

STEWARDS REPORT

Australian Turf Club
ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE
(Kensington Track)
Saturday 5 January 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4) – upgraded to a Good (3) at 2.06pm following the running of Race 3.
Rail: True Entire Circuit
Penetrometer: 4.69

STEWARDS: M. F. Van Gestel (Chairman), P. C. Dingwall, T P Moxon, S. T. Matthews and Cadets T J Lee, J A Dinopoulous, S C Knight and J B Marshall

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Supplementary Report:

Gosford Racecourse Monday 31 December 2018

Race 2: Central Coast Council Mayor's Cup Benchmark 64 Handicap 2100:

Time To Rethink: - When questioned rider J Collett explained that the intention was to be positive in the early stages but moreover he had been asked by the trainer to ensure he shifted away from the running rail at his earliest opportunity to enable **Time To Rethink** to make its run towards the outside of the field. J Collett advised that this tactic was formulated on the basis that **Time To Rethink** was ridden in a similar manner when it was successful at Gosford 6 December 2018. He stated that after beginning well he endeavoured to race prominently however Triple Hero showed greater speed and was able to cross him soon after the start. He said that he therefore elected soon after to shift out and ultimately to secure a position one off with cover albeit at the rear of the field. He said that for the majority of the back straight he maintained his position with cover however as he was concerned the tempo was moderate it would make it difficult for his mount to sprint when the field eventually quickened, he elected near the 700m to initially shift to the outside of Triple Hero with a view to commence improving near the 600m. He said that although this left his mount racing wide and without cover, he felt his mounts interest were best served by having it commence a sustained run, whereby his mount closed the race off satisfactorily on the outside of other runners. Trainer Mr J Sargent confirmed the tactics that were to be adopted in this races and expressed satisfaction in the manner in which J Collett had ridden **Time To Rethink**.

J Collett was advised of the following concerns

- 1) He showed a lack of intent to race prominently in the stages.
- 2) That he left a position with cover near the 700m, when he had the opportunity to follow the favourite Triple Hero
- 3) That after leaving a position with cover he should have commenced attempting to improve near the 650m

Whilst the Stewards were mindful of Mr Sargants specific instructions nonetheless J Collett was advised that his ride at the relevant stages lacked endeavour and he should where possible avoid covering unnecessary ground.

RACE 1: Events By ATC Handicap 1150m

Jahbath – Near the 700m got its head up when being restrained from the heels of *Hightail*. When questioned regarding the performance of the colt rider T Marquand advised that **Jahbath** was keen in its preliminary and overraced thought the early stages of the event He added as a consequence **Jahbath** was unable to finish the race off as had been expected. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to have sustained a minor abrasion to the near hindleg.

Peralta – From a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Shortly after the start was inconvenienced when *Vici* shifted out.

Twentyfour Carat – From the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Near the 300m *Jahbath* shifted out under pressure and made contact with **Twentyfour Carat** which became unbalanced.

Vici – After being slow to begin from a wide barrier, was shifted behind runners in the early stages whereby the colt raced keenly. Continued to race keenly throughout the middle stages, during this stage got its head on the side, laid in and travelled greenly. Approaching the 300m was shifted to the outside to secure clear running. Near the 150m **Vici** was reluctant to proceed into a narrow run between *Islands* and *Twentyfour Carat*.

Avon River – Began only fairly and shifted in abruptly. Approaching the 200m had difficulty obtaining clear running when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Underwood* which was giving ground.

Islands – When questioned rider C Brown stated that the filly was obligated to settle in a position behind the leader and in his opinion, this did not assist **Islands** in finishing the race off as he was obliged to make use of his mount from the 600m to commence to make ground on the leaders.. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be slow to recover.

Underwood – Began awkwardly.

RACE 2: Autumn Carnival On Sale Sprint 1150m

Malaise – Began awkwardly. When questioned App J Van Overmeire stated that the gelding was able to take up a favourable position in the run but in his opinion was unable to finish the race off strongly as **Malaise** was first up and the gelding would derive a fitness benefit from today's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Mapmaker – In the middle stages raced keenly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Ever So Natural – When questioned regarding the gelding leading App B Ryan stated his intention was to settle at the rear of the field from the outside barrier. He stated that with the moderate early tempo **Ever So Natural** raced keenly in the early stages and when he was unable to comply with his instructions, he allowed the gelding to stride forward and lead to avoid covering additional ground.

RACE 3: TAB Highway Handicap 1300m

Roy's Command – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Ibini – Trainer Mr B Cavanough was fined the sum of \$100 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identification Card when requested. When questioned rider A Hyeronimus advised that the gelding raced with blinkers back on today and raced too keen in the lead and as result did not run out the 1300m of today's event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover.

