

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club CANTERBURY RACECOURSE

Friday 8 February 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4) – downgraded to a Soft (5) at 6:35pm due to heavy rain and electrical storm – downgraded to a Soft (7) retrospectively to Race 1 – downgraded to Heavy (8) at 7:43pm.
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 4.62

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

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The commencement of the race meeting was delayed due to significant lightning activity and heavy rain fall, accordingly, Race 1 commenced at 7:15pm. Following further storm activity which included heavy rain and lightning running of Race 2 was delayed which resulted in Race 2 being conducted at 8:02pm. The following time amendments were scheduled for the remaining races.

Race 3	8:27pm
Race 4	8:53pm
Race 5	9:18pm
Race 6	9:45pm
Race 7	10:15pm
Race 8	10:45pm

The following horses were late withdrawals due to the downgrade of the track.

Race 3	Cyclonite	7:14pm
Race 4	Bull Market	7:42pm
Race 5	Lady I Am	7:42pm
Race 5	Symi	8:11pm
Race 6	Tim's Principal	7:40pm
Race 7	Brother In Arms	8:01pm
Race 7	Wayanka	9:27pm
Race 8	San Francisco	7:39pm

RACE 1: Friday Night Racing Handicap 1900m

Silent Explorer – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event. When questioned regarding the performance rider G Schofield stated when his mount did not show sufficient speed to race in a prominent position or obtain a position behind the leaders with cover, his mount was obliged to race wide and without cover throughout. He stated this coupled with **Silent Explorer** carrying top weight on a rain effected track were all contributing factor to the gelding's disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Alier – Began awkwardly.

Inherit – When questioned regarding the performance rider T Berry stated his mount became under pressure approaching the 800m and was reluctant to hold its position when racing in restricted room between *Lady Cuvee* and *Silent Explorer* which shifted in slightly. He said that passing the 400m he

was again hampered when *Happy Every Day* shifted in abruptly and following this *Inherit* finished the race off only fairly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Savigne – From a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Shaman – Slow to begin and shortly afterwards had to be steadied when crowded by *Alieer* which began awkwardly and shifted in.

RACE 2: TAB.COM.AU Handicap 1250m:

Rock – When the pace slackened in the middle stages had to be eased when momentarily crowded between *Princess Siri* and *Vitesse* both of which shifted slight ground.

Sister Sledge – Shifted a near fore plate enroute to the barrier and was re-plated. Underwent a veterinary examination and was passed suitable to start. Began awkwardly making contact with the offside partition of its barrier resulting in the filly becoming unbalanced.

Rancho Notorious – When questioned rider J Collett stated that after settling in a rearward position approaching the 700m when he noticed *Rock* to be under pressure, as he felt that runner would not provide him with a trail into the race, he elected to improve his position to the inside of runners. He said that after being held up rounding the home turn on straightening had to be steadied when disappointed for running between *Princess Siri* and *Sharapova* when that runner shifted out. *Sharapova* (G Buckley) was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground. Was then held up and was unable to be fully tested in the home straight.

Princess Siri – Got its head up when being restrained in the early stages and from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners to obtain cover.

Sharapova – Was crowded on jumping between *Vitesse* and *Front Sight* which shifted out. Approaching the 100m had to be eased to avoid the heels of *Front Sight* (J McDonald) which shifted out when not clear. J McDonald was reprimanded. **Sharapova** was then shifted to the inside of *Front Sight* to obtain clear running however when *Front Sight* shifted back in **Sharapova** was obliged to then shift out in an endeavour to obtain clear running passing the 50m. Was unable to be fully tested over the concluding stages and was held up behind *Front Sight* and *Sister Sledge*.

Vitesse – Began awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early stages when being restrained in an endeavour to obtain cover. When the pace slackened in the middle stages approaching the 600m had to be steadied off the heels of *Sister Sledge*. **Vitesse** was then shifted to the outside of that runner whereby the filly then raced wide and without cover for the remainder of the event. Approaching the 250m was bumped on the hindquarters by *Princess Siri* resulting in the filly becoming unbalanced. Passing the 200m was inconvenienced when *Rock* shifted in under pressure.

RACE 3: Rise Up This Autumn Handicap 1100m

Sheriff – Raced wide and without cover for the major part of the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Lucand Lad – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider A Hyeronimus stated that his mount travelled well in the early stages, however the gelding was then not suited by the quick tempo set throughout the middle stages when *Sheriff* improved and raced with a margin on **Lucand Lad** after the 700m. A Hyeronimus stated that **Lucand Lad** did not respond to his riding from the 500m and was disappointing in its failure to finish the race off. He said in his opinion **Lucand Lad** would appreciate being stepped up in distance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Stable representative Mr N Paine stated that **Lucand Lad** had pleased the stable leading into tonight's race and agreed with the explanation tendered by A Hyeronimus that the gelding would benefit by being stepped up in distance. Stewards deemed the performance of **Lucand Lad** to be unacceptable and ruled the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the stewards prior to its next race start.

Riviera – Held up rounding the home turn.

Malea Magic – Began awkwardly and shortly after the start was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

RACE 4: The Agency Real Estate Handicap 1550m

Mr Gustavo – Began awkwardly and was then crowded shortly after the start by *Beauty Kanas* which shifted in.

