

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 9 January 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (7); upgraded to a Soft (6) at 2.05 pm retrospective to include Race 1; further upgraded to a Soft (5) at 4.28pm following Race 5.
Rail: +6m
Penetrometer: 5.57

STEWARDS: P C Dingwall (Chairman), T J Vassallo, J J E Earl, D M Greer and cadets R W Loughlin, J A Dinopoulous and J B Marshall

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Supplementary Reports:

GOSFORD: Friday, 28 December 2018

RACE 5 – Mercedes-Benz Gosford Guineas Listed – 3YO's 1600m

Paiquirri – near the 400m, was checked off the heels of *Hostwin Saturn*, which commenced to give ground.

CANTERBURY PARK: Friday, 4 January 2019

RACE 5 – The Agency Real Estate Handicap 1550m

Playard – slow to begin (2L).

RACE 1 – 2019 Membership Handicap 1550m

Cossetot – consideration was given to an objection lodged by H Bowman, the rider of the second placegetter, **Cossetot**, against *Word For Word* (K McEvoy) being declared the winner on grounds of alleged interference over the final 100m. The evidence established that near the 60m and approaching the 20m, *Word For Word* shifted out and made contact with **Cossetot** causing that horse to become unbalanced and carried slightly wider. As the Stewards were of the view that had that interference not occurred **Cossetot** would have finished ahead of *Word For Word*, the objection was upheld. The placings were amended to read:

1st **Cossetot**
2nd *Word For Word*
3rd *Helga*

Cossetot was shifted behind runners in the early stages from a wide barrier. Near the 100m, *Word For Word* and **Cossetot** each shifted ground and made contact resulting in both runners becoming unbalanced.

Mimic – began awkwardly resulting in its rider, B Avdulla, becoming unbalanced. A post race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be slow to recover.

Word For Word – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Helga – was badly held up behind the tiring *Make 'Em Cry* from on straightening until near the 250m. **Helga** then shifted out, however remained held up initially behind *Come Along* and *Word For Word*. **Helga**, passing the 100m, was then able to secure clear running to the inside of *Word For Word*.

Test Of War – was held up until passing the 200m.

Re Edit – when questioned, J McDonald said that **Re Edit** did not appear comfortable racing between runners today. He said that **Re Edit** came under pressure passing the 600m and although the filly

responded fairly, he believed that **Re Edit** raced greenly and at this stage of its career would appreciate improving towards the outside of other runners as it did when having won at its first start. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Make 'Em Cry – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 2 – TAB Rewards Plate 1250m

Kashiwa – slow to begin.

Plenty – began awkwardly. Throughout the early and middle stages, raced keenly.

Lonely Heart – began awkwardly and shortly after was bumped by *Agassi*, which shifted in. When questioned, T Berry was unable to provide any tangible reason for the horse compounding in the straight. He said the filly was under heavy pressure approaching the home turn, and as he had concerns in relation to its welfare, he elected to ease **Lonely Heart** down over the final 150m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr E O'Rourke was advised that the performance of the filly was unsatisfactory and that the filly must barrier trial and a veterinary clearance submitted before being permitted to race again.

Haikili – was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide draw. After securing a tight run approaching the 50m, was then carried wider by *Kashiwa*, which itself was carried wider by *Oxidization*. App S Weatherley (*Oxidization*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 150m, he permitted his mount to shift out when not clear of **Haikili** resulting in that horse losing the running to which it was rightfully entitled and having to be restrained. App Weatherley's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Saturday, 19 January 2019 and to expire on Sunday, 27 January 2018 on which day he may ride again.

Tereka – was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide draw.

Milunka – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Oxidization – passing the 700m was eased to avoid the heels of *Knowitall Jack*, which itself, after racing wide and without cover, was shifted into a position behind *Lonely Heart*. **Oxidization** was held up for clear running until approaching the 150m.

