

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club HAWKESBURY RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 20 March 2019

Weather: Overcast
Track: Heavy (9)
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 5.85

STEWARDS: T J Vassallo (Chairman), P C Dingwall, J J E Earl, S T Matthews and cadet
T B Kearney

(alm)

Supplementary Reports:

ROYAL RANDWICK (TRACKWORK) – Tuesday, 23 October 2018

Invincible Flyer – Stewards today inquired into the circumstances surrounding **Invincible Flyer** fatally collapsing when finishing a routine track gallop on the morning of 23 October 2018. Evidence was taken from co-trainer A Bott, who provided veterinary and treatment records for the relevant period for **Invincible Flyer**. A necropsy report conducted by the University Teaching Hospital Camden concluded that the exercise-associated fatality was attributed to cardiorespiratory failure. Examination of the treatment records did not reveal a pre-existing condition that may have led or contributed to **Invincible Flyer's** fatality and on this basis, the inquiry was concluded.

ROSEHILL GARDENS (TRACKWORK) – Saturday, 12 January 2019

Colditz – Stewards today inquired into the circumstances surrounding **Colditz** fatally collapsing when finishing a routine 1000m gallop on the morning of 12 January 2019. Evidence was taken from stable representative Mr C Duckworth, who provided veterinary and treatment records for the relevant period for **Colditz**, and written evidence was also tendered by Racing NSW Official Veterinarian Dr T Koenig. A necropsy report conducted by the University Teaching Hospital Camden concluded that the exercise-associated fatality was attributed to cardiorespiratory failure. Examination of the treatment records did not reveal a pre-existing condition that may have led or contributed to **Colditz's** fatality and on this basis, the inquiry was concluded.

ROYAL RANDWICK: Saturday, 9 March 2019

RACE 5 – Hyland Race Colours Challenge Stakes (Group 2) 1000m

Kaepernick – after reviewing the footage from this race meeting as per the Stewards' standard practice, they felt it appropriate to interview T Berry, the rider of **Kaepernick**. T Berry explained that he was asked to improve in the home straight towards the outside of other runners as he and the connections had formed the view that horses racing closer to the running rail were somewhat disadvantaged. He said for this reason, approaching and rounding the home turn, he allowed his mount to drift out and follow Estijaab as felt that that horse would provide him with a favourable passage into the final stages of the event. He said that from approximately the 400m to the 300m, he was able to maintain his position relative to Estijaab without placing his mount under full pressure. He said however that after the 300m, when Redzel commenced to quicken past Estijaab, he eased his mount out and commenced his run behind Redzel, whereby **Kaepernick** closed the race off well. Whilst T Berry acknowledged there was an opportunity for him to immediately shift to the inside on straightening and follow, Ball Of Muscle, he believed his decision not to was validated via, the pattern of racing earlier in the day and also the two favoured runners he considered would benefit **Kaepernick** in closing the race off in the straight. The Stewards advised T Berry that whilst he is expected to ensure that his mounts at vital stages, are presented with clear running at the earliest opportunity, they believed that in all the circumstances his explanation was not unreasonable.

KEMBLA GRANGE: Friday, 15 March 2019

RACE 3 – Edgell Class 2 Handicap 1400m

Sir Owen – co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden advised that he is satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding.

RACE 7 – Carlton Draught Kembla Grange Classic Group 3 Race 1600m

I Like It Easy – trainer Mr G Ryan advised that the filly has been retired.

RACE 8 – TAB Benchmark 64 Handicap 1600m

El Dorado Mine – trainer Ms C Cunningham advised that she is satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding and will continue with its preparation.

Blast – trainer Mr A Cummings advised that he is satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding and will continue with its preparation.

ROSEHILL GARDENS: Saturday, 16 March 2019

RACE 3 – Harrolds Magic Night Stakes (Group 3) 1200m

Athiri – trainer Mr J Cummings advised that he is satisfied with the post-race condition of the filly.

RACE 7 – Coolmore Classic (Group 1) 1500m

Moss Trip – trainer Mr Paul Snowden advised that he is satisfied with the post-race condition of the filly.

