

STEWARDS REPORT

Australian Turf Club WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE Wednesday 16 January 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4): upgraded to a Good (3) at 4:10pm following Race 5
Rail: + 3m Entire
Penetrometer: 4.83

STEWARDS: P C Dingwall (Chairman), M F Van Gestel, T J Vassallo and Cadets R W Loughlin, J P Dunn, S C Knight and J B Marshall

Supplementary Report:

WARWICK FARM TRACKWORK – Tuesday 2 October 2018

Stewards today inquired into the circumstances surrounding the break down and subsequent euthanasia of **Rock ForThe Ladies** on the morning of Tuesday 2 October 2018. Evidence was today taken from Ms C Cunningham, trainer of **Rock ForThe Ladies**, who provided the relevant veterinary and treatment records for the gelding, and Racing NSW Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Toby Koenig. A necropsy report from the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Camden was also tendered into evidence which revealed a rupture of the suspensory apparatus of the right foreleg associated with comminuted, bilateral proximal sesamoid fractures. As Stewards were satisfied on the available evidence that there were no pre-existing condition that may have caused or contributed to **Rock ForThe Ladies** breaking down, the inquiry was concluded.

GOSFORD– Friday 11 January 2019

RACE 2: Aussie Night Markets 2YO Maiden Plate 1000m

Samphire Hoe – Co-Trainer Mr E O'Rourke advised that he was satisfied with the post-race condition of **Samphire Hoe**, however, the filly will now be transferred from his stable.

ROYAL RANDWICK – Saturday 12 January 2019

RACE 4: 2019 Membership Handicap 1500m

Hussterical – Co-Trainer Mr A Bott advised that the mare had reached the end of its preparation and would now be spelled.

Seahampton – Trainer Mr C. Waller advised that he was satisfied with the post-race condition of the mare and is the stable's intention to continue with its preparation.

RACE 7: Australian Turf Club Handicap 1400m

Sweet Deal – Stable representative Ms D Podlewski advised the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of **Sweet Deal** and is the intention to continue with the mare's preparation.

LATE RIDING CHANGES: As C. Brown was indisposed, Stewards permitted the following rider substitutions:

Race 1	T. Clark on Big Data
Race 3	K. McEvoy on Xaarfoxlady
Race 4	K. McEvoy on Prophet's Thumb
Race 5	J. McDonald on And So It Goes

RACE 1: Autumn Carnival On Sale Handicap (1400 metres)

Tactical Formation – Passing the 1100m, commenced to race keenly, becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Rexx*, then shifted out briefly. **Tactical Formation** continued to race ungenerously and got its head up on a number of occasions near the 800m.

King of Seas (NZ) – After being slow to begin, was then crowded between *Rexx* and *Belladeel*, which shifted out. Was held up rounding the home turn. When commencing to close the race off well, was shifted to the outside of *Big Data* near the 100m to continue into clear running, and approaching the winning post, **King of Seas** received some inconvenience by *Big Data*, which rolled out under pressure.

Proud Tradition – Began awkwardly and lost ground. After the start, was shifted in behind runners. Following the race, the gelding was found to have lost its near hind plate.

Rexx – When questioned, rider K. McEvoy stated that he expected *Big Data* to lead the event, and as he formed the view, should he shift to the fence and follow *Big Data*, that horse may not provide him the favourable passage in the home straight. He said therefore he elected to maintain a position one out one back, and whilst he acknowledged that the winner, *Belladeel* was able to capitalise on that position behind *Big Data*, he nonetheless felt that the manner in which he had ridden **Rexx** was in his best interest to ensure that he obtained an uninterrupted running in the home straight.

Big Data (NZ) – Shortly after the start, was bumped by *Tactical Formation*, which shifted out.

RACE 2: Events by ATC Handicap (1400 metres)

Les Amoureux – After beginning fairly, was pressured by its rider, however failed to muster speed and settled behind midfield. Making the home turn, was held up for clear running. Approaching the 100m when closing the race off fairly, was inconvenienced by *In A While*, which shifted out to avoid the heels of *Lady Cuvee*, which drifted out under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Task and Purpose – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be slow to recover.

