

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Australian Turf Club WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 15 May 2019

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (4)  
Rail: +3m  
Penetrometer: 4.7

**STEWARDS:** T P Moxon (Chairman), P C Dingwall, T J Vassallo, D M Greer and cadets J P Dunn, S C Knight and T B Kearney.

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#### Supplementary Reports:

**KEMBLA GRANGE: Saturday, 11 May 2019**

##### RACE 8 – Anna Jarvis Class 1 and Maiden Plate 2000m

**Banteux** -- the stable reported they were satisfied with the post race condition of the gelding, however advised that **Banteux** will now be spelled.

**SCONE: Saturday, 11 May 2019**

##### RACE 7 – Arrowfield Dark Jewel Classic 1400m

**Moss Trip** -- the stable reported that they were satisfied with the post race condition of the mare, which was resuming from a spell.

**KEMBLA GRANGE: Tuesday, 14 May 2019**

##### RACE 4 – Tatama Pty Ltd Benchmark 70 Handicap 1400m

**Magic Search** – trainer Mr D Pfeiffer reported this morning that the mare was found to be lame (1/5) in the off foreleg. Mr Pfeiffer advised that **Magic Search** will now be transferred from his stable, however notwithstanding this advice, he was advised that a veterinary clearance will be required before the mare is permitted to race or trial again.

##### RACE 1 – TAB Rewards Handicap 1400m

**Peralta** – as G Schofield was overweight, the Stewards permitted App J Van Overmeire to ride the gelding as there were no senior riders available to ride at the weight. G Schofield was fined the sum of \$100 under AR190(3).

**Rari** – began awkwardly. Raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages. **Rari** laid in under pressure in the home straight and between the 250m and the 150m was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Bandersnatch**. When in clear running over the final 100m, **Rari** continued to lay in under pressure resulting in its rider being unable to place his mount under his usual vigour.

**Bacchus** – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Approaching the 600m, **Bacchus** was bumped and placed in restricted room by **Mocambo** when that runner shifted in.

**Bacchus** had difficulty obtaining clear running rounding the home turn and in the early part of the home straight before shifting to the outside of **Olympic** to continue into clear running passing the 300m. Passing the 150m, **Bacchus** was momentarily crowded between **Mocambo** and **Olympic**, which shifted out.

**Atomic Bomb** – began only fairly. A post race veterinary examination of the colt, which was beaten 25.5 lengths, revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr E Cummings advised that **Atomic Bomb** will now be spelled. Mr Cummings was advised that a warning would be recorded against the colt for being uncompetitive.

**Dodecanese** – slow to begin. Rider T Wolfgram reported that shortly after the start his saddle slipped back and as a result, the colt attempted to buck for a short distance. In all the circumstances, stable representative Mr M Roland was advised that a warning would be recorded against **Dodecanese**.

**Gypsy Snitz** – began awkwardly and then was bumped by *Antonio Padre*, which shifted in.

**Mocambo** – began awkwardly and from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. On straightening, was hampered and taken wider by *Bacchus*, which shifted out.

**Bandersnatch** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Saint Ambrose** – when questioned, T Clark stated that after beginning satisfactorily, he pressured his mount in the early stages to obtain a prominent position. He said that from the wide barrier, when his mount did not show sufficient speed to cross runners to his inside, he desisted from riding his mount along and attempted to obtain a position with cover behind *Bandersnatch* passing the 1200m. He said that when *Antonio Padre* maintained a three wide position behind *Bandersnatch*, he was unable to obtain cover and as a result, **Saint Ambrose** raced wide and without cover throughout the event. Rider T Clark had his whip knocked out of his grasp by the whip of T Berry (*Antonio Padre*) near the 150m.

**Olympic** – approaching the 1000m had to be steadied when crowded by *Saint Ambrose* (T Clark), which shifted in when not clear. T Clark was reprimanded. In this incident, **Olympic** made contact with the hindquarter of *Antonio Padre*, resulting in that runner being turned out.

**Witchblade** – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

#### **RACE 2 – Ranvet Salkavite Handicap 1300m**

**Quick Nick** – was examined behind the barriers by the Club's veterinary officer and deemed suitable to race. **Quick Nick** laid in under pressure in the straight. When questioned regarding his riding, App R Dolan stated that he was instructed to race in a forward position. He said that after beginning well, when caught four wide and without cover, approaching the 1000m he elected to restrain his mount in an endeavour to obtain cover behind the eventual winner, *Bergen*. He added that when endeavouring to obtain this position, **Quick Nick** commenced to lay in and when racing keenly, improved to a position to the inside of the heels of *Bergen*. He said that approaching the 800m, he contemplated improving to the inside of that runner to trail *Ulusaba*, however when *Bergen* shifted in slightly and briefly crowded his running, he had to ease his mount when being placed in restricted room approaching the 600m, which resulted in **Quick Nick** racing in a position at the rear of the field. App Dolan stated his mount then had some difficulty obtaining clear running before shifting to the outside of *Bentley Magic* entering the home straight.

