

STEWARDS REPORT

Australian Turf Club WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE

Wednesday 13 March 2019

Weather: Overcast
Track: Good (4); Downgraded to Soft (5) at 3.52pm; Following heavy rain, downgraded to Soft (7) at 4.04pm
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 4.76

COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS: T. P. Moxon (Chairman), P. C. Dingwall, S. T. Matthews, D. M. Greer and Cadets R. W. Loughlin, J. A. Dinopoulos, S. C. Knight and O. Fleming.

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Supplementary Report:

CANTERBURY PARK BARRIER TRIAL Monday 25 February 2019

Heat 11:

Got Skills – Stewards today inquired into the circumstances surrounding **Got Skills** fatally collapsing following its heat at the Canterbury Park Barrier Trials on 25 February 2019. Evidence was taken from Stable Representative Mr C. Duckworth who provided veterinary and treatment records for the relevant period for **Got Skills** and Racing NSW Official Veterinarian Dr J. Mizzi. A necropsy report conducted by the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Camden concluded that the exercise-associated sudden death was attributed to cardiorespiratory failure. Examination of the treatment records did not reveal a pre-existing condition that may have led or contributed to **Got Skills**' fatality. The inquiry was concluded.

ROYAL RANDWICK Saturday 9 March 2019

RACE 2: Tokyo City Keiba Fireball Stakes (Listed) 1100m:

Santos – Co-trainer Mr A. Bott advised that the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of **Santos**.

RACE 4: UNSW Todman Stakes (Group 2) 1200m:

Time To Reign – Trainer Mr G. Portelli advised that he was satisfied with the post-race condition of **Time To Reign**. Racing NSW Chief Veterinary Officer confirmed the post-race condition of the colt after inspecting it on Monday morning.

RACE 1: Vancouver Yearlings in 2019 Plate 1200m:

Aurman Zou – On jumping was hampered by *Phoenix River*, which shifted in.

Bondi Boy – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Over the final 200m laid out under pressure.

Full Recognition – Passing the 900m was hampered and carried wider when *Green Aeon* shifted out. Approaching the 100m laid in, obliging its rider, T. Berry, to stop riding and straighten his mount.

Green Aeon – Raced keenly in the early stages and shifted out abruptly passing the 900m. Continued to race keenly throughout the middle stages.

Phoenix River – Began awkwardly.

RACE 2: Pluck @ Vinery Handicap 1000m:

Cardiff – Approaching the 50m, after shifting in under pressure, was corrected by its rider when racing tight to the outside of *Heart Breaker* when that runner shifted out under pressure.

Cock Match – Began only fairly and then was hampered by *Donandkim*, which shifted in.

Enforcement – Began awkwardly. Raced keenly in the middle stages and passing the 700m was steadied off the heels of *Cardiff*. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider J. McDonald stated that although his mount raced keenly throughout the middle stages, the colt's performance was disappointing, particularly the manner in which it failed to close off the race over the final 100m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden advised that **Enforcement** would now be gelded.

Escondido – From the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Laid out over the final 100m.

Grand Piano – After being slow to begin, from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Laid in under pressure over the final 600m.

Momentum Glory – Was slow to begin. Approaching the 100m shifted in abruptly and became unbalanced.

Donandkim – On jumping was hampered when crowded by *Enforcement*. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (1/5) in the off-foreleg. Trainer G. Nickson was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding's next race start.

Nuclear Summit – When questioned regarding the performance, rider B. Avdulla stated that he intended on racing prominently, however, when **Nuclear Summit** did not show sufficient speed, he was obliged to race in a mid-field position. He said that **Nuclear Summit** laid out from the 600m and in his opinion would benefit from stepping up in distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Wicked Willy – Passing the 900m had to be eased when crowded between *Enforcement* and *Heart Breaker* (B. Shinn), which shifted in when not clear. B. Shinn was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages, and passing the 700m was hampered and taken wider by *Enforcement* when that runner shifted out. **Wicked Willy** continued to race keenly and commenced to hang out rounding the turn from the 600m. Continued to hang out until entering the home straight near the 300m. Trainer Mr R. Litt was advised that a warning would be recorded against the racing manners of the colt. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be slow to recover.

RACE 3: ANZ Bloodstock News Handicap 1000m:

Evening Slippers – Blundered near the 900m. Laid out under pressure over the final 100m and shifted ground.

