

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE Kensington Track

Wednesday, 6 February 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4); upgraded to a Good (3) at 3.56pm following Race 4
Rail: +3m
Penetrometer: 4.74

COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS: T J Vassallo (Chairman), M F Van Gestel, T P Moxon, S T Matthews and cadets S C Knight and T B Kearney

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Supplementary Reports:

WARWICK FARM: Monday, 28 January 2018

RACE 5 – ANZ Bloodstock News Handicap 1000m

Our Rosemaree --the Stewards today continued an inquiry opened relative to the handling of **Our Rosemaree** in this race. Further evidence today was taken from rider W Costin as well as Stewards considering a report provided by Racing NSW's Betting Analyst Mr D Stephenson. The betting records did not identify any integrity concerns with respect to betting patterns on the event. After considering all of the evidence, the Stewards advised W Costin that she had made an error of judgment near the 200m in not shifting to the outside of Grimoire which would have ensured that her mount was afforded clear and uninterrupted running at this point. In electing not to issue a charge against her under AR135(b) the Stewards determined that her actions were not blameworthy in that prior to the 200m, a run had been presented been Epic Dan and Rebel Miss and it was reasonable for W Costin to expect that her mount would have secured clear running between runners. She was advised that whenever possible, she must ensure that she positions her mounts to obtain the best possible place in the field.

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As App R Dolan was indisposed due to injury, the following rider substitutions were permitted by the Stewards:

Race 1	Amore Amore – App S Weatherly
Race 3	Final Zero – App S Weatherly
Race 6	What Could Be – P Scorse

App Dolan was advised that a medical clearance would be required prior to him being permitted to ride again.

RACE 1 – The Championships On Sale Plate 1000m

Amore Amore – cast its off fore plate upon entering the enclosure necessitating it having to be re-plated. **Amore Amore** was examined upon arrived at the barriers and was deemed suitable to race. As a result, this caused a slight delay to the running of this race. **Amore Amore** raced wide and without cover throughout.

Gogol – slow to begin. When questioned, rider J Parr stated that the colt failed to show its customary speed as it had displayed in both its trials. He said that despite being ridden along in the early stages, **Gogol** failed to respond to his urgings and became detached from the main body of the field. He said that whilst **Gogol** did not respond to his riding in the middle stages, he was nevertheless satisfied with the manner in which the colt finished its race off over the final 400m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr A Bott could offer no tangible explanation for the

disappointing performance to **Gogol** today, however he indicated that he would experiment with the application of blinkers.

Gina Lola – slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Sun Patch – began awkwardly and made contact with *Bollywood*.

Badia – was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide barrier.

Super Oasis – was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide barrier. When questioned, B Shinn stated that he was under no specific instructions other than to position his mount where comfortable, however he anticipated racing in a midfield position or worse. He added that when racing in a rearward position, he was able to obtain a trail behind *Gina Lola* whereby his mount travelled well. He added that approaching the 600m, when *Badia* commenced to improve to his outside, he did not want to shift to the outside of *Gina Lola* and trail *Amore Amore* as he felt that that horse would not take him into the race as it had been caught wide and without cover throughout. As a result, he therefore elected to shift to the inside of *Gina Lola*, however when he was unable to improve his position, he then elected to shift to the outside of the heels of that runner passing the 400m. He said that as a result, he was then held up behind the weakening *Amore Amore* and it was not until passing the 300m whereby he had to shift his mount to the outside of *Badia* to secure clear running. He said that from this point, **Super Oasis** then commenced to hang out and proved difficult for him to ride the filly out in his normal manner. Having considered B Shinn's explanation, the Stewards acknowledged that whilst his horse was inclined to race greenly, his actions to elect to shift out from behind *Gina Lola* passing the 500m and trail *Amore Amore* were not unreasonable given that *Amore Amore* had endured a tough run throughout the race.

Just Zerene – near the 950m was bumped on the hindquarter by *Amore Amore* and became slightly unbalanced. Raced wide and without cover throughout.

Come See – passing the 800m, got its head up and commenced to race keenly when being restrained.