**Bentley Magic** – from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**Plenty** – raced keenly throughout the event when obliged to race wide and without cover.

**Ms Rodarte** – was held up rounding the home turn.

**Smart Horse** – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider S Clipperton stated that although his mount began awkwardly and lost ground at the start, he was able to obtain a prominent position. He said, however, that **Smart Horse** did not travel satisfactorily throughout the event and changed lead legs on a number of occasions throughout the middle stages. He added that the horse, which was having its third race start today, would benefit from race experience. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr B Stanley advised that the gelding will now be spelled. Mr Stanley was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Smart Horse** being permitted to race or barrier trial again.

**Ulusaba** – T Clark could not provide any tangible explanation for the performance of the gelding. A post race veterinary examination of **Ulusaba**, which was beaten 24.5 lengths, revealed no abnormalities. The Stewards deemed the performance to be unacceptable. The Stewards ruled the gelding would be required to barrier trial to their satisfaction prior to its next race start.

### **RACE 3 – Star Turn @ Vinery Handicap 1600m**

**Eighteen Carrot** – was slow to begin and then was hampered by *Northern Voyage*, which shifted out.

**Foxy's Foxinator** – began awkwardly.

**Northern Voyage** - rider T Clark could offer no tangible explanation for the performance of **Northern Voyage**, however added that in his opinion the gelding would be better suited by being dropped back in class. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Perfect Pitch** – when questioned regarding the filly settling behind midfield, J Collett stated that he was instructed, if possible, to obtain cover on **Perfect Pitch** as his mount disappointed at its last start at Wagga on 3 May 2019 when ridden prominently without cover. He said that from a wide barrier, after beginning satisfactorily, as he did not feel there was an opportunity for him to improve and obtain cover, he elected to restrain his mount, shifted in behind runners and obtained a position with cover behind midfield and ultimately settled further back than what he had intended. Trainer Mr G Portelli confirmed the nature of the instructions issued to J Collett and was reminded of his obligations to notify the Stewards of any change of tactics. When questioned regarding his riding in the straight, J Collett stated that whilst he was aware a run had developed between *Fun Fact* and *Rexx*, as *Rexx* had hung out rounding the home turn and was being corrected by its rider, he felt that that runner would continue to shift in and for this reason he directed **Perfect Pitch** to the outside to obtain clear running. He added that after shifting to the outside of *Rexx* passing the 250m, his mount then became held out by *Eighteen Carrot* before shifting to the inside of that runner whereby **Perfect Pitch** secured clear running approaching the 100m. He added that during this period, whilst he was unable to race in clear running, he was still able to place his mount under pressure.

**Rexx** – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, J McDonald stated that the gelding became unusually stirred up prior to the running of the race. He said that after obtaining a prominent position, **Rexx** commenced to lay out throughout the middle stages and then rounding the home turn, hung out and away from the rail despite his efforts resulting in him having to pull his whip through to his left hand. J McDonald added that **Rexx** then continued to race greenly and shifted ground when under pressure in the straight. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Time Raid** – when questioned regarding his riding, K McEvoy stated that he was instructed to settle in a forward position with cover. He said that from the outside barrier, after beginning satisfactorily, as he felt he would be unable to obtain a position with cover, he elected to restrain **Time Raid** to take up a position at the rear of the field. He said that after racing in a position wide and without cover after the 1400m, as he felt the tempo of the race at this stage was only moderate, rather than continuing to restrain and give up ground on the leaders, he felt it would be in the best interests of his mount to maintain its position albeit when racing wide and without cover. The explanation given by K McEvoy was noted, however he was advised that wherever possible he should ensure he avoids covering unnecessary ground.

### **RACE 4 – ANZ Bloodstock News Handicap 2200m**

**Everly Girl** – began awkwardly, shifted out making heavy contact with *Loves To Rock* and became unbalanced.

**Chief Kidder** – began awkwardly.

**Loves To Rock** – was bumped heavily on jumping by *Everly Girl*, which shifted out. Raced keenly in the middle stages. Making the home turn, commenced to lay in and had to be steadied to avoid the heels of *California Longbow* (K McEvoy) which shifted out slightly. K McEvoy was advised to exercise more care.