Dutchesse Moshe – Near the 600m was steadied from the heels of *Reward The Chaser* and lost ground.

Reward The Chaser – Approaching the 600m commenced to race keenly and was steadied from the heels of *Ibini*. Briefly held up in the early part of the straight.

Te Ata – Slow to begin.

Irish Lucy – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Lope De Mango – As C Brown was overweight and when no other senior rider was available to ride the mare at its allotted weight of 53kg Stewards gave permission for C Brown to ride **Lope De Mango** ½ kilogram overweight. At a subsequent inquiry C Brown was fined the sum of \$200 under AR120(b). A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Carruthers – Slow to begin (2L). From the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

RACE 4: 2019 Membership Handicap 1300m

Silent Explorer – A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

A Million Dreams – After being loaded into the barriers, reared, resulting in its off foreleg becoming momentarily cast. **A Million Dreams** was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and was deemed suitable to race.

Sure Knee – Underwent a veterinary examination behind the barriers and was deemed suitable to race. When questioned regarding his riding G Schofield confirmed his instructions were to ride the filly conservatively in an endeavour to find cover. He added in the early stages when the tempo was reasonably strong, he commenced to comply with his instructions and endeavoured to restrain **Sure Knee** to obtain cover behind *Botti*. He said that when the pace steadied near the 1000m **Sure Knee** commenced to race keenly and would not respond to his efforts to steady and shift in behind *Botti* and as consequence was caught three wide and without cover. He further stated he then elected to allow **Sure Knee** to stride forward when he anticipated *A Million Dreams* may cross to the rail but when that runner held its position, he was obliged to continue to race three wide and near the 700m was taken to a four wide position when *Ljungberg* shifted out. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Nindamos – Began only fairly and from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

RACE 5: TAB.COM.AU Handicap 1300m

Sweet Scandal – Over the final 200m laid out.

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

Harmattan – Was held up for clear running until the 300m.

The Art Of The Bar – When questioned rider C Brown stated that his intention was to race in the lead however the filly failed to show the necessary speed in the early stages and as a consequence was obliged to take up a trailing position behind the leaders. He added throughout the event **The Art Of The Bar** raced one pace and finished the race off only fairly.

Kawaikini – Trainer Mr J Coyle was fined the sum of \$100 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identification Card when requested. In the early stages was inclined to overrace as its rider J Taylor was endeavouring to secure cover behind *Harmattan*.

Spanish Dream – After being fractious in the tie ups stalls was examined by the veterinary officer and deemed unsuitable to race. Accordingly, **Spanish Dream** was a late withdrawal at 2.42pm. The Stewards ruled that all moneys invested on **Spanish Dream** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 2.42pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1st *Sweet Scandal* 10 cents win and 11 cents place

2nd *Island Missile* 14 cents place

3rd *Gongs* 10 cents place

Connemara – A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Oakfield Missile – Slow to begin.

RACE 6: The Aviary @ Royal Randwick Handicap 1300m

Astoria – Was held up for clear running near the 300m.

Poetic Charmer – On jumping shifted in, making contact with *Samadoubt* resulting in both runners becoming unbalanced.

Let's Party Marty – Near the 50m was inconvenienced when *Samadoubt* shifted out slightly and from that point could not be fully tested to the finish.

Zidane – When questioned regarding his riding in the middle stages and particularly when *Regent* was able to obtain a run to his inside near the 1000m, App B Ryan stated that after taking up a midfield

position in the early stages, he felt that he had established a position one off the fence whereby he was travelling directly behind *Just Like Stratum*. He added making the turn leaving the 1000m **Zidane** was inclined to lay out and this resulted in *Regent* being able to establish a run to his inside and **Zidane** then being forced to race three wide and without cover from that point.

Skyray – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be 1/5 lame in the off foreleg. Trainer Mr C Connors was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Skyray** racing again.

RACE 7: Kensington Handicap 1550m

Spectroscope – J Ford rider of *New Universe* pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 1200m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Emperor's Way* which was taken in across the running of **Spectroscope** which had to be checked. J Ford's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 15 January 2018 and to expire on Saturday 19 January on which day he may ride.