Knowitall Jack – when questioned, T Clark explained that approaching the 600m, he became concerned that if *Milunka* would improve directly to his outside, he would be denied the opportunity of shifting to the outside of *Lonely Heart* and could be held up at a vital stage. He further added that as well as *Lonely Heart* was under pressure, he elected to improve to a position outside of *Lonely Heart* to maintain his mount's momentum albeit he was left racing wide and without cover thereafter.

Arrogant Lass – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Arrogant Lass** to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer Ms G Englebrecht was advised that a veterinary clearance, including the results of an ECG, must be provided before the filly having to compete satisfactorily in an official barrier trial before being permitted to race again.

Agassi – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 3 – Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap 1100m

Legislation – began awkwardly and then shortly after the start was bumped by *Flamin' Al*, which shifted in.

Fake – slow to begin. J McDonald explained his mount travelled well in the early stages directly behind the leader and he was more than satisfied with his position at this time. He said, however when *Alert* and *Dynamic Bid* quickened slightly, **Fake** came under pressure and despite his efforts, the leading division were able to draw a margin on his mount. He said that in the straight, when continuing to pressure **Fake**, the gelding responded well over the final 200m and closed the race off well.

Sedition – was shifted in behind runners from its wide draw in the early stages.

Legerity – J Collett reported after the race that his saddle shifted on jumping which placed him at a disadvantage throughout the event. Raced wide and without cover throughout. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (1/5) in the near fore leg. Trainer Ms C Cunningham was advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to the gelding racing again.

Flamin' AI – just after straightening was bumped by *Legerity* and became unbalanced. When commencing to weaken, was eased to avoid the heels of *Sedition* (App S Weatherley) which after being held up shifted out when not properly clear near the 150m. App Weatherley was advised to exercise more care. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Flamin' AI**, T Clark said that whilst endeavouring to obtain a prominent position, the gelding commenced to hang in significantly. He said that once he was able to obtain cover after the 700m, **Flamin' AI** raced genuinely, however when placed under pressure in the early part of the straight, **Flamin' AI** recommenced hanging in and continued to do so for the remainder of the race. He said that as he had concerns with respect of its action, he eased **Flamin' AI** down over the final 100m. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Flamin' AI** to be lame (3/5) in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr B Widdup was advised that the gelding would be now subject to the conditions of the Racing NSW Major Orthopaedic protocol prior to being permitted to race again.

Alart – a post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have lost its near fore plate.

Dynamic Bid – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 4 – Events By ATC Handicap 1900m

Latin Light – the gelding was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed suitable to race after sustaining a minor abrasion adjacent to its left eye whilst being transported to the course. Despite the efforts of its rider to remain in a one off position, **Latin Light** after being contacted by *Ivy's Court*, was carried wider.

Hand It In – slow to begin.

Saint Katarina – was shifted in behind runners from its wide draw shortly after the start. A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying a mild case of the thumps.

Kelvinside – between the 200m and near the 100m, was held up. **Kelvinside**, which was commencing to close the race off well, was then shifted into a tight run between *Allcash* and *Seababe* and as a result, **Kelvinside** made some contact with *Allcash* resulting in both horses becoming unbalanced.

Allcash – when questioned, G Schofield explained that the only specific instruction he was issued with was to place the horse in a midfield position, if possible. He said that prior to the race, after reviewing a number of **Allcash's** recent starts, he formed the view that the gelding is best suited when endeavouring to improve towards the outside of the field. He said that therefore today, although he had a favourable position behind the favourite and eventual winner, *Ivy's Court*, he elected to relinquish his position, steady and shift to the outside of *Seababe* to improve. He said although this left him racing wide and without cover from the 600m, nonetheless **Allcash** was able to gain momentum and commence improving. G Schofield added that when ridden in this manner, however, **Allcash** was only one paced in the home straight. The matter was adjourned to provide the Stewards with the opportunity to interview trainer Mr C Waller in respect of the tactics adopted today.

Staggering – a post race veterinary examination of the mare, which performed below expectations, did not revealed any abnormalities.

RACE 5 – ANZ Bloodstock News Handicap 1550m

Spirit And Fire – after being slow, was then shifted behind runners shortly after.

