

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Australian Turf Club WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 5 December 2018

Weather: Overcast  
Track: Good (4)  
Rail: +5m 1000m-W/P, +3m Remainder  
Penetrometer: 4.77

**STEWARDS:** T P Moxon (Chairman), P C Dingwall, T J Vassallo, J J E Earl and cadets T J Lee, R W Loughlin, J P Dunn and J A Dinopoulous

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#### Supplementary Reports:

**DUBBO: Saturday, 3 November 2018**

#### **RACE 3 – SJ SHOOTER REAL ESTATE CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE 1400M**

**Festival Of Light** – Chairman of Stewards, Mr M Van Gestel, had cause to review Race 3 conducted at the Dubbo Racecourse on 3 November 2018. Mr Van Gestel formed the view that it would be appropriate for members of the metropolitan panel to be convened and they inquire into the riding tactics adopted by A Robinson on **Festival Of Light**. Evidence today was taken from A Robinson, trainer R Robb, rider J Kehoe (Cadeyrn) and Betting Steward, Mr L Dalton.

A Robinson explained that he had been asked to ride the horse with cover if possible, and it was anticipated that he would travel directly behind the leaders. He said that after beginning very well, his mount was able to lead comfortably in the early stages, however he was mindful that his instructions were of an explicit nature, and he therefore significantly restrained his mount from the 1400m to approximately the 900m whereby Sorry I'm Awesome was able to cross him and lead. He said he effectively box seated thereafter and his mount commenced to relax, however when Sorry I'm Awesome commenced to tire approaching the 400m, his mount then lost ground when positioned behind that runner which ultimately resulted in **Festival Of Life** rounding the home turn in a midfield position.

He said he endeavoured to shift to the outside of Cat Walk Queen in the early part of the straight, however was unable to secure clear running, and he then directed his mount to the inside of that horse to improve. He stated that after receiving some interference at the 200m, his mount then did not finish the race off, however **Festival Of Light** was a beaten horse prior to this point. A Robinson acknowledged that during the relevant period, the manner in which he restrained his mount was of significance, however he was concerned that if he was to allow **Festival Of Light** the option to maintain the lead, the gelding may establish a significant margin on the field and therefore he actively restrained his mount so as to allow other runners to cross him.

Trainer Mr R Robb confirmed that the intention was to have **Festival Of Light** ridden with cover, however he acknowledged that after viewing the footage, A Robinson should have allowed **Festival Of Light** to maintain the lead, particularly having regard to the manner in which **Festival Of Light** had begun and the ease with which it was travelling in the early stages. He further conceded that during the relevant stages, **Festival Of Light** travelled strongly due to the rider's actions.

In all the circumstances, the Stewards advised A Robinson that his riding during the relevant period lacked the necessary judgment expected by a senior rider and that he should have maintained the lead rather than continuing to excessively restrain his mount to travel in a position with cover. The Stewards acknowledged that whilst A Robinson had only recently returned from a lengthy period without race riding, and that he was endeavouring to ensure that the instructions were deployed, nonetheless the manner in which he had ridden **Festival Of Light** in the early and middle stages was not in his mount's best interests. The Stewards acknowledged after being crossed by Sorry I'm

Awesome after the 800m, **Festival Of Light** lost ground when Sorry I'm Awesome commenced to tire, however A Robinson was reprimanded and advised he must maintain advantageous positions wherever possible. A review of the waging on this event available to the Stewards did not reveal any integrity concerns.

A Robinson pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(d) in that between the 1100m and the 900m he excessively restrained his mount which resulted in Cadeyrn suffering interference when that horse had to be continually restrained from the heels of **Festival of Light** when the tempo was reduced. A Robinson's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday, 11 December 2018 and to expire on Tuesday, 18 December 2018 on which day he may ride again.

#### **CANTERBURY PARK: Friday, 30 November 2018**

##### **RACE 8 – Australian Turf Club Handicap 1100m**

**Vega** -- A Hyeronimus was found guilty under the charge AR137(b) in that he failed to ride **Vega** out to the end of the race and approaching the end of the race. The particulars being:

- (1) approaching the end of the race, 80m to approximately the 50m, he failed to ride his mount out;
- (2) that inside the final 50m, he failed to ride his mount out.