Carluca – Passing the 1200m commenced to race keenly and had to be steadied away from the heels of *Beauty Kansas*. **Carluca** continued to race keenly throughout the middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Beauty Kanas – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider B Shinn stated that after taking up a prominent position, his mount, after responding to his riding for a short distance after the 500m was disappointing in the manner in which it finished the race off. He added in his opinion **Beauty Kansas** failed to handle tonight's heavy track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. The Stewards will follow up on the post-race condition of the mare.

Clevanicc – Passing the 1200m commenced to race keenly and had to be steadied from the heels of *Carluca*.

Charlie Chap – Hampered on jumping by *Mr Gustavo*.

Chief Kidder – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

RACE 5: Hyland Race Colours Handicap 1250m

Sedition – Slow to begin.

Dual Escape – When questioned regarding the mare racing at the rear of the field rider G Buckley stated he was under no specific instructions on where to position his mount. He said from the outside barrier his mount began satisfactory and when *Romani Girl* maintained its position to his inside, and when caught wide and without cover in the early stages he elected, approaching the 1000m, to steady his mount and take up a position trailing *Romani Girl* which ultimately resulted in *Dual Escape* racing at the rear of the field. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Romani Girl – Began awkwardly and bumped with *Valbeata*.

RACE 6: Canterbury Night Sprint Series – Heat 4 (1100m)

Prince Mayted – Began awkwardly. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Catmosphere – Near the 700m was eased when racing in restricted room between *Prince Mayted* and *Virgilio*.

Virgilio – Blundered near the 600m. Rider T Clark reported that in his opinion **Virgilio** did not handle tonight's heavy track conditions.

Miss Celebration – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider J Innes Jnr stated that after being slow to begin his mount despite being ridden along failed to show its customary early speed and consequently settled at the rear of the field. He said that his mount although trailing the eventual winner *Kentucky Flyer*, travelled only fairly. He said that **Miss Celebration** was able to improve its position to the outside of *Kentucky Flyer* approaching the home turn however over the final 300m failed to respond to his riding and was disappointing in its manner on which it finished its race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. The Stewards will follow-up on the post-race condition.

Kentucky Flyer – Began awkwardly.

RACE 7: Kia Col Crawford Evening Star 1550m

Trafalgar – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils for the first time. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth was advised that acting under the provisions of AR53A **Trafalgar** would now incur the mandatory three month ban from racing and must not be exercised on a racecourse for two months and furthermore must barrier trial or gallop 1000m to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race.

Pipeline – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be 2/5 lame in the near hindleg. Stable representative Mr S Alexiou was advised that a veterinary certificate would be required prior to **Pipeline** racing again.

Chalk – Rider T Berry reported that in his opinion the gelding did not handle tonight's heavy track. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities other than the gelding lost its off-hind plate.

Race 8: Australian Turf Club Handicap 1900m

Kilmacurragh – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider T Berry stated that his mount travelled well until approaching the home turn whereby **Kilmacurragh** failed to respond to his riding thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr M Hawkes undertook to report back on the post-race condition of the gelding.

Hurricane Harbour – Rider C Lever reported that in his opinion the gelding did not handle tonight's heavy track. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Scotty Be Gotti – Began only fairly. After passing the wining post on the first occasion had to be steadied when crowded by *Welcome Art* which shifted in and away from *Hurricane Harbour* despite the efforts of its rider. Held up for some distance approaching the 400m.

Appetizing – Rider K McEvoy reported that in his opinion his mount did not handle tonight's heavy track conditions and after the gelding dipped on a number of occasions rounding the home turn, he desisted from riding **Appetizing** over the final 200m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted 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 1	J McDonald (Savigne)	2 consecutive strikes.
Race 4	S Clipperton (My Song)	2 consecutive strikes.
Race 7	App S Weatherley (Trafalgar)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 8	T Berry (Kilmacurragh)	2 consecutive strikes

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

Race 1: Inherit, Lady Cuvee, Savigne(2), Shaman.

Race 2: Rock(2), Front Sight, Sister Sledge(2), Sharapova.

Race 3: Sheriff, Cyclonite, Hemsted, Spiritual Pursuit(2), Malea Magic, Decor.

Race 4: Mr Gustavo(2), My Song, Beauty Kansas, Clevanicc(2), Chief Kidder.

Race 5: Sedition, Forever Newyork(2), Symi, Dual Escape, Tootz.

Race 6: Catmosphere, Tim's Principal, Phoebe's Lass, Invincible Gangsta.

Race 7: High Opinion, Royal Stamp, Trafalgar.

Race 8: Triple Hero, Welcome Art, Scotty Be Gotti, Appetizing, Fabricator.

SUMMARY

Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 2: J McDonald (Front Sight) – careless riding (AR137(a))
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Race 7: Trafalgar (Trainer C Waller) – bled both nostrils first time AR53A.
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 3: Lucand Lad (Trainer G Waterhouse & A Bott) – poor performance.
Certificates:	Race 7: Pipeline (Trainer G Ryan) – 2/5 lame near hindleg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear:	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 4 Beauty Kansas (Trainer D Payne) – poor performance. Race 6: Miss Celebration (Trainer G Ryan) – poor performance. Race 8: Kilmacurragh (Hawkes Stable) – poor performance.