Birdy – Began awkwardly and then was badly crowded between *Gaelic Puzzle* and *Compatriot*, which was taken out by *Obscene*, which itself was hampered and taken wider by *Kibibi* when that runner was bumped heavily by *Bollywood* and shifted out. When questioned, rider S. Clipperton stated that as the filly had a tendency to overrace in its barrier trials leading into today's first start, the only instruction he was issued was to ensure that **Birdy** settles. He said that after receiving interference at the start **Birdy** settled towards the rear of the field. He added that approaching the 600m when he commenced to pressure his mount, **Birdy** commenced to race greenly and, bearing in mind the filly's racing inexperience, he wanted to ensure that his mount was fully balanced prior to placing her under more significant pressure in the home straight. He added that approaching the 200m he commenced to place his mount under pressure, and approaching the 150m when continuing to race greenly, **Birdy** shifted out abruptly, resulting in him having to ease his mount when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Sweeping Statement*, passing the 75m. He said that **Birdy** then closed off its race well after being shifted back to the inside of *Sweeping Statement*.

Chia – On jumping was crowded and became unbalanced when tightened between *Gaelic Puzzle* and *Disobedient*.

Compatriot – On jumping was crowded between *Birdy* and *Obscene*, which shifted out.

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

Gaelic Puzzle – On jumping was crowded between *Birdy* and *Chia*. Raced wide and without cover throughout. When questioned regarding the performance, rider M. Walker stated that after receiving interference at the start, his mount was unable to race in a prominent position. He added that throughout the race **Gaelic Puzzle**, when racing wide and without cover, was inclined to lay out and rounding the turn after the 500m his mount commenced to hang out away from *Obscene*. He added that **Gaelic Puzzle** then continued to hang out for the remainder of the event, resulting in him being unable to fully test his mount at any stage throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr J. Bruce was advised that **Gaelic Puzzle** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to being permitted to race.

Obscene – On jumping was hampered by *Kibibi*, which shifted out. Raced wide and without cover throughout.

Questioning – Was slow to begin.

Sweeping Statement – From the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. In so doing, **Sweeping Statement** raced ungenerously and got its head up for some distance. Continued to race ungenerously in the middle stages and approaching the 700m was steadied from the heels of *Disobedient*. Had some difficulty obtaining clear running rounding the home turn.

Bollywood – Began awkwardly and shifted out making contact with *Kibibi*. Laid out under pressure over the final 100m and shifted ground. Over the final stages raced tight with *Evening Slippers*.

Kibibi – On jumping was bumped heavily by *Bollywood* and became unbalanced.

RACE 4: The Championships on Sale Plate 1200m:

Achondrite – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider H. Bowman stated that he intended on racing in a prominent position, however, when **Achondrite** did not show sufficient speed in the early stages to do so, he was obliged to settle in a position behind mid-field. He said that his mount travelled satisfactorily throughout the middle stages, however, when he shifted to a three-wide position passing the 600m to commence to improve into the race, **Achondrite** did not respond to his riding and the filly, which was having only its second start in a race, is still somewhat immature and closed off its race fairly. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Nature – From the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Theresa Maree – Was slow to begin.

RACE 5: Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap 1400m:

Bubbles'N'Troubles – A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Bubbles'N'Troubles** to have lost its near-hind plate.

Lady Elizabeth – From a wide barrier, after being slow to begin, was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Fearless Girl – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Debate – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider T. Berry stated that although the filly did not feel entirely comfortable on today's track conditions, he felt the performance still was

disappointing, bearing in mind that Debate was able to travel at moderate sectionals. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Debate** to be slow to recover.

RACE 6: Events By ATC Handicap 1600m:

This race was run in heavy rain conditions. The track was downgraded to Soft (7) at 4.04pm.

Great Job – Was a late scratching at 4.04pm due to the track downgrade.

Love Shack Baby – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, J. Ford stated that although he had to make some use of his mount in the early stages to obtain the lead, the principal reason for the performance was that **Love Shack Baby** had come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr D. Pfeiffer confirmed that **Love Shack Baby** would now be spelled.

Raqeeq – Was slow to begin and from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Bull Market – Rider T. Clark reported that the gelding did not handle today's track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden agreed with the views of T. Clark and advised that **Bull Market** would now be spelled.