Sir Plush – Prior to the declaration of correct weight Stewards gave consideration to an incident over the concluding stages whereby *Gresham* shifted out slightly and made contact with **Sir Plush**. When Stewards were satisfied there was insufficient grounds for an objection to be lodged, correct weight was declared. When questioned regarding his riding on the home turn and as to why **Sir Plush** shifted away from the running rail rider G Schofield stated that he maintained his position on the rail but when he elected to quicken on **Sir Plush** it rolled out near the 500m. He said that as **Sir Plush** shifted away from the rail *Gresham* was able to improve to his inside and whilst he did contemplate shifting back in he sensed another runner to his inside. He therefore elected to maintain a straight course from that point and as result *Gresham* was able to ultimately secure clear running to his inside. Stewards advised G Schofield that wherever possible he must ensure that he rides his mount in a manner that does not advantage other runners.

More Energy – In the early stages was inclined to overrace when being restrained by its rider to take up a position with cover.

New Universe – Overraced throughout the early and middle stages.

RACE 8: Summer Racing Sprint 1000m

Tessera – Slow to begin

Revenire – Began only fairly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be 1/5 lame in the near foreleg. Stable representative Mr P Reid was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Revenire** racing again.

Heart Conquered – Shifted in at the start and made contact with *Sei Stella*. **Heart Conquered** then shifted out and away from that runner.

Wanna Get A What – Raced wide and without cover for the major part of the race.

RACE 9: Australian Turf Club Handicap 1550m

Plymouth Road – When questioned rider R King advised she was instructed to ride the gelding where comfortable but with the strong early tempo her mount settled towards the rear of the field. She added approaching the 1200m she was caught three wide without cover therefore elected to come back and follow *Our Gravano* which resulted in **Plymouth Road** settling at the rear of the field.

Nicci's Gold – Slow to begin. Leaving the 600m **Nicci's Gold** became awkward on the heels of *Toroso* as that runner commenced to give ground resulting in **Nicci's Gold** shifting out and making contact with *Our Gravano*.

Our Belisa – Slow to begin.

Tahsin – Raced wide and without cover until approaching the 800m.

Super Star Bob – When questioned rider H Bowman stated that after the 400m he had some concern with **Super Star Bob** as it was not fully responding to his riding. He said that whilst under pressure **Super Star Bob** maintained its position on the leading division and when he was of the view that he was safety holding his finishing position and when he was concerned for the gelding, he eased it down over the final 50m. He advised that he did note on return to scale the gelding had its tongue over the bit. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr M Dale advised he would experiment with gear on the gelding and was asked to provide a veterinary clearance prior to **Super Star Bob** racing again.

Toroso – When questioned rider C Brown stated that his mount travelled satisfactorily to the 600m but from that point did not stretch out fully and when he had some concerns with the welfare of the horse inside the 400m he desisted from riding it out in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Co-Trainer Mr Paul Snowden was advised a veterinary clearance including the results of an ECG would be required prior to **Toroso** having to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before racing again.

GENERAL:

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted that 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 7	App R Dolan (Gresham)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 9	App S Weatherley (Mercurial Lad)	7 strikes prior to the 100m

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

Race 1: Hightail, Jahbath, Avon River(2).

Race 2: Malaise, Intuition(2)

Race 3: La Scopa, Dutchesse Moshe, Reward The Chaser, Lope De Mango, Elegant Ellen.

Race 4: Botti, Swelt(2), Couru, Above And Beyond.

Race 5: Charlayne, Harmattan(2), Witches.

Race 6: Astoria, Samadoubt, Poetic Charmer(2), Let's Party Marty, Skyray,

Race 7: Sir Plush(2), More Energy, Sayed, The Getaway.

Race 8: Tessera, Heart Conquered, Difficult To Get, Rebel Miss, Sei Stella.

Race 9: Coonawarra, Plymouth Road, Nicci's Gold, Our Belisa, Tahsin(2), Toroso.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 3: Trainer Mr B Cavanough (Ibini) – \$100; failing to produce TIC (AR59A) Race 3: C Brown (Lope De Mango) - \$200; accepted ride when subsequently overweight (AR120(b)) Race 5: Trainer Mr J Coyle (Kawaikini) -\$100; failed to produce TIC (AR59A)
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 7: J Ford (New Universe) – careless riding; 15.1.19 to 19.1.19 (AR137(a))
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 9: Toroso (P & P Snowden) – cardiac arrhythmia.
Certificates:	Race 6: Skyray (Trainer C Conners) – 1/5 lame off-foreleg. Race 8: Revenire (Trainer J Cummings) – 1/5 lame near foreleg. Race 9: Super Star Bob (Trainer M Dale) – eased down. Race 9: Toroso (P & P Snowden) – cardiac arrhythmia inc ECG.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Race 5: Witches – to be ridden prominently; settled outside the leader. Race 6: Poetic Charmer – to be ridden further forward; settled off-pace.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 4: Sure Knee (Trainer C Waller) – poor performance.

