STEWARDS REPORT

Australian Turf Club
ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE

Saturday 26 October 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Good 4 upgraded to a Good 3 at 2:58pm following the running of race 4
Rail: +8m Entire
Penetrometer: 5.16


As apprentice C. Williams was indisposed due to personal reasons the Stewards permitted the following rider substitutions:

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RACE 1 – FORUM GROUP KIRKHAM PLATE 1000m:

Anders – Rider J. Collett advised the colt travelled comfortably in the lead but disappointed when asked to improve in the straight.

Endorse – Began awkwardly and raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages. Between the 350m and 300m was held up for clear running before being shifted to the outside of Dame Giselle.

Close To Me – Bounded on jumping. Rider T. Clark advised the filly raced keen in the middle stages and was also green. He stated that in the straight Close To Me initially responded to his urgings but over the concluding stages its run ended. He added that in his opinion the filly would derive a fitness benefit from today's run, particularly as it only had one barrier trial in the lead up to today's race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Co Trainer Mr P. Snowden advised that the filly pleased the stable in the lead up to today's race and in his opinion was disadvantaged by a lack of race experience. Mr Snowden undertook to report back to the Stewards on the condition of the filly and future race plans.

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

See You Soon – Slow to begin. Near the 350m was steadied and shifted to the outside of Close To Me to secure clear running.

RACE 2 – TAB HIGHWAY HANDICAP 1800m:

Black Wand – Rider T. Clark advised that the gelding was caught wide and without cover throughout the early stages until near the 1100m when it was able to obtain cover behind the leaders. He stated that leaving the 800m he contemplated making a forward move due the moderate pace of the event, however as Black Wand had had a tough run in the early stages he elected to remain racing in his position with cover. He added that in the straight Black Wand was unable to secure clear running between the 400m and 200m and as a consequence his mount lost momentum. He further stated that as a result when he was able to place his mount under pressure Black Wand took sometime to respond to his riding and in the circumstances he was not too disappointed with the performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.
**Fast Talking** – When questioned regarding his riding G. Boss advised that his intention was to be forward on the gelding but as the start was affected Fast Talking jumped awkwardly shifted out and made contact with But I Know and as a consequence he elected to shift behind runners in the early stages. He added that making the first turn he was able to obtain a position on the running rail and to the inside of Lord Desanimaux whereby Fast Talking travelled comfortably. When questioned as to whether there was an opportunity to improve his position in the middle stages to race directly behind Couro G. Boss stated that his mount at that point was travelling comfortably and in his opinion would not be advantaged by riding forward to take up a position closer to that runner. He said as a consequence his mount was crossed by Lost Command near the 1100m. G. Boss further stated that leaving the 1000m the pace of the event eased and as a result Fast Talking commenced to race keenly and he elected to position his mount between Black Wand and Lost Command in order to ensure his mount received more racing room. He added that he then elected to stay in this position from the 1000m however when Black Wand and Lost Command did not improve he was then held up for the majority of the straight and was not able to test his mount as a consequence. G. Boss was further questioned as to whether in the straight there was an opportunity to shift to the outside of Black Wand. He stated that Fast Talking was travelling strongly and was not in a position to shift to the outside of Black Wand as he was positioned too far inside the heels of that runner. Having considered his explanation Stewards advised G. Boss that he had made and error of judgment in the middle stages of the event by failing to improve his position to race directly behind Couro, which would have prevented Lost Command from crossing his mount at that point. Stewards accepted his explanation in relation to his riding in the straight in that he was positioned too far up inside the heels of Black Wand and was unable to shift to that runners outside and secure clear running.

**Ambitious Prince** – On straightening was inclined to lay in and as a consequence was briefly held up until near the 350m. Under pressure in the straight continued to lay in.

**Dew Drop** – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding his riding in the straight J. Parr stated his instructions were to attempt to make his run to the outside and with this in mind soon after straightening he shifted the gelding out to follow Ambitious Prince with a view of improving between Ambitious Prince and Weather Channel. He stated that when a run did not develop between those runners Dew Drop was held up for clear running and as a consequence over the final 350m he could not test the gelding. J. Parr was questioned as to whether there was an opportunity to shift to the outside of Black Wand. He stated that Dew Drop was travelling strongly and in his opinion would not be advantaged by riding forward to take up a position closer to that position. He conceded that after viewing the patrol films that the opportunity was available for him to follow But I Know from the 300m. Stewards advised J. Parr that whilst he was endeavouring to comply with his instructions he should have shifted to the inside and follow But I Know into the event to comply with his obligation to take the first available opportunity to improve. In electing not to take the matter further Stewards found that his actions were not that unreasonable in the circumstances.

**Couru** – Began awkwardly.

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

**Lord Desanimaux** – Raced wide and without cover from the 1100m.

**RACE 3 – SOUTHERN CROSS GROUP BRIAN 1200m:**

**Cardiff** – As the start was affected was contacted by the near side barrier gate which rebounded. Laid out when placed under pressure in the straight.