RACE 8 – Hyland Race Colours Ajax Stakes (Group 2) 1500m

Seaway – trainer Mr C Waller advised that he is satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding. Having regard to K McEvoy's explanation that **Seaway** failed to adapt to the heavy track conditions, the Stewards did not take any action against **Seaway**, the favourite for this race.

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As A Hyeronimus was indisposed, the following rider substitutions were permitted by the Stewards:

Race 1	Sound Off – R Brewer
Race 2	Notabadharada – G Schofield

RACE 1 – Iron Jack Maiden Plate 1000m

Silly Sally – shortly after the start had to be steadied when crowded between *Great Affair* and *Shapur*, which shifted in despite the efforts of its rider.

Disco Mo – when questioned, T Berry stated that when his mount was finishing its race off well and when *Great Affair*, which was commencing to lay in when giving ground approaching the winning post, he was then unable to ride **Disco Mo** out to the end of the race when he became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Great Affair*. Although, in the opinion of the Stewards, the circumstances compromised T Berry's finishing position, nonetheless his actions were appropriate.

RACE 2 – Blacktown Workers Club Maiden Handicap 1600m

Estroverto – slow to begin.

Costas – was shifted behind runners in the early stages. When questioned regarding his riding rounding the home turn, H Bowman stated he was able to establish a position behind *Estroverto* and passing the 500m, his mount commenced to travel keenly and he shifted out from the heels of *Estroverto*. He added he then commenced to follow *Duchess Of Windsor* and near the 400m, when *Duchess Of Windsor* shifted out, he was presented with an opportunity to improve between that horse and *Estroverto*. He said that shortly after, when both *Estroverto* and *Duchess Of Windsor* shifted ground, **Costas** then had to be steadied when disappointed for this run. He said that as a

consequence, he was then held up as he was committed to the outside of *Estroverto's* heels for some distance. He added that near the 300m, when *Reiby's Regent* shifted in, *Costas* was steadied when continuing to be badly held up. He said that he was then obliged to shift back to the inside of *Estroverto* near the 150m whereby his mount finished its race off strongly. The Stewards advised H Bowman that his decision to shift out from behind *Estroverto* passing the 500m was premature and that he erred in not maintaining a position behind *Estroverto* which would have given him the opportunity to improve to either side of that runner when the opportunity arose at the 400m.

Speed Camera – began very well and when caught wide in the early stages was permitted by its rider to improve and lead the event.

Rexx – when questioned, rider B Shinn stated that he was instructed to lead on the gelding today if possible. He said after his mount began awkwardly and was hampered by *Speed Camera*, he lost ground. He said that as he did not want to make too much use of his mount in the early stages, he hoped he may be able to obtain a position behind *Speed Camera*, however when *Duchess Of Windsor* maintained its position, he was then left racing wide and without cover for the remainder of the event. He added that in his opinion, the reason for **Rexx** weakening in the straight was due to the gelding not handling today's heavy track surface which he considered not to be disadvantageous when travelling wide without cover. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Rexx** to be lame (1/5) in the off fore leg. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Rexx** being permitted to race again.

Duchess Of Windsor – had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight and near the 300m was disappointed for a run between *Rexx* and *Speed Camera*, which shifted out under pressure. **Duchess Of Windsor** was then obliged to shift back to the inside of *Reiby's Regent* to continue into clear running.

Reiby's Regent – laid out under pressure over the final 200m resulting in *Speed Camera* being hampered and carried wider. Approaching the winning post, **Reiby's Regent** had to be eased from the heels of *Notabadharada* (G Schofield), which shifted in when not quite clear. G Schofield was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

RACE 3 – Robert Oatley Wines 2yo Maiden Plate 1300m

Krameric – was declared a late scratching at 1.36pm acting on veterinary advice when the colt became cast in the race day stalls and sustained injuries which deemed it unsuitable to race. The colt was then transported to Agnes Banks Equine Clinic for further treatment. Stable representative Mr L Prior was advised that a veterinary clearance will be required prior to **Krameric** being permitted to race again.

Dummy Run – slow to begin. Raced wide and without cover until near the 800m. Passing the 400m, shifted in abruptly after being struck with the whip on the near side.