Sun Patch, shortly after straightening, was disappointed when attempting a narrow run to the inside of *Come See*. **Sun Patch** was then held up and unable to improve until approaching the 200m.

Paris – a post race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have aggregated speedy cuts to the off hind pastern.

RACE 2 – TAB Rewards Plate 1100m

Trope – shortly after the start was crowded between *Phoenix River* and *Got Your Six*, both of which shifted ground. **Trope** was then shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Adagirl – slow to begin. **Adagirl** was briefly held up in the early part of the straight behind *Flying Legend* before having to shift to the outside of that runner's heels. When questioned, rider M Walker stated that rounding the home turn he positioned his mount to the outside of the heels of *Flying Legend* and behind *Brunetta*. He said that when he was unable to improve his position, he elected to shift back towards the inside of *Flying Legend*, however when he was disappointed for that run after the 400m, he then shifted out to continue to trail *Brunetta* whereby after initially being able to improve, he then again became held up behind that runner near the 150m. He said he then did not obtain clear running until inside the final 100m, whereby his mount closed the race of fairly. M Walker said that he advised connections that **Adagirl** would be better suited with the addition of blinkers and by stepping up in distance.

Phoenix River – was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide barrier. **Phoenix River** was held up behind *Commute* rounding the home turn and near the 200m had to be shifted to the outside of *Trope* to secure clear running.

I Am A Country Boy – was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide barrier. Approaching the 700 metres, when the pace slackened, **I Am A Country Boy** commenced to race fiercely and when awkwardly positioned close to the heels of *Brunetta*, despite the efforts of its rider, W Costin, to restrain her mount. **I Am A Country Boy** continued to race fiercely and made contact with *Phoenix River* on several occasions. When **I Am A Country Boy** continued to race fiercely and when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Skillet* approaching the 600m, shifted out resulting in *Phoenix River* having to be checked. **I Am A Country Boy** then commenced to hang out until straightening. In taking no direction action against W Costin, the Stewards were mindful of the racing manners of **I Am A Country Boy**. Trainer Mr C Carmody advised the Stewards that he would now remove the blinkers and acting on this assurance, Mr Carmody was advised a warning would be placed on the gelding's racing manners.

Skillet – near the 200m had to be steadied when crowded between *Brunetta* (T Marquand), which shifted out when endeavouring to improve to a position between *Got Your Six*, *Skillet* and *Lagarde* (J Collett), which shifted in after being bumped on the hindquarter by **Skillet**. T Marquand was reprimanded and J Collett was advised that although his mount only shifted due to receiving contact on his hindquarters he should have made more of an effort to relieve the pressure to **Skillet** than he did on this occasion. A post race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have lost its near hind plate.

King's Order – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Commute – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Lagarde – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 3 – Events By ATC Handicap 1550m

Bring The Magic – the Stewards considered an objection lodged by T Berry, rider of the second placegetter, **Bring The Magic**, against *Zourhea* (C Brown) being declared the winner alleging interference rounding the home turn. After the Stewards viewed the patrol films and after taking evidence from all parties, it was established that rounding the home turn, **Bring The Magic**, after shifting to the outside of *Zourhea*, was hampered when carried wider on two separate occasions when *Zourhea* shifted out. Bearing in mind the degree of interference, the proximity of the interference relative to the winning post and also the manner in which both horses finished their races off, the Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that had this interference not occurred, **Bring The Magic** would have beaten *Zourhea* and therefore the objection was dismissed. At a subsequent inquiry, C Brown was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground. **Bring The Magic** was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide barrier.

Toryjoy – was bumped on the hind quarters on jumping and became unbalanced. **Toryjoy**, despite being ridden along in the early stages, did not show its customary early pace. Approaching the 1000m, **Toryjoy** commenced to race fiercely and when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Final Zero*, had to be checked and shifted out and away to avoid that runner. In the incident, *Witches* was hampered and carried wider. **Toryjoy** continued to race fiercely and pulled its way to the lead after the 800m.

Bella Success – was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide barrier.

