

STEWARDS REPORT

Australian Turf Club

WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE

Saturday 9th February 2019

Weather: Fine

Track: Heavy (8), amended to soft (7) at 1:00pm following Race 1, amended to soft (6) at 4:02pm following Race 6

Rail: True

Penetrometer: 5.86

COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS: M F Van Gestel, P C Dingwall, J J E Earl, D L Carr and cadets J A Dinopoulos and S C Knight.

RACE 1: Darley Lonhro Plate (1100 metres)

Time To Reign - When questioned as to why he allowed **Time to Reign** to travel wide and without cover, rider. T. Clark stated he had anticipated racing outside the leader. He said, after commencing well, he allowed **Time to Reign** to stride forward with the view of racing outside the leader, *Sylvia's Memory*, but when *Escaped* improved quickly to his inside, he elected not to contest that position as he was satisfied to travel wide and without cover. He added that when in this position, **Time to Reign** overraced, would not settle, and as a consequence, when placed under pressure in the straight, did not finish the race off as well as expected. He added that in his opinion, **Time to Reign** would derive a fitness benefit from today's race and was also not assisted by the rain affected going. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer G. Portelli stated whilst there were no specific instructions, he anticipated **Time to Reign** being able to take up a position in the lead. He stated that whilst expressing satisfaction with T. Clark's ride, **Time to Reign** was disadvantaged by overracing when wide and without cover. After considering T. Clark's explanation, Stewards advised him that he had made an error of judgment in the early stages when not being decisive and crossing

to take up a position to the outside of *Sylvia's Memory*, which would have avoided the colt covering unnecessary ground on the home turn.

Cosmic Force - Slow to begin.

Escaped - When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, Rider A. Hyeronimus advised that the colt was slow to begin, but was able to show good early speed and improved to the inside of *Time to Reign* in the early stages to race outside the leader, *Sylvia's Memory*. He added that once he obtained this position, **Escaped** overaced and after making the home turn awkwardly, was disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding in the straight. He added that in his view, **Escaped** was still lacking maturity and would benefit from being spelled. A post-veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Steel Diamond - On jumping, **Steel Diamond** was hampered when bumped by *Bivouac*, which shifted in.

RACE 2: TAB Highway Handicap (1200 metres)

Noble Boy - Slow to begin.

Acquittal - Slow to begin. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Exaggerate - Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Sunlit - For some distance near the 700m raced tight to the inside of *Prince Planet* (R. Dolan), which commenced to shift in. Near the 600m **Sunlit** was steadied to avoid the heels of *Prince Planet*, when that runner crossed **Sunlit** when it was not clear. R. Dolan was reprimanded and told that he must provide sufficient clearance when crossing. When questioned regarding the performance, Rider B. Advulla stated that after being obliged to follow *Prince Planet* from the 600m, **Sunlit** did not appreciate racing amongst other horses and in the straight laid in and weakened under pressure. He added in his view **Sunlit** would be better suited ridden to the outside of other horses and also was

disadvantaged by being obligated to race towards the inside, which he considered to be inferior going. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Sausedge - Briefly held up for clear running on straightening.

Alternative Facts - Making the home turn, raced tight between *Tully Toff* and *Sunlit*, and was steadied near the 300m when disappointed for clear running between those runners. **Alternative Facts** was then shifted to the outside of *Sunlit* approaching the 200m to the secure clear running.

RACE 3: Davali Thoroughbreds Cup (1000 metres)

Super Too - Trainer Mr. M. Conners was fined \$200 under AR140B(2) for the late application to remove blinkers from the mare's approved gear. Rider B. Shinn stated that whilst he was able to establish the lead on the mare, **Super Too** did not travel as strongly as it had done previously, which gave him concern in the early stages. He added soon after entering the straight, **Super Too** shortened stride quickly and weakened noticeably over the final 200m whereby he eased it down. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr. M. Conners could offer no explanation for the mare's poor performance. He undertook to report to the Stewards the results of a veterinary examination including an endoscope to be performed when the mare returned to his stable. Mr. Conners in addition, said he would discuss the racing future with connections and would report to the Stewards the intentions going forward. The enquiry was adjourned, pending Stewards receiving this information.

She Knows - A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Single Bullet - Trainer Mr. G. Portelli reported that the gelding had shifted its near fore-plate this morning and dislodged the associated synthetic hoof filler, requiring the gelding to be replated. **Single Bullet** was examined by Racing NSW veterinarians on arrival and was deemed suitable to race. Rider. R. Dolan explained that his only instruction was to ensure that **Single Bullet** did not settle too far back in the field. He stated that after commencing fairly, he contemplated taking up a position in advance of *Badajoz* in the early stages, however, he felt he would have to make too much use of his mount to do so, and as a result, he elected to remain racing three wide and without cover. R. Dolan

further stated **Single Bullet** made the home turn awkwardly and did not finish the race off as well as expected. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr. G. Portelli advised that he will now spell the gelding.