Avalanche – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Jetski – was hampered on jumping by *Dresden Green* and shifted in.

Tacitus – was slow to begin and then did not muster any early speed despite being ridden along in the early stages.

Foxborough – shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide draw. Near the 1000m had to be steadied from the heels of *Seperto*, which was crowded slightly by *Dummy Run*.

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

Killin – for a short distance passing the 1250m, was hampered and carried wider by *Dresden Green* and near the 1200m, had to be eased from the heels of that runner when *Dresden Green* continued to shift out when **Killin** was looking to obtain a position to the inside of that runner.

RACE 4 – Bradley Photographers Benchmark 70 Handicap 1000m

Shadow Bridge – a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils for the first time. Trainer Mr M Newnham was advised that **Shadow Bridge** under the provisions of AR79(4) will not be permitted to be exercised or galloped for a period of two months and will not be permitted to race for a period of three months.

Vincero – after being slow to begin was then hampered by *Star Of Zizou*, which shifted in.

See The Show – from its wide draw was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

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

Traumatised – near the 700m was briefly crowded to the inside of *Consider It Done*, which shifted in slightly.

RACE 5 – Richmond Club F&M Benchmark 70 Handicap 1100m

Unguarded – trainer Mr R Freedman was fined \$100 under AR206 for the late application of a tongue tie to the filly's gear. Slow to begin.

Multaja – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners shortly after the start. Passing the 400m when laying in, was bumped on the hindquarter and became unbalanced by *Jen Rules*, which shifted out. As a result, **Multaja** was then turned inwards and made contact with *Jen Rules* a short distance later.

Alert By Sea – from its wide barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Alastriona – passing the 400m, was disappointed for a run between *Royal Hootenanny*, which shifted out, and *Jen Rules*, which shifted in after being bumped by *Multaja*. **Alastriona** was then held up briefly before having to shift to the outside of *Multaja* near the 300m to continue into clear running.

Royal Hootenanny – near the 350m had to be steadied when crowded between *Invictus Salute* (T Berry), which was laying out under pressure, and *Jen Rules*, which was taken in by *Multaja*. T Berry was advised that he should have stopped and straightened his mount sooner than he did on this occasion.

RACE 6 – Irresistible Pools And Spas Benchmark 76 Handicap 1300m

Professor Marx – after being slow to begin, was then shifted behind runners from the outside barrier.

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

Grimoire – making the first turn near the 1000m, raced in restricted room to the inside of *Laszlo*. As a consequence, **Grimoire** had to be restrained and as such was able to obtain a position behind *Laszlo* after the 1000m.

Handfast – when questioned regarding the gelding leading today, S Clipperton stated that he was asked to ride the horse positively from the barriers, however it was not his intention to lead. He added that in the early stages he rode his mount aggressively to obtain a prominent position, however when numerous runners held their positions to his inside, he elected to continue to allow **Handfast** to stride forward rather than being caught wide and without cover. He said his mount's best interests were better served by allowing it to lead rather than restraining and travelling in a position behind midfield.

The August – when racing wide and without cover in the early stages, **The August** was steadied for some distance passing the 1000m whereby it was ultimately able to secure a position behind *Grimoire* approaching the 800m.

Redemption Road – when commencing to close the race off well, was shifted to the inside of *Handfast* near the 50m and near the 25m made contact with *Level Eight*. As a consequence, **Redemption Road** was not able to be ridden out to the end of the race when placed in restricted room between *Level Eight* and *Handfast*.

Laszlo – when questioned, T Berry stated that his mount travelled only fairly throughout the event, however when asked to improve near the 500m, **Laszlo** commenced to weaken noticeably before compounding badly in the straight. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Ms K Buchanan advised Stewards that **Laszlo** would now be spelled, however notwithstanding this advice **Laszlo** will be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race again as the performance was deemed to be unsatisfactory.

Obelos – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 7 – Easy Lane Benchmark 70 Handicap 1600m

Invicta – was declared a late scratching at 1.13pm due to transport difficulties.

Carluca – slow to begin.