Braces – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Boomtown Rat – Passing the 50m became awkward on the heels of *Braces* and was carried out when that horse shifted ground.

Silent Explorer – Laid out under pressure in the straight.

Carluca – After beginning only fairly was shifted behind runners in the early stages. App. R. Dolan dropped his whip passing the 200m.

RACE 7: TAB Rewards Handicap 1200m:

Torpenhow – Was slow to begin.

Calculated – Began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, App. S. Weatherley stated that **Calculated** travelled well throughout the event, however, when under pressure rounding the home turn the gelding, which was first up today, was not suited by the track conditions and would benefit from today's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Calculated** to be slow to recover. Stable representative Mr C. Duckworth said that **Calculated** had pleased the stable leading into today's race and agreed with the explanation offered by App. S. Weatherley, and he undertook to report back on the gelding's post-race condition.

Ghostly – Was slow to begin.

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

Tonsor – Knuckled on jumping. Laid out rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

What Could Be – Passing the 50m was bumped by *Ever So Natural*, which shifted out under pressure.

Ever So Natural – On straightening, when racing tight between *What Could Be* and *Invictum Domina*, **Ever So Natural** was reluctant to hold its position and when both *What Could Be* and *Invictum Domina* shifted ground slightly, **Ever So Natural** was eased and shifted to the inside of *What Could Be* to continue into clear running.

Magicalease – Began only fairly and then was hampered shortly after the start by *Virgilio*, which shifted out.

Invictum Domina – A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Invictum Domina** to be lame (2/5) in the near-hind leg. Trainer Mr B. Widdup was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the mare's next race start.

Virgilio – Laid in in the early part of the straight.

RACE 8: Australian Turf Club Handicap 1400m:

Mr Tickets – Blundered shortly after the start and then was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Cuba – Passing the 700m shifted to the outside of *McCormack* and in doing so made contact with *Grimoire*. A short distance later **Cuba** had to be eased when crowded between *McCormack* and *Grimoire*, both of which shifted slightly. *Vega*, which was following **Cuba**, had to be eased as a consequence and as a result lost its position. **Cuba** was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Grimoire – Raced keenly in the early stages and passing the 1200m had to be steadied from the heels of *McCormack*, which shifted out after being bumped on the hindquarters by **Grimoire**. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Grimoire** to be slow to recover.

Julian Rock – Was slow to begin. On straightening was disappointed for a run between *Cuba* and *McCormack* and then was shifted to the inside of *McCormack* and obtained clear running passing the 300m.

Catmosphere – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

The Cartoonist – Rounding the home turn near the 350m had to be steadied from the heels of *Quadriga*, which laid out. Passing the 300m had to be checked when disappointed for a run between *Catmosphere* and *Julian Rock* (A. Adkins), which shifted in. A. Adkins was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground.

McCormack – Began only fairly. When questioned, rider G. Buckley stated that **McCormack** Overraced with the blinkers on for the first time today and as a result was unable to finish off its race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **McCormack** to be slow to recover and had lost its near-hind plate with a small associated laceration.

California Concord – Was a late scratching at 4.38pm due to the further downgrade of the track.

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

Race 1: Aurman Zou, Bondi Boy, Full Recognition (2), Green Aeon, Phoenix River

Race 2: Cardiff, Cock Match, Garrison (2), Grand Piano, Donandkim

Race 3: Evening Slippers, Chia, Compatriot, Gaelic Puzzle, Questing, Bollywood

Race 4: Chilled Rose, Got Your Six, Rum Cake, Theresa Maree

Race 5: Bubbles'N'Troubles, Lady Elizabeth, Alliterate

Race 6: Great Job, Raqeeq, Scratches, Boomtown Rat, Grand Crown, Silent Explorer

Race 7: Torpenhow, Tonsor, Magicalease

Race 8: Red Currant, Shadow Flight, McCormack, California Concord, Regal Stage, Vega

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 2: Wicked Willy (Trainer R. Litt) – racing manners.
Trials:	Race 3: Gaelic Puzzle (Trainer B. Baker) – performance.
Certificates:	Race 2: Donandkim (Trainer G. Nickson) – lame (1/5) off-foreleg.

	Race 7: Invictum Domina (Trainer B. Widdup) – lame (2/5) near-hind leg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Tactics Notified:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Race 3: Questing – white cap.
Change of Gear:	Nil
Follow up:	Nil