Joy's Reward – After being crossed by *In A While* leaving the 1200m, commenced to race keenly for some distance, was continually restrained and awkwardly placed on the heels of *In A While*. Rider B. Avdulla advised that whilst the filly travelled comfortably, it was still somewhat disappointing. He added in his view, **Joy's Reward** is still slightly immature and may benefit from a step up in distance at its next race start. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Smart Decision – Stood flat-footed as the start was affected and lost ground.

Dame Margot - Raced wide and without cover throughout.

Princess Siri – After beginning well, raced fiercely in the early stages, got its head up on a number of occasions as the rider endeavoured to position his mount with cover. As the filly continued to race fiercely, **Princess Siri** was then allowed to improve whereby it raced as a joint leader after the 1100m.

Smart Promise – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame (1/5) in the off-foreleg. Co-trainer Mr A. Bott was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Smart Promise** racing again.

Lady Cuvee – Slow to begin. Approaching the 700m, was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Savigne*, which itself was being steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Smart Promise*.

RACE 3: 2019 Membership Handicap (1400 metres)

Xaarfoxylady – Shortly after the start, shifted in behind runners from its wide draw. When commencing to close the race off strongly, was impeded between *Maid Marilyn* and *Sepoy Acheva*, both of which shifted ground slightly.

Sepoy Acheva – After being slow to begin, made contact with *Tycoon Street*.

Lucky Louie – Despite being ridden along in the early stages, the mare failed to muster speed and when travelling wide and without cover, drifted back through the field when being steadied by its rider to obtain a position with cover near the 800m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be slow to recover.

Lady Elizabeth – Slow to begin.

RACE 4: ANZ Bloodstock News Handicap

Crafty Tycoon – Began awkwardly and made contact with *Spencer*. When the Ear Muffs were unable to be fitted to the gelding at the barriers due to the horse being fractious. Stewards permitted **Crafty Tycoon** to race without this gear. Trainer Mr. D Pfeiffer was fined \$200 under AR140(A) for presenting **Crafty Tycoon** to the enclosure without Ear Muffs, which were part of the gelding's approved gear. Throughout the early and middle stages, raced fiercely prior to getting its head up when it proved difficult to settle.

Noviero – Near the 200m, was briefly inconvenienced when *Aimalac Millie* shifted in slightly. When questioned, App. B. Owen advised that he had been asked to ride the gelding prominently, but not to lead as **Noviero** was having its first race start for Mr. Dale. He added that **Noviero** had not travelled at any stage of the race and was disappointing with the manner in which weakened in the home straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. The Stewards will follow up on the post-race condition of **Noviero** in the days subsequent to the race.

Marmaris – Shifted in behind runners from a wide draw. Near the 200m, was steadied and disappointed for running between *Spencer* and *Aimalac Millie* which was carried out slightly by *Prophet's Thumb*. **Marmaris** was then directed inwards to continue into clear running, however, near the 100m, was hampered when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Prophet's Thumb*, which when tiring, shifted in.

Aimalac Millie – Raced wide and without cover throughout.

Spencer – When questioned, rider A Hyeronimus, explained he'd been asked to ride the gelding with cover, and it was hoped that **Spencer** would be positioned midfield. Due to the composition of the field in the early-middle stages, he elected to allow his mount to drift towards the rear of the field to obtain cover. Stable representative Mr. J. Bruce, confirmed the manner in which **Spencer** was to be ridden today albeit **Spencer** settled further back in the field than he had expected.

Prophet's Thumb – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer D. Pfeiffer was advised that a veterinary clearance including the results of an ECG will be required prior to **Prophet's Thumb** having to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race again.

RACE 5: Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap (1000 metres)

Invincible Gangsta – Began awkwardly.