Akasaki - Trainer Mr S. Jones was fined \$100 under AR 59A for failing to present the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the gelding when requested. Was held up for clear running in the early part of the straight and near the 250m, was steadied when disappointed for clear running between *Badajoz* and *Memes* which shifted out. Near the 150m, **Akasaki** again was steadied when disappointed for clear running between *Memes* and *Badajoz* and did not obtain clear running until nearing the 100m.

Memes - Hung out on the home turn.

Latin Boy - Slow to begin.

Malahat - From its wide draw, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

RACE 4: Aquis Farm Eskimo Prince Stakes (1200 metres)

Charge - Overraced badly in the middle stages and for some distance near the 800m was restrained from the heels of *Sandbar* before being obliged to travel wide and without cover from that point.

Master Ash - Rider T. Clark stated that whilst the colt was able to lead in today's event, he formed the view that it was not entirely comfortable on today's rain affected going. He said that whilst he was aware **Master Ash** had been competitive on similar track ratings in the past, these performances were in a weaker grade and the horse was able to cope with those conditions accordingly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Exceltic - A veterinary examination of the colt, which momentarily got its off-hind leg up on the running board after being loaded into the barriers, deemed it suitable to race.

Purple Sector (NZ) - From its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

RACE 5: Inglis Sprint - 3YOs (1100 metres)

Danawi - Slow to begin. Near the 100m, was steadied and shifted to the inside of *Evalina* to continue into clear running.

Logan River - Slow to begin.

Estijaab - When placed under pressure near the 250m, was inclined to lay out and shift ground, resulting in its Rider B. Avdulla having to stop riding and straighten near the 150m.

Miss Invincible - Slow to begin. For some distance leaving the 800m, **Miss Invincible** raced tight between High *Ratio* and *Spin* (B. Prebble) which shifted in away from *Evalina*. A short distance later, *Spin* shifted in further, resulting in **Miss Invincible** having to be steadied when crowded by *Spin*. Rider B Prebble was reprimanded and advised that he should make greater efforts to prevent his mounts from shifting ground in similar circumstances.

Bold Arial - From its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Evalina - Near the 800m, was hampered when taken wider by *Spin*, which shifted out when being steadied from the heels of *Fiesta*. When commencing to give ground near the 100m, laid in behind *Spin* and as a consequence was steadied to avoid that runner's heels.

High Ratio - Throughout the early and middle stages, overraced and refused to settle.

RACE 6: Yarraman Park Breeders Classic (1200 metres)

White Moss - Reared on jumping and lost ground.

Nettoyer - Slow to begin.

Slow Burn - Rider A. Adkins stated his intention was to be more forward but **Slow Burn** did not show early speed and thereafter travelled only one-paced and was disappointing with the manner in which it weakened over the final stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed that the mare to be

displaying a poor post-race recovery. Trainer Mr. L. Bridge advised the mare would be sent for a spell and accordingly Stewards took no action against the mare.

Alassio - Near the 100m, was inconvenienced when being eased to avoid the heels of *Champagne Cuddles* (B. Shinn) which shifted in when not clear. B. Shinn was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 7: Inglis Millennium - 2YOs (1200 metres)

Dawn Passage - On jumping, was bumped by *Espaaniyah*, which shifted out. Rider B. Shinn stated that his mount was hampered on jumping and as a consequence, he was unable to take up a position forward of midfield. He stated that from the 600m, he was unable to improve into the event when held up on the heels of *Pretty Brazen*, and in the straight did not secure clear running until near the 200m when it was shifted to the outside of *Pretty Brazen*. B. Shinn added that whilst **Dawn Passage** finished the race off well, he was of the view that the colt was not entirely comfortable on the soft track.

Castelvechio - From its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Soami - On jumping, was hampered when crowded by *Pretty Brazen*, which was taken out by *Dawn Passage*.

Espaaniyah - When commencing to weaken near the 200m, laid in and was steadied away from the heels of *Biscara*. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be displaying a poor post-race recover. Stable representative Mr N Paine was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Espaaniyah** racing again.

Biscara - Slow to begin.

Avon River - From a wide barrier, was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Salome - Raced wide and without cover throughout the early and middle stages of the event.

Pretty Brazen - On jumping, was bumped by *Dawn Passage*, which was taken out by *Espanniyah*. Approaching the 1000m, was steadied to avoid the heels of *Espanniyah*, which shifted out slightly.

My Fire Phoenix - Near the 200m, was steadied when crowded between *Lady Naturaliste* and *Pretty Brazen* (C. Brown) which shifted in. C Brown was advised to exercise more care.