**Concessions** – was checked shortly after the start when crowded by *By Design* and *Bajan Gold*.

**By Design** – was hampered on jumping by *Loves To Rock*, which shifted out. Raced ungenerously in the early stages.

**Angel Of Heaven** – raced keenly in the middle stages and passing the 1600m was restrained from the heels of *Everly Girl*. Inside the 100m, had to be steadied when disappointed for clear running between *Mrs Madrid* and *California Longbow*, both of which shifted slight ground, and he was then unable to fully test his mount over the final 50m. When questioned regarding the filly settling behind midfield, J Collett stated that he was instructed to ride the horse in a midfield position and furthermore he was told not to pressure his mount in the early stages of the race. He added that after beginning satisfactorily, he felt he would have had to pressure his mount to obtain a position closer to the rail and for this reason, from its wide barrier, he shifted his mount in behind runners in the early stages whereby **Angel Of Heaven** settled in a position behind midfield. Trainer Mr K Lees said he anticipated that **Angel Of Heaven** would be positioned slightly ahead of midfield. He said that although he was surprised that **Angel Of Heaven** settled towards the rear, nonetheless he was more than satisfied with the manner in which J Collett had ridden the filly.

**Cleverley** – laid in rounding the home turn and when under pressure in the straight.

**Soldier Of Love** – a post race veterinary examination of **Soldier Of Love** revealed the gelding to be lame (3/5) in the off foreleg. Stable representative Mr J Bruce advised that **Soldier Of Love** would now be spelled. Mr Bruce was advised that notwithstanding this advice, a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Soldier Of Love** being permitted to race or barrier trial again.

#### **RACE 5 – The Agency Real Estate Handicap 1200m**

**Dolly's Due** - made contact with the rail leaving the mounting enclosure, was examined by the Club's veterinary officer behind the barriers and was deemed suitable to race. **Dolly's Due** inadvertently carried a towel, which had been used by a barrier attendant, until near the 500m. This matter was brought to the attention of the official starter and rider Chad Lever.

**Aperitif** – began awkwardly.

**Nangami** – which was fractious in the barriers, began awkwardly and lost ground.

**Second Island** – slow to begin.

**One Fire Beach** – began only fairly. **One Fire Beach** was held up rounding the home turn.

**Echo Gem** – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider R King stated that she attempted to obtain the lead, however her mount did not show sufficient speed in the early stages to cross the runner's to her inside. She added that as a consequence, **Echo Gem** was obliged to race wide and without cover throughout the event and this was the principal reason for the filly's performance today. She added that in her opinion, **Echo Gem** is better suited when being able to dictate its races. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. The Stewards will follow up with post race condition of the filly.

**Cuban Sizzle** – held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight and passing the 300m, was disappointed for clear running between *Phoebe's Lass* and *Dreaming For More*. **Cuban Sizzle** was then shifted to the outside of *Dolly's Due* to obtain clear running near the 250m.

**Dreaming For More** – rider T Clark could offer no tangible explanation for the disappointing performance of the filly. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Phoebe's Lass** – a post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have bled from both nostrils for the first time. Trainer Mr G Hickman was advised that **Phoebe's Lass** would now incur the mandatory three ban from racing under AR79(4) and further the mare will be required to gallop or trial over 1000m to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race again.

**Mixed Blossom** – a post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be slow to recover. Trainer Mr G Vella was advised that the mare, which was beaten 26.6 lengths, would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race again.

#### **RACE 6 – Winter Racing Handicap 1600m**

**Evopex** – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Impavido** – slow to begin. Held up rounding the home turn.

**Cape Wickham** – began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with *Seababe*.

**Seababe** – bumped shortly after the start by *Cape Wickham*, which shifted out.

**Le Cavalier** – hampered shortly after the start by *Seababe*, which was taken out. Raced keenly in the early stages and near the 1400m, was eased when awkwardly positioned on the heels of *Seababe*.

**Latin Light** – near the 800m had to be steadied when crossed by *Vontaine* (App B Owen) when that runner shifted in when not clear. App Owen was advised to exercise more care.

**Primitivo** – when questioned, J McDonald stated that as **Primitivo** has had a tendency of being slow to begin at its most recent starts, he was instructed by trainer Mr J Thompson to have the horse race in a midfield position. J McDonald added that with the blinkers being reapplied to **Primitivo's** gear, although his mount was slow to begin, he was unable to capitalise on an opportunity to improve to the inside of *Vontaine* in the early stages when that runner was racing ungenerously and this resulted in **Primitivo** ultimately obtaining a prominent position.

**Vontaine** – laid in under pressure over the concluding stages.

#### **RACE 7 – Australian Turf Club Handicap 1400m**

**Fluidity** – shifted its off hind plate in the mounting area. After being re-plated, **Fluidity** was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and deemed suitable to race.