Royal Witness – When questioned, R. King explained however whilst it was not her intention to remain racing away from the running rail, her mount did not show sufficient speed in which to cross *Invincible Gangsta*. In the early stages, she added that given the fast tempo in the early and-middle stages, it was

not in her mount's best interests to pressure the gelding any more than she did on this occasion to race in a position closer to the running rail.

Homework – Shifted in behind runners from its wide draw.

Sweet Surprise – Raced wide and without cover throughout.

November Man –When questioned, rider J. Collett, said that the gelding settled towards the rear of the field as expected, however, **November Man** was not competitive at any stage of the race, and despite his efforts to have **November Man** improve into the event, the gelding weakened noticeably in the run to the line. Co-trainer A. Cummings stated that he was pleased with the manner in which **November Man** had been working subsequent to its start on the 1st January 2019. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. The Stewards adjourned the matter pending Mr. A. Cummings report as to the post-race condition of the gelding in the days subsequent.

Torchbearer – Passing the 800m, **Torchbearer** was crowded and tightened onto the hindquarters of *Royal Witness* when *Sweet Surprise* (App M. Weir) shifted in momentarily. Whilst the Stewards noted that App M Weir had endeavoured to relieve the tightening at her earliest opportunity, she was nonetheless advised to exercise due care when shifting ground in similar circumstances. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

The Houso – Slow to begin.

Velocano – Trainer M. Conners was fined \$100 under AR140B for the late application to remove the crossover noseband from the mare's approved gear.

RACE 6: Australian Turf Club Handicap (1400 metres)

Cormac – Shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier. In the early part of the straight was, inclined to lay in and did so for the major part of the straight whilst closing the race off fairly.

Georgica (NZ) – Shortly after the start was shifted in behind runners from its wide draw.

My Song – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (2/5) in the off foreleg. Trainer G. Moore was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **My Song** racing again.

El Dorado Mine – When questioned, J. Collett, said that it was not his intention today to race prominently, however, the gelding showed good gate speed and when caught wide in the early stages, he permitted the gelding to travel in a forward position, in which he was able to achieve without making use of his mount.

Playard – Slow to begin. Experienced difficulty obtaining a clear run behind *French Blue*, which was giving ground until near the 200m. During this time, **Playard** could not be tested and gained an opportunity to improve approaching the 150m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover.

Kaecilius – Shortly after the start, was steadied and crowded between *Georgica* and *El Dorado Mine*, which shifted in slightly despite the efforts of its rider. After the 700m, was left racing wide and without cover. When questioned regarding the improved performance, Trainer J. Thompson stated that the only tangible explanation he could provide was that the services of Tom Marquand were a significant factor in the horse being successful today. He said that generally **Kaecilius** has proved somewhat difficult to ride as it can travel fiercely, and that today, the rider was able to ensure that **Kaecilius** relaxed during the event and therefore was able to finish its race off.

French Blue – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (1/5) in the off foreleg. Trainer G. Neale advised that **French Blue** would now be spelled, however notwithstanding this advice, he was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **French Blue** racing again.

Stryke Rock – Slow to begin. Was held up approaching and rounding the home turn and raced in restricted room for a short distance after straightening to the inside of *My Song*.

Profiler – Approaching the 1300m, **Profiler** attempted to buck and drifted towards the rear of the field. Subsequently, App B. Ryan advised that his saddle had shifted back significantly shortly after the start and he was of the view that this resulted in **Profiler** racing in such a manner. This incident was brought to the attention of the trainer, Mr. J. Englebrecht. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 7: TAB Handicap (1600 metres)

Great Job -Stewards acceded to a request from C. Cunningham, trainer of **Great Job** that the gelding be withdrawn from this engagement on the basis that the horse had erroneously been fed a quantity of hay, which is contrary to Ms Cunningham's stable practice not to provide her horses on race day with lucerne hay. **Great Job** was withdrawn by order of the Stewards at 2:03pm. In all circumstances, the Stewards advised Ms. Cunningham that in future, she would be expected to appropriately supervise her runners on race day to preclude a similar occurrence.