Greenspan – was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide draw. When racing keenly in the middle stages, became awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Stryke Rock*, which shifted out slightly resulting in *Fui San* being taken wider near the 1000m. As a result, *Fui San* then raced wide and without cover for the remainder of the race.

Stryke Rock – was shifted behind runners in the early stages from its wide draw. When questioned, G Schofield stated that when his mount lost its near fore plate near the 1200m, his mount then did not travel comfortably in the heavy track conditions. He added that his mount came under pressure from the 600m and when **Stryke Rock** commenced to give ground from the 200m, he then desisted from riding his mount out thereafter. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Stryke Rock** to be displaying a mildly restricted front action. Stable representative Mr L Prior was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Stryke Rock** having to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race again.

Fui San – passing the 1400m was bumped by *Stryke Rock*.

Amangiri – laid out under pressure over the final 100m.

Be Mindful – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, H Bowman stated that his mount travelled well throughout the event however did not let down as expected soon after straightening. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Be Mindful** to be lame (1/5) in the off fore leg. Stable representative Mr L Prior was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Be Mindful** being permitted to race again.

RACE 8 – Lander Toyota Benchmark 74 Handicap 2100m

Shaman – was declared a late scratching at 9.40am when it was found to have swelling in its off hind leg. Trainer Mr A Cummings was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Shaman** being permitted to race again.

Free Fly Too – after beginning only fairly then raced wide and without cover throughout.

Plaisir – stood flat footed as the start was effected and lost ground.

Magic Over The Bay – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages. Laid in when under pressure in the straight.

Allcash – rounding the home turn, **Allcash** had to be eased away from the heels of *Momentum To Win*, which shifted out after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Shuffle Up*. When questioned regarding the performance of **Allcash**, J McDonald stated that his mount travelled well in the midfield position, however approaching the 400m, was steadied away from the heels of *Momentum To Win*. He said that given **Allcash** is one paced and is better suited when making a long sustained run, this interference was detrimental to his mount's chance to finish its race off and whilst it appears on face value that the performance of **Allcash** was below expectations, he was nevertheless satisfied with the manner in which **Allcash** finished its race off. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Shuffle Up – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, C Reith stated that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, however when placed under pressure, approaching the home turn, his mount failed to let down on today's heavy track. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Shuffle Up** to be slow to recover.

Foreign Territory – a post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

GENERAL:

Summary of whip use

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

Race 1	K O'Hara (Shapur)	6 strikes
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Race 5	J McDonald (Multaja)	6 strikes
Race 7	M Bell (Carluca)	6 strikes
Race 7	J Taylor (Sensacova)	7 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: Shapur, Silly Sally, Whenwillyouarrive, Great Affair.

Race 2: Costas, Reiby's Regent, Notabadharada, Speed Camera, Estroverto (2).

Race 3: Dresden Green, Jetski, Killin (2), Dummy Run.

Race 4: Black Chilli, Difficult to Get, Shadow Bridge, Ariege, Star Of Zizou, Consider It Done.

Race 5: Royal Hootenanny, Alert By Sea, Jen Rules (2).

Race 6: The August (1), Level Eight, Handfast.

Race 7: Be Mindful, Stryke Rock, China Gale (2), Greenspan, The Iron Maiden.

Race 8: Plaisir, Foreign Territory, Makdanife, Momentum To Win, Magic Over The Bay,

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 5: trainer R Freedman (Unguarded) – \$100 – late application of a tongue tie to the filly's gear [AR206].
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Race 4: Shadow Bridge (trainer M Newnham) – both nostrils, first time – 3 month ban [AR79(4)].
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 7: Stryke Rock (trainer C Waller) – poor performance.

Certificates:	Race 2: Rexx (trainer C Waller) – lame (1/5) in the off fore. Race 3: Krameric (trainer C Waller) – cast in the race day stalls. Race 7: Stryke Rock (trainer C Waller) – mildly restricted front action. Race 8: Shaman (trainer A Cummings) – swelling to off hind leg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 6: Level Eight to be ridden conservatively from its wide draw; settled back. Race 8: Makdanife to be ridden prominently; led.
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Nil