In all the circumstances, the Stewards believed the appropriate penalty was that A Hyeronimus' licence to ride in races be suspended for a period to commence on Saturday, 15 December 2018 and to expire on 22 December 2018 on which day he may ride.

#### **NEWCASTLE: Sunday, 2 December 2018**

##### **RACE 3 – Coca-Cola Prov & Ctry Maiden Plate 1300m**

**November Man** – co-trainer Mr A Cummings advised the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding.

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#### **LATE RIDING CHANGES:**

As J Parr was indisposed due to illness, the following rider substitutions were permitted by the Stewards:

<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Natalia</b> – C Brown
<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Tinker Dan</b> – C Reith
<b>Race 7</b>	<b>Thy Kingdom Come</b> – K McEvoy

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##### **RACE 1 – ANZ Bloodstock News Handicap 1200m**

**Shantou** – stood flat footed as the start was effected and lost ground (3L).

**The Art Of The Bar** – on jumping was bumped when crowded between *Medovina* and *Leami Astray*, which began awkwardly and shifted out.

**Leami Astray** – began awkwardly.

**Seles** – when questioned regarding his riding in the middle stages and the reason *Medovina* was able to shift in in advance of his mount approaching the 600m, rider T Berry advised his instructions today were to have the horse ridden more forward than how the filly had been ridden at its previous starts. He added that after he began satisfactorily, he was able to obtain a midfield position in the early stages to the inside of *Medovina*. He added that **Seles** did not travel comfortably throughout the middle stages and was under some pressure to hold his position one out to the inside of *Medovina*. He added that approaching the 600m, *Medovina* had gained a margin on his mount and that runner was able to shift **Seles** inwards and as a result, he was unable to hold his position between *Back To My Bay* and *Medovina*. He said that he then shifted his mount out to improve to the outside of runners in the straight where in his opinion the filly finished the race off well.

**Jetgirl** – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Jetgirl** to be slow to recover.

## **RACE 2 – TAB Rewards Handicap 1100m**

**Natalia** – prior to the declaration of correct weight, the Stewards viewed the patrol films to ascertain whether there were grounds to lodge an objection on behalf of the connections against *He's Super Lucky* being placed fourth. As the Stewards were of the opinion that there were not sufficient grounds to proceed with an objection, correct weight was declared. **Natalia**, inside the 50m, was bumped on two occasions by *He's Super Lucky* (P Wells) when that runner shifted out to improve between *Above And Beyond* and **Natalia**. P Wells was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances and to ensure there is sufficient room when improving into runs in the future.

**Come Along** – began awkwardly, shifted out and bumped *He's Super Lucky*. **Come Along**, despite being pressured by its rider throughout the early and middle stages, did not respond to his urgings and became somewhat detached from the main body of the field.

**Rosina Kojonup** – was bumped on jumping by *Bare Naked Lady* and became unbalanced.

**Inherit** – raced wide and without cover throughout. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**He's Super Lucky** – approaching the 400m was momentarily crowded by *Natalia*, which shifted in slightly.

**Osorno** – when questioned regarding his riding, K McEvoy stated that he was instructed to have the horse settle where comfortable. He said that after beginning well, when caught wide and without cover in the early stages, he intended to improve forward and cross *Inherit* to race in a position three wide without cover outside of *Above And Beyond*. He added that, however, **Osorno** did not show the necessary speed to cross this runner and as a result, the gelding raced four wide and without cover for the major part of the race. He said that bearing in mind he had a margin on *Inherit* in the middle stages to come back and trail that runner, he felt that he would have had to lose significant ground to achieve this. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Osorno** to be lame (1/5) in the off fore leg. Stable representative Mr D Beadman was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Osorno** racing again.

## **RACE 3 – Farewell Bill Prain Handicap (Course Proper) 1400m**

**Zouologist** – began very awkwardly and shifted out abruptly. **Zouologist**, from inside the 300m to approaching the 200m, was hampered and taken wider by *Thunder Pace*, which shifted out under pressure.