Cyber Intervention – Shortly after the start, was hampered by *Tenorino*, which was bumped and taken out slightly by *Botti*. When closing the race off well, could not obtain clear running over the final stages and as a consequence, the gelding was not tested.

Another Snappy – As K. Adams was indisposed due to injury, Stewards permitted T. Marquand to replace her as the rider of the gelding. When questioned, Trainer J. Austin explained that the instructions today, which were consistent with the gelding's most recent starts, were to ensure that **Another Snappy** began well and raced prominently without being pressured to do so as **Another Snappy** can be very difficult to ride. Rider. T. Marquand explained that in the early stages when it became apparent that no other rider was intent on leading, he permitted **Another Snappy** to improve and travel at a fast pace to ensure that the race was run at a very genuine tempo. Mr. J. Austin was advised that as **Another Snappy** had established the lead and won today, he would be expected to notify the Stewards if the horse is to be ridden in a different manner at its next start. Stewards assessed the tactics adopted by the remaining riders and were satisfied they had ridden their mounts in an appropriate manner throughout the middle stages of the event, having regard to the fast section between the 1200m and the 1000m, where **Another Snappy** drew a considerable margin on the field and also taking into account **Another Snappy's** market price. (\$41-\$51)

Botti (NZ) – J. McDonald said that the gelding can be somewhat one-paced and as he was commencing to improve his position, his mount experienced difficulty in gaining momentum in the run home. J. McDonald added that **Botti** would be better suited with an increase in distance in an event that's run at a more moderate tempo. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Chalk – After being slow to begin, was shifted in behind runners from its wide barrier.

Silent Explorer – Slow to begin.

The Promise – Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Footmark*. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. When questioned, B. Avdulla explained that as anticipated he raced at the rear of the field, however, **The Promise** would not relax and travelled keenly throughout the early and middle stages. He said that despite this, he was still confident of **The Promise** finishing competitively, however after commencing to make his run to the outside of the field after the 400m, his mount failed to close the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

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 1	T. Clark on Big Data	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 2	S. Weatherley on Lady Cuvee	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 7	S. Weatherley on Tenorino	6 strikes prior to the 100m

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

Race 1: Tactical Formation (2), King of Seas, Proud Tradition, Big Data, Kentford

Race 2: Les Amoureux, Task and Purpose, Joy's Reward, Smart Decision, Princess Siri, Savigne

Race 3: Maid Marilyn, Xaarfoxlady, Lady Elizabeth (2)

Race 4: Crafty Tycoon, Spencer, Virgilio

Race 5: Invincible Gangsta (2), Sweet Surprise, Velocano

Race 6: Carluca, Nicochet (2), El Dorado Mine, French Blue, Profiler,

Race 7: Another Snappy, Chalk, Footmark, Zeppelin

Summary

Fines:	Race 4: Trainer Mr. D. Pfeiffer (Crafty Tycoon) \$200 – present without earmuffs to enclosure (AR140A) Race 5: Trainer Mr M Connors (Velocano) \$100 - late application to remove cross over nose band (AR140B(2))
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 4. Prophet's Thumb (Trainer D. Pfeiffer) – cardiac arrhythmia
Certificates:	Race 2: Smart Promise (Co Trainer A. Bott) – lame (1/5) off foreleg. Race 4: Prophet's Thumb (Trainer D. Pfeiffer) – cardiac arrhythmia, including ECG Race 6: My Song (Trainer G. Moore) – lame (1/5) off foreleg. Race 6: French Blue (Trainer: G. Neale) – lame (1/5) off foreleg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Race 2. Task and Purpose – to be ridden prominently: led Race 2. In A While – to be ridden conservatively: settled off-pace. Race 5. Homework – to be ridden conservatively: settled worse than midfield. Race 6. Carluca – to be ridden further forward: settled outside the lead. Race 7: Silent Explorer – to be ridden prominently: settled on pace.
Change of Colours:	Nil.

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Change of Gear:	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 4. Noviero (Trainer: M. Dale) – poor performance. Race 5. November Man (Co-trainers: A & E Cummings) – poor performance.