Love Shack Baby – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Fabricator – near the 1000m, commenced to race keenly and after being restrained, got its head up and proved difficult to settle for some distance thereafter when racing close to the heels of *Smiling Manolito*. **Fabricator** continued to prove difficult to settle when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Smiling Manolito* for some distance thereafter.

Charlie Chap – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Shantou – when questioned, A Hyeronimus said he had to make some use of **Shantou** to take up the lead as per the change of tactics today. He said that after he obtained the lead near the 1200m, **Shantou** travelled strongly in the middle stages and as he felt that his mount was racing well within itself, he was reluctant to restrain **Shantou**. He added this decision was also influenced by trainer Mr B Baker's wishes to ensure that the race was run at a genuine pace. A Hyeronimus was advised he must be more mindful of the tempo that he sets and to ride his mounts in a manner which enables them to finish their races off as best they are able. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Smiling Manolito – a post race veterinary examination of the gelding, which weakened over the final 100m, revealed **Smiling Manolito** to be slow to recover.

Classic Jade – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, App R Dolan said that his mount travelled satisfactorily behind the leader during the middle stages. He said that he was unwilling to improve on **Classic Jade** after the 700m having regard to the fast tempo and therefore he allowed *Shantou* to draw a margin from him. He said, however, that **Classic Jade**, although gradually improving, was under heavy pressure to the home turn and as he became concerned with its welfare he eased the gelding down over the final 100m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr G Moore was advised that the performance was unsatisfactory and **Classic Jade** will be required to barrier trial before being permitted to race again.

McMahon – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 6 – Australian Turf Club Handicap 1250m

Grand Finalist – began very awkwardly. K O'Hara (*You Make Me Smile*) was reprimanded for permitting her mount to shift in when not clear of **Grand Finalist** near the 800m resulting in that horse having to be steadied when placed awkwardly on the heels of *You Make Me Smile* for a short distance thereafter. **Grand Finalist** shifted out near the 250m and made contact with *Battle Cry*, which became unbalanced. A post race veterinary examination revealed of **Grand Finalist** to be lame (2/5) in the near hind leg. Co-trainer Mr A Bott was advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to the gelding racing again.

Pembroke Castle – shortly after the start was crowded between *Intense Focus* and *Beidi*, which was bumped and taken out by *Cape Wickham*. **Pembroke Castle** was then shifted behind runners in the early stages. **Pembroke Castle** was held up and had to be directed to the outside of *Intense Focus* to obtain clear running near the 150m.

Chief Kidder – shortly after the start was shifted behind runners from its wide draw.

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

Battle Cry – near the 1000m, was eased to avoid the heels of *You Make Me Smile* (K O'Hara) which shifted in when not properly clear. K O'Hara was advised to ensure she is sufficiently clear when shifting ground in similar circumstances.

Silent General – a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover.

RACE 7 – Autumn Carnival On Sale Handicap 1200m

Luskintyre Lass – after being loaded into the barriers became fractious, lunged forward and made slight contact with the front gates. **Luskintyre Lass** was removed from the barriers, examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed suitable to race. **Luskintyre Lass** was eased to avoid the heels of *Divine Breeze*, which shifted in when not quite clear.

Sophiella – after being loaded into the barriers, became fractious, lunged forward and made contact slight with the front gates. **Sophiella** was removed from the barriers and examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and passed suitable to race. **Sophiella** shifted out and made contact with *Mileage* on jumping. When questioned, G Schofield said that his mount was unsettled after being reboxed, began only fairly and bumped *Mileage*. He said that **Sophiella** then became unbalanced, was unable to muster and due to the quick tempo in the early stages, the mare settled towards the rear of the field. G Schofield said that it had been the intention to travel prominently and he was of the view that **Sophiella** was unsuited when racing back in the field. He added that he experienced difficulty obtaining clear running until the 150m and having regard to the circumstances at the start, the performance today should be overlooked. A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame (1/5) in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr B Baker was advised that a veterinary clearance will be required prior to **Sophiella** racing again.

