive on that surface. After considering his application Stewards conceded to his request and declared the filly a late scratching at 12:28pm.

Diamonds And Rust – When asked about the disappointing performance rider K McEvoy stated that the mare raced fiercely with the blinkers on today on the heavy ground and as a consequence tired badly over the concluding stages. He added that he had recommended to connections that the blinkers be removed for its next race start. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be slow to recover.

Capri Of Tuffy – Shortly after entering the home straight, laid in when tiring and had to be steadied from the heels of *Diamonds And Rust*.

Isadora Twinkle – After beginning only fairly from the wide barrier was then shifted behind runners in the early stages.

RACE 9: ATC Thank You Owners Handicap 1400m:

Stella Sea Sun – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be 2/5 lame in the near foreleg. Trainer Mr K Lees was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Stella Sea Sun** barrier trialling or racing again.

Julian Rock – After beginning awkwardly was bumped by *Charretera* and lost ground. As a result settled further back in the field.

Kaapfever – Slow to begin.

Steel Diamond – From the widest barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Leaving the 300m had to be shifted to the inside of **Charretera** to continue into clear running.

Off Shaw – Overraced through the middle stages.

Miss Redoble – After being slow to begin was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Overraced through the middle stages.

Chalk – Began awkwardly.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR132(7)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race 1	K O'Hara (Not Feint Hearted)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 2	App T Sherry (Halcyon House)	8 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 2	App C Williams (Beacon)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 3	K O'Hara (Kordia)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 3	T Berry (You Make Me Smile)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 4	App L Day (De Grawin)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 4	R King (Fanciful Dream)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 5	T Berry (Adana)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 6	K O'Hara (Monsieur Sisu)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 6	App R Dolan (Picaro)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	App C Graham (Single Bullet)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	App T Sherry (Black Magnum)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	App R Dolan (Salad Dodger)	8 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 8	T Berry (Guise)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 8	App L Day (Itz Lily)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 9	T Berry (Charretera)	8 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 9	App T Sherry (Julian Rock)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Race 1: Syncline, Badoosh(2), Bazooka, Girls Are Ready.

Race 2: Golden Avenger, Halcyon House, Mr Magical, Niccirose(2), Liberty Head.

Race 3: Cinquedeas, Kordia(2).

Race 4: Karaja, Sweeping Statement, Mr Polar, Fanciful Dream.

Race 5: Word For Word(2), Mercurial Lad, Derbari,

Race 6: Decroux, Picaro, Monsieur Sisu(2).

Race 7: Inanup(2), Sangria, Salad Dodger, Single Bullet.

Race 8: Fulmina(2), Le Lude, Montefilia, Itz Lily.

Race 9: Julian Rock, Steel Diamond, Off Shaw(2), Chalk, Charretera.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 7: Trainer D Pfeiffer (Broken Arrows) – failed to scratch LR36(A) - \$100.
Reprimands:	
Suspensions:	
Bleeders:	
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 5: Mercurial Lad (Co-trainer P Jones) – poor performance. Race 7: Grimoire (Trainer J Coyle) – refused to load.
Certificates:	Race 9: Stella Sea Sun (Trainer K Lees) – 2/5 lame near foreleg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Race 1: Not Feint Hearted – to be ridden further forward; settled mid-field. Race 3: Sir Plush – to settle further back; settled back. Race 8: Savigne – to be ridden further forward; settled off-pace.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear:	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 1: Syncline (Trainer K Lees) – poor performance Race 1: Fling (Trainer M Dale) – poor performance. Race 4: Emanate (Trainer J Cummings) – disappointing performance.