Lady Naturaliste - Raced wide and without cover through the early and middle stages of the event.

My Sweet Fish - Slow to begin.

RACE 8: Bowness Stud Mile (1600 metres)

Morton's Fork - Shifted behind runners shortly after the start. Approaching the 1200m, more energy commenced to race keenly, was steadied from the heels of *Tangled* and shifted out. As a consequence, **Morton's Fork** improved to the inside of *More Energy* and shortly after had to be steadied when *More Energy* shifted back in to resume its position.

Tangled - When questioned regarding the performance, Rider. H. Bowman stated that he was able to take up a midfield position following *Dark Eyes* throughout the early and middle stages. He said that from the 800m when he was looking to improve into the event, *Dark Eyes* did not improve and as a consequence, he was held up behind that runner until near the 600m when he shifted to the inside of the runner to follow *New Universe* and to improve into the event. He said that whilst it was open to him to shift to the outside of *Dark Eyes* near the 800m, **Tangled** was not travelling well enough in his opinion to sustain a long run to the outside of the field and for this reason, he elected to follow *New Universe*. He further added that in his view, **Tangled** was better suited for firmer surfaces and for this reason, he was not too disappointed with the performance of the gelding.

Dark Eyes - Taken in by *Tangled*.

New Universe (NZ) - On jumping was steadied when crowded between *Gresham*, which shifted out slightly.

RACE 9: TAB Handicap (1600 metres)

Looks Like Elvis - From its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Amanito - Slow to begin.

Sondelon - When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, Rider T. Clark could offer no excuse in respect to the running of today's race other than to say that **Sondelon** may not have backed up following its first run-up on the 26th January. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. The Stewards will follow-up on the post-race condition of **Sondelon** subsequent to the race.

Zidane - The gelding shifted its off-foreplate during its preliminary and had to be replated behind the barriers. **Zidane** was examined by the club's veterinary officer and deemed suitable to race. Rider J. Parr stated that the gelding became unsettled when replated behind the barriers. He said that **Zidane** did not travel comfortably throughout the event and in his opinion, the horse being replated behind the barrier was a significant contributor in respect to **Zidane's** disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Zidane** to be slow to recover.

Animalia - From its wide barrier, was shifted behind runners in the early stages. In question regarding the gelding racing back in the field, Rider. J Collette advised that whilst his instructions were to be more forward, his mount jumped fairly. For this reason, he elected to shift behind runners in the early stages to ensure he was able to race with cover. Raced keenly in the early stages.

Honey Espirit - A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Matowi (NZ) - Rider S. Clipperton could offer no excuse for the disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

GENERAL:

Summary of Whip Use

Stewards noted that the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR 137A(4)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race 6	T. Clark (Alassio)	6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 6	T. Marquand (White Moss)	6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 7	T. Marquand (Blazing Mist)	6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 7	C. Brown (Pretty Brazen)	6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 8	R. Dolan (Gresham)	7 strikes prior to 100m
Race 8	C. Brown (New Universe)	8 strikes prior to 100m
Race 9	S. Weatherely (Looks Like Elvis)	7 strikes prior to 100m
Race 9	J. Collette (Animalia)	7 strikes prior to 100m

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

Race 1: Cosmic Force (2), Time To Reign, Steel Diamond

Race 2: Noble Boy (2), Acquittal (2), Sunlit, Sausedge (2)

Race 3: Malahat, Super Too, Single Bullet, Memes

Race 4: Sandbar, Gem Song (2), Exceltic, Charge

Race 5: Coterie, Estijaab (2), Fiesta (2), Miss Invincible, Mizzy

Race 6: Egyptian Symbol (2), Champagne Cuddles (2), Alassio, Cool Passion

Race 7: Accession (2), Dawn Passage (2), Castelvecchio (2), Pandano, Espaniyah, Lady

Naturaliste

Race 8: Morton's Fork, Tangled (2), Dark Eyes, New Universe, Samadoubt (2)

Race 9: Looks Like Elvis, Rapido Chaparro, Sondelon, Matowi, Cisco Bay (2), Animalia

Summary

Fines:	<p>Race 3: Trainer M Conners (Super Too) – \$200: late application to remove the gear from the horse (AR140B(2)).</p> <p>Race 3: Trainer S Jones (Akasaki) - \$100 - Fail to present TIC when requested (AR 59A).</p>
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Reprimands:	Race 2: R. Dolan (Prince Planet) - careless riding (AR 137(a)). Race 5: B. Prebble (Spin) - careless riding (AR 137(a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 7: Espaaniyah (Trainer G Waterhouse & A Bott) – poor post-race recovery.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear:	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 3: Super Too (Trainer M. Conners) - poor performance. Race 9: Sondelon (Trainer G Waterhouse & A Bott) – poor performance.