Alnaas – slow to begin.

Nicconita – shortly after the start was shifted in behind runners from its wide draw. **Nicconita** was held up until approaching the 150m. Over the latter stages, **Nicconita**, which was closing the race off strongly, was unable to be fully tested when laying in when under pressure.

Lady Of Shalott – shortly after the start was shifted in behind runners from its wide draw. **Lady Of Shalott** laid in when placed under pressure over the final 250m.

High Low Bet – approaching the 700m was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Aperitif* and was eased when that horse shifted in slightly. At this point, when *Aperitif* shifted out to resume its previously occupied position, and this resulted in *Mileage* being carried wider, **Lady Of Shalott**, which was following, was steadied to avoid the heels of *Mileage*. Thereafter *Mileage* raced wide and without cover.

Wide Spread Panic – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, T Clark said the mare was expected to perform competitively today, having regard to two good recent trials. He said that **Wide Spread Panic** was a beaten horse before the 400m and commenced to shift out when under heavy pressure. Whilst accepting T Clark's explanation, he was reminded to ensure he rides competitively as *Luskintyre Lass* was able to improve into his inside near the 400m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. The performance was deemed unacceptable and co-trainer Mr A Bott was advised that before being permitted to race again, the mare must perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial.

Divine Breeze – a post race veterinary examination of **Divine Breeze**, which, after being caught very wide in the early stages, improved to lead after approaching the 600m revealed the mare to be lame (1/5) in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr M Newnham was advised that a veterinary clearance will be required prior to **Divine Breeze** racing again.

GENERAL:

Summary of whip use

The Stewards noted the following rider exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii):

Race 7	H Bowman (High Low Bet)	6 strikes
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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: Make 'Em Cry, Cossetot, Re Edit, Helga, Test Of War, Mimic, Word For Word.

Race 2: Agassi, Knowitall Jack, Oxidization, Tereka, Milunka.

Race 3: Sedition, Legislation, Vega (2).

Race 4: Hand It In, Allcash, Kelvinside, Saint Katarina (2), Staggering.

Race 5: Love Shack Baby, Spirit And Fire (2), Fabricator, Classic Jade.

Race 6: Silent General, You Make Me Smile, Pembroke Castle, Battle Cry, Intense Focus.

Race 7: Sophiella, Ottamae, Alnaas, High Low Bet, Luskintyre Lass.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 6: K O'Hara (You Make Me Smile) – careless riding [AR137(a)].
Suspensions:	Race 2: App S Weatherley (Oxidization) – 19.1.19 to 27.1.19 – careless riding [AR137(a)].
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 2: Arrogant Lass (trainer G Englebrecht) – cardiac arrhythmia. Race 2: Lonely Heart (co-trainer E O'Rourke) – poor performance. Race 5: Classic Jade (trainer G Moore) – poor performance. Race 7: Wide Spread Panic (co-trainer A Bott) – poor performance.
Certificates:	Race 2: Arrogant Lass (trainer G Englebrecht) – including ECG, cardiac arrhythmia. Race 2: Lonely Heart (co-trainer E O'Rourke) – poor performance. Race 3: Flamin' Al (trainer B Widdup) – lame (3/5) in the off fore leg. Race 3: Legerity (trainer C Cunningham) – lame (1/5) in the near fore leg. Race 6: Grand Finalist (co-trainer A Bott) – lame (2/5) in the near hind leg. Race 7: Divine Breeze (trainer M Newnham) – lame (1/5) in the near fore leg. Race 7: Sophiella (trainer B Baker) – lame (1/5) in the near fore leg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 2: Plenty – to be ridden prominently with the option to lead; led. Race 5: Smiling Manolito – not to be ridden in the lead; settled on pace. Race 5: Shantou – to be ridden prominently; led. Race 7: Lady Of Shalott – to be ridden quieter from its wide draw; settled worse than midfield.
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 4: Allcash (trainer C Waller) – riding tactics.