**Lawan** – slow to begin.

**Matowi** – slow to begin. Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight. Inside the 200m was eased when disappointed for a run to the inside of *Bravissimo*.

**Guipure** – began only fairly.

**Palmateer** – from a wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. G Schofield could offer no explanation for the performance of the mare. A post race veterinary examination of **Palmateer**, which was beaten by 20 lengths, revealed **Palmateer** to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Stable representative Mr L Prior was advised that as this was the second occasion that the mare had suffered from cardiac arrhythmia, that a veterinary clearance, including the results of an ECG and cardiac troponin, prior to the horse being permitted to trial. Mr Prior was further advised that these requirements are subject to further review.

**Bringagem** – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

**Snipes** – raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event. Passing the 200m, was hampered by *Destiny's Own*, which shifted in.

**Destiny's Own** – raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event.

**Bravissimo** – raced keenly throughout the middle stages and got its head up when being restrained passing the 800m.

**Andaz** – held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

**Balmain Boy** – when questioned, J Innes stated the gelding, which was first up today, began well and as he felt had he maintained his position he would have been left racing wide and without cover, he elected to restrain his mount in the early stages to take up a position behind *Guipure* whereby **Balmain Boy** settled behind midfield.

**GENERAL:** Rider C Brown pleaded guilty to a charge under AR128(2) in that he left the jockey's room and racecourse without the permission of the Stewards prior to returning to fulfil his engagement in Race 6. C Brown was fined the sum of \$400.

### Summary of whip use

The Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR132(7)(a)(ii):

<b>Race 2</b>	App B Owen ( <b>Bergen</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 3</b>	T Berry ( <b>Eighteen Carrot</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 4</b>	T Berry ( <b>Cleverley</b> )	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: Bandersnatch, Mocambo, Antonio Padre, Rari, Galaxy, Peralta, Dorothy Of Oz.

Race 2: Bergen, Plenty, Quick Nick, Bentley Magic, Smart Horse (2), Ms Rodarte.

Race 3: Eighteen Carrot (2), Time Raid, Foxy's Foxinator, Mookareena.

Race 4: Zoffany's Lad, Soldier Of Love, California Longbow, Everly Girl, By Design, Chief Kidder, Mrs Madrid.

Race 5: Nangami, Echo Gem, Dolly's Due, Mixed Blossom, One Fire Beach.

Race 6: Vega (2), Latin Light.

Race 7: Snipes, El Mo (2), Guipure, Palmateer, Andaz, Catmosphere.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>General:</b> C Brown – \$400 – left jockey's room [AR128(2)]. <b>Race 1:</b> G Schofield ( <b>Peralta</b> ) – \$100 – overweight [AR190(3)].
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 1:</b> T Clark ( <b>Saint Ambrose</b> ) – careless riding [AR131(a)].
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	<b>Race 5:</b> <b>Phoebe's Lass</b> (trainer G Hickman) – 3 month ban [AR79(4)].
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 1:</b> <b>Atomic Bomb</b> (trainer E Cummings) – uncompetitive. <b>Race 1:</b> <b>Dodecanese</b> (trainer P Perry) – bucked.
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 2:</b> <b>Ulusaba</b> (co-trainer A Bott) – poor performance. <b>Race 5:</b> <b>Mixed Blossom</b> (trainer G Vella) – poor performance. <b>Race 7:</b> <b>Palmateer</b> (trainer C Waller) – cardiac arrhythmia.
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Kembla Grange (14.5.19):</b> <b>Magic Search</b> (trainer D Pfeiffer) – lame (1/5) in the off foreleg. <b>Race 2:</b> <b>Smart Horse</b> (trainer B Stanley) – poor performance. <b>Race 4:</b> <b>Soldier Of Love</b> (trainer B Baker) – lame (3/5) in the off foreleg. <b>Race 7:</b> <b>Palmateer</b> (trainer C Waller) – cardiac arrhythmia, including ECG and cardiac troponin.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil

<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	<b>Race 1: Witchblade</b> – to be ridden further back, settled back. <b>Race 1: Peralta</b> – to be ridden further back; settled midfield. <b>Race 1: Atomic Bomb</b> – option to be ridden further forward; settled off pace. <b>Race 3: Fun Fact</b> – to be ridden further forward; settled off pace. <b>Race 6: Le Cavalier</b> – to be ridden in a midfield position; settled behind midfield. <b>Race 7: El Mo</b> – to be ridden further forward; settled off pace.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	<b>Race 5: Echo Gem</b> (co-trainers Waterhouse/Bott) – poor performance.