**Surreal Step** – Began awkwardly. T. Clark rider of Faretti pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131a in that on the home turn he directed his mount out resulting in Faretti making contact with Diamond Thunder resulting in Diamond Thunder being taken across the running of Surreal Step which lost its running and had to be steadied. Having regard to T. Clarks excellent race riding record, which showed more than two years since he had been charged for a careless riding offence, his licence to ride in races was suspended for one meeting on Thursday 31 October 2019.

**Hulk** – Was hampered on jumping by Surreal Step which shifted out and from the outside barrier was then shifted behind runners in the early stages. Throughout the middle stages overraced.
Faretti – Throughout the early and middle stages raced keenly and refused to settle.

Regimental Band – Lost its near fore plate behind the barriers. After being replated Regimental Band was examined by the clubs veterinary officer and deemed suitable to race. When questioned regarding his riding in the straight rider B. Avdulla stated that his preference was to follow Diamond Thunder and Faretti as he felt they were his two main chances in the event. As a result on straightening he shifted out to follow Diamond Thunder with a view to continuing to that runners outside. He added that when Hulk which was positioned to the outside of Diamond Thunder held its position Regimental Band then became held up for some distance behind Diamond Thunder. He further added that after persevering for a run between Diamond Thunder and Hulk between the 300m and the 200m he then elected to shift to the inside of Cardiff to secure clear running whereby he was able to place his mount under pressure near the 150m. He added that after improving to the inside of Cardiff he was unable to fully test his mount over the final 100m when Cardiff shifted in and placed his mount in restricted room.

RACE 4 – ROBRICK LODGE FILANTE HANDICAP 1400m:

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

Order Again – Slow to begin.

Greyworm – Near the 150m shifted out when placed under pressure.

Gresham – Began only fairly.

Got Unders – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Improvement – Rider R. King stated that the mare travelled well outside the leader Greyworm, however just prior to straightening changed its lead leg and from that point commenced to give ground. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be making an unusual respiratory noise. Trainer Mr G. Portelli advised that Improvement had pleased him coming into today's race and he was very confident the mare would run well. He stated he would now have the mare subject to a veterinary examination including an endoscope and report the results back to the Stewards. Mr Portelli was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required before Improvement is permitted to race again.

RACE 5 – ICD PROPERTY NIVISION 1200m:

Pretty In Pink – Stewards considered an application from trainer Mr J. O'Shea to have the mare declared a non-starter on the basis that it had been denied a fair start due to the barrier gate rebounding as the start was affected. After considering the submissions and viewing the patrol films Stewards were satisfied that Pretty In Pink had been impeded by the rebounding gate resulting in the mare losing ground at the start and being obliged to race further back than what had been intended. On that basis the Stewards were satisfied that the occurrence had materially prejudiced the mares chances of finishing in the first four placings and accordingly Pretty In Pink was declared a non-starter under the provision of AR204. The Stewards advised the Australian Turf Club to have the offending barriers serviced and not to use them for the remainder of today's program.

Miss Fabulass – As the start was affected was contacted by the near side barrier gate which rebounded.

Celebrity Dream – Laid in under pressure in the straight. Near the 1100m commenced to race keenly and soon after became unbalanced when bumped by Pretty In Pink which was taken out by Reelem In Ruby (T. Clark) which shifted out slightly. Stewards found that the racing manners of Celebrity Dream had contributed to the incident however T. Clark was advised to exercise more care. Celebrity Dream continued to overrace throughout the middle stages of the event.

Spanish Dream – A post-race veterinary examination of the mare which weakened in the straight did not reveal any abnormalities.

Moss Trip – Did not obtain clear running over the final 300m of the event.
RACE 6 – CLUBNSW CITY TATTERSALLS CLUB 2400m:

Attention Run – After improving to the inside of Rapido Chaparro approaching the 300m had to be steadied to avoid the heels of that runner when it shifted in. R. Dolan rider of Rapido Chaparro was advised he must stop riding and straighten his mounts when they commence to shift ground when not clear to do so. A post-race veterinary examination revealed it sustained minor abrasions and a small laceration to the near hind cannon.

Saunter Boy – Overraced in the early stages. In the straight laid in and proved difficult to ride out.

Rapido Chaparro – Made contact with Naval Warfare on two occasions passing the 250m. App R. Dolan advised the gelding was able to lead at a moderate pace however did not respond to his riding in the straight and weakened out of the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co Trainer Mr A. Bott advised that the gelding was up in grade and distance today and this may have contributed to its somewhat disappointing performance. Mr Bott undertook to report back to the Stewards on the future race plans of the gelding.

Re Edit – G. Boss rider of Attention Run pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding in that near the 350m he permitted his mount to shift in to the inside of Rapido Chaparro when not clear of Re Edit resulting in Re Edit having to be severely checked and losing its rightful running. G. Boss’ license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 3 November and to expire on Saturday 16 November on which date he may ride.

RACE 7 – BONDI STAKES 1600m:

Kubrick – Was held up for clear running