Maddison Avenue – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Final Zero – approaching the 200m had to be steadied when disappointed for a run between *Echo Princess* and *Toryjoy*, both of which shifted ground slightly. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, App S Weatherley stated that his mount did not show its usual early speed to be able to lead and as a result settled behind the leader, *Echo Princess*. He added that his mount, in his opinion, raced flat and may not have been suited on today's track surface. A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be slow to recover. Trainer Mr J Pride undertook to report back on the post race condition of the mare in the days subsequent.

Zourhea – was briefly held up rounding the home turn and had to be shifted to the outside of *Witches* to secure clear running.

Witches – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 4 – ANZ Bloodstock News Handicap 1400m

Oxidization – at the request of trainer C Conners, the filly underwent a veterinary examination upon arrival at the barriers and was deemed suitable to race.

Final Award – was slow to begin and shifted out making contact with *Ifyouknowwhatimean*.

Ifyouknowwhatimean – after being slow to begin was then crowded between *Oxidization* and *Final Award* which shifted out.

Altair – after being slow to begin was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier draw. Passing the 1000m, had to be steadied when placed close to the heels of *Oxidization*.

Loves To Rock – shortly after the start, ran in despite the efforts of its rider and hampered *Oxidization*. **Loves to Rock** raced keenly in the middle stages. **Loves To Rock** hung in when placed under pressure in the early part of the straight. A Hyeronimus dropped his whip passing the 150m.

Amangiri – when racing keenly in the middle stages, near the 1000m, when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Loves To Rock*, shifted out and away to avoid the heels of that runner and was then obliged to race wide and without cover thereafter.

Task And Purpose – rider G Schofield stated that his mount raced too keenly and as a consequence was left without a finishing effort. He added that he had recommended to the connections that the blinkers be removed in an endeavour to have the filly settle. A post race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame (2/5) in the near fore leg. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Task And Purpose** being permitted to race again.

Sizzling Ace – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider C Brown stated that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, however when placed under pressure from the 500m, failed to respond to his urgings and was disappointing in the manner in which it ran to the line. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr C Waller could offer not tangible explanation for the filly's disappointing performance and indicated that he would now look to step the filly up in distance at its next race start. Trainer Mr C Waller undertook to report back on the post race condition of **Sizzling Ace**.

Mr Dependable – when questioned, rider T Clark stated he was instructed to race prominently. He said that on jumping, the gelding slipped behind and as such did not begin as well as he had hoped. He said that when racing wide and without cover in the early stages, he did not want to pressure his mount in an endeavour to obtain a position closer to the rail as the gelding has a tendency to overrace. He further added that he did not anticipate *Rexx* to be racing as prominently as it was and for this reason, he was obliged to race wide and without cover. He said that when *Rexx* commenced to steady after the 1000m, he was then able to obtain a position outside the leader, *Task And Purpose*, near the 800m.

RACE 5 – Summer Racing Handicap 1800m

Fraudulent – slow to begin.

McMahon – was bumped on jumping by *My Psychiatrist*. A post race veterinary examination revealed **McMahon** to be lame (4/5) in the near fore leg which required treatment. Trainer Mr C Waller was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing again.

Another Snappy – raced keenly throughout the early stages. Rider K Adams was reminded of her obligations to ride her mounts out to the end of the race at least hands and heels where possible.

Sensacova – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Saint Katarina – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities other than the mare lost its near fore plate.

Salsa Man – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 6 – Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap 1000m

Platinum Tycoon – began awkwardly and lost ground. When questioned regarding his riding from the 600m, App B Owen stated that when racing towards the rear of the field and to the outside of *And So It Goes*, he said he did not believe it was in his mount's best interests to shift to the outside of *Star Of The Seas* and expose his mount at that point of the race. He said that near the 500m, his mount pulled its way up to the inside of *Star Of The Seas* and as such he was not in a position to be able to shift out and trail that runner into the race. He said that as a result, approaching the 400m, his mount had to be steadied from the heels of *What Could Be*. Whilst the Stewards acknowledged the explanation given by App Owen, he was nevertheless advised that he should have positioned his mount behind *Star Of The Seas* at the 600m which would have allowed him to shift to its outside on straightening which would have afforded him clear and uninterrupted running in the straight. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Lightz – was slow to begin.

Star of the Seas – was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide barrier.

Raiden – raced keenly in the middle stages when caught wide and without cover.

And So It Goes – a post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have lost its off hind plate and to be lame (2/5) in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr G White was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **And So It Goes** being permitted to race again.

RACE 7 – Rise Up This Autumn Handicap 1400m

Seahampton – was a late withdrawal at 9.59am when the mare was found to have bruised its off fore heel. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Seahampton** being permitted to race again.

Cape Wickham – after being placed in the barriers, became fractious and lunged forward. **Cape Wickham** was examined by the Club's official veterinarian and deemed suitable to race.

Boomtown Rat – after being slow to begin, was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide barrier

Pelorus Jack – after being slow to begin, was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide barrier.

Kolding – began awkwardly and blundered shortly after before making contact with *Beidi*. Near the 1350m, **Kolding** had to be eased to avoid the heels of *Desert Lord* (T Berry) which shifted in when not clear. T Berry was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

White Boots – was bumped on the hindquarter shortly after the start by *Gitan*, which was taken out by *Cape Wickham*. **White Boots** was briefly held up in the early part of the straight.

Kaecilius – raced wide and without cover until the 700m.

Pelorus Jack – raced keenly during the early and middle stages.

Beidi – near the 1300m was hampered and carried inwards by *Desert Lord*, which shifted in despite the efforts of its rider.

Cuba – from the 400m was held up and unable to obtain clear running until near the 200m.

Desert Lord – when questioned regarding the gelding racing prominently, rider T Berry stated that he was issued with no specific instructions as to where to have the gelding positioned in the race. He said after his mount commenced well, he allowed **Desert Lord** to stride forward without having to unduly pressure the gelding. He said that after the 1200m, he was able to take a trailing position behind *Foreign Territory* and *Cuba*. He said, however, near the 1000m, **Desert Lord** commenced to race fiercely and when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Cuba*, had to be steadied and shifted out. When **Desert Lord** continued to race keenly and when caught wide and without cover, he allowed the gelding to stride forward and cross to the lead near the 800m.

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):

Race 3	G Schofield (Skillet)	8 strikes
Race 5	K McEvoy (Ahmad)	6 strikes
Race 5	K Adams (Another Snappy)	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: Gogol, Gina Lola, Just Zerene, Paris, Bollywood, Super Oasis.

Race 2: I Am A Country Boy, Phoenix River, Commute, Got Your Six.

Race 3: Tory Joy, Bring The Magic (2), Echo Princess.

Race 4: Sizzling Ace, REXX, My Demetra, Almerheri, Amangiri.

Race 5: Salsa Man, Kelvinside, Ahmad, Saint Katarina, Fraudulent, Another Snappy.

Race 6: And So It Goes, Raiden, What Could Be, Lightz, Tchaikovsky, Mossman Gorge, Star Of The Seas.

Race 7: Pelorus Jack, Gitan, Foreign Territory, Kaecilius, Cape Wickham, Beidi, Kolding.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 2: T Marquand (Brunetta) – careless riding [AR137(a)].
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 2: I Am A Country Boy (trainer C Carmody) – racing manners.
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 4: Task And Purpose (trainer C Waller) – lame (2/5) in near fore leg. Race 5: McMahon (trainer C Waller) - lame (4/5) in the near fore leg. Race 6: And So It Goes (trainer G White) – lame (2/5) in the off fore leg. Race 7: Seahampton (trainer C Waller) – bruised heel in the off fore leg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 1: Just Zerene . to be ridden quieter; settled on pace. Race 4: REXX to be ridden quieter; settled on pace. Race 4: Final Award to be ridden further forward; settled worse than midfield. Race 5: Saint Katarina to be ridden further forward; settled off pace.
Change of Colours:	Nil
Follow up:	Race 3: Final Zero (trainer J Pride) – poor performance. Race 4: Sizzling Ace (trainer C Waller) – poor performance.