**Flying Pierro** – on jumping was bumped and became unbalanced by *Zouologist*, which shifted out. From a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Passing the 1200m, **Flying Pierro** had to be steadied off the heels of *Grumble*.

**Maestro** – was slow to begin and shortly afterwards was hampered by *Zouologist*, which shifted out.

**Estroverto** – from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**Helga** – raced wide and without cover throughout. **Helga** laid out rounding the home turn.

**Grumble** – passing the 1200m had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Estroverto*, which shifted in marginally.

**Word For Word** – on straightening had to be steadied when disappointed for a run between *Zouologist* and *Les Amoureux*. In this incident, **Word For Word** made contact with *Les Amoureux*. **Word For Word** was then shifted to the inside of runners to continue into clear running.

**Nobu** – approaching the 100m, shifted to the inside of *Les Amoureux* to continue into clear running.

#### **RACE 4 – Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap (Course Proper) 1400m**

**Checksum** – slow to begin.

**Task And Purpose** – from the outside barrier, was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**Affogato** – raced keenly in the middle stages and near the 1000m, was restrained from the heels of *Battle Plane*. **Affogato** was held up rounding the home turn.

**Jewel Of The Crown** – laid out rounding the home turn and approaching the 300m, was bumped and taken wider by *Haut Brion Her*, which shifted out to improve between **Jewel Of The Crown** and *Ausfighter*. *Natanya*, which was following, was shifted to the inside to improve. Passing the 50m, **Jewel Of The Crown** had to be steadied when crowded between *Checksum* and *Natanya* (C Reith), which shifted out when not clear. C Reith was reprimanded. A post race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be slow to recover.

**Battle Plane** – a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (1/5) in the off hind leg. Trainer Mr D Payne was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Battle Plane** racing again.

#### **RACE 5 – The Agency Real Estate Handicap 2200m**

**Gamblestown** – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**Knight Star** – was crowded on jumping between *Lord Kingsley* and *Saint Katarina*, both of which shifted ground. In this incident, both *Lord Kingsley* and *Saint Katarina* became unbalanced. When questioned regarding the gelding racing back in the field, J Collett stated that if the horse began well, he was given the option to race prominently. He added that after being crowded on jumping, when the horse did not have sufficient speed then to race prominently, he elected to shift behind runners in the early stages. He said that approaching the winning post on the first occasion, when positioned to the outside of *Diamond Made*, as that horse was racing in a one off position, he felt that if that runner maintained its position, he would be obliged to race three wide. He said that as a result, he restrained **Knight Star** to trail *Diamond Made* and race in a position closer to the rail.

**Tinker Dan** – from a wide barrier, was shifted behind runners in the early stages. When questioned regarding his riding, C Reith stated he was under no specific instructions, however anticipated the gelding would settle in a prominent position. He added that after beginning awkwardly and losing ground, he was unable to ride his mount as he had anticipated and he had to settle further back in the field. He added that approaching the 1600m, when the tempo came out of the race, **Tinker Dan**, which was racing keenly, improved to the outside of the heels of *Saint Katarina*. He said when that runner itself was steadied off heels and shifted out, **Tinker Dan** was taken four wide and without cover. He said that **Tinker Dan** continued to race keenly and despite his efforts to restrain his mount, **Tinker Dan** improved forward and ultimately obtained the lead approaching the 1200m. He added that he continually attempted to restrain **Tinker Dan** throughout the middle stages, however the gelding did not respond to his efforts and ultimately drew a margin on the field and set a quicker tempo than what he would have liked. He added that bearing in mind his mount's racing manners, **Tinker Dan** was left without a finishing effort and weakened in the straight. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Devil's Lair** – raced wide and without cover from the 1000m.

#### **RACE 6 – Summer Racing Sprint 1000m**

**Princess Lottie** – began awkwardly and shifted out. Despite being ridden along in the early stages, failed to must speed. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Absolute Ripper** – was hampered on jumping by *Miss Invincible*.

**I Am Magnificent** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Miss Faith** – raced wide and without cover throughout. Raced fiercely despite its rider, J Van Overmeire endeavouring to restrain the mare.

**Miss Invincible** – raced keenly in the middle stages.

**I Am Special** – on straightening had to be steadied when crowded between *I Am Magnificent* and *Alart* (App R Dolan), which shifted out. App Dolan was advised to exercise more care. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

#### **RACE 7 – Australian Turf Club Handicap (Course Proper) 1400m**

**Poetic Charmer** – began only fairly. **Poetic Charmer** was then shifted behind runners in the early stages to gain a position behind midfield with cover.

**He's A Given** – began only fairly. From a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. **He's A Given** was held up rounding the home turn.

**Bravissimo** – was bumped on jumping by *Poetic Charmer*, which shifted out. **Bravissimo** raced wide and without cover in the early and middle stages before being allowed to stride forward and race outside the leader *Cosmic Reign* near the 700m. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Bravissimo** to have lost its near fore plate.

**All In Rhythm** – raced keenly in the middle stages after being restrained in an endeavour to obtain cover.

**Profiler** – raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Zeppelin** – raced wide and without cover throughout the major part of the race. Near the 200m, was inconvenienced when briefly crowded by *Poetic Charmer* (T Berry) which shifted in when not clear. T Berry was advised to exercise more care.

**Schoolmates** – laid in under pressure in the straight.

**Thy Kingdom Come** – passing the 200m, had to be checked when disappointed for a run between *Bravissimo* and *Cosmic Reign* (App M Weir) which shifted ground when inclined to lay out under pressure. In this incident *Bravissimo* was bumped and taken wider. App Weir was advised to exercise more care. In assessing penalty, the Stewards were mindful that *Thy Kingdom Come* had not fully established running between *Bravissimo* and *Cosmic Reign* when *Cosmic Reign* shifted out.

**GENERAL:** Trainer Mr B Baker pleaded guilty to a charge under AR140(a)(ii)(a) in that he failed to report to the Stewards by nomination time that **Classified**, which was nominated to race at Newcastle on Saturday, 10 November 2018, had had tie back surgery since its last two starts. Mr Baker was fined \$400.

#### **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 4</b>	<b>G Schofield (Task And Purpose)</b>	2 consecutive strikes
<b>Race 5</b>	<b>App S Weatherley (Miss Shanti)</b>	7 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: Shantou, Leami Astray, The Art Of The Bar, Back To My Bay, Seles.

Race 2: He's Super Lucky, Osorno, Above and Beyond, Bare Naked Lady (2), Natalia, Inherit.

Race 3: Zouologist, Thunder Pace, Grumble, Flying Pierro, Helga, Les Amoureux.  
 Race 4: Haut Brion Her; Jewel Of The Crown, Affogato, Nayanya, Task And Purpose.  
 Race 5: Red Dream, Lord Kinglsey, Devil's Lair, Hirokin, Diamond Made, The Iron Maiden.  
 Race 6: Absolute Ripper, I Am Magnificent, Alart, Archytas (2).  
 Race 7: Oxford Magic, Zeppelin, Vee Eight, He's A Given.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>General:</b> Trainer B Baker ( <b>Classified</b> ) – \$400 – failed to report tie back surgery [AR140(a)(ii)(a)].
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 4: C Reith (Natanya)</b> – careless riding [AR137(a)].
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Canterbury (30.11.18)</b> – A Hyeronimus ( <b>Vega</b> ) – 15.12.18 to 22.12.18 – failed to ride out to the end of the race [AR137(b)]. <b>Dubbo (3.11.18)</b> – A Robinson ( <b>Festival Of Light</b> ) – 11.12.18 to 18.12.18 – excessively reduced the tempo [AR137(d)].
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 2: Osorno</b> (trainer J Cummings) – lame (1/5) in the off fore leg. <b>Race 4: Battle Plane</b> (trainer D Payne) – lame (1/5) in the off hind leg.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	<b>Race 1: Seles</b> – to be ridden prominently; settled worse than midfield. <b>Race 4: Task And Purpose</b> – to be ridden further back; settled back. <b>Race 5: Devil's Lair</b> – to be ridden more forward, option to lead; settled off pace. <b>Race 6: I Am Magnificent</b> – intention to have the horse ridden conservatively; settled off pace. <b>Race 7: Oxford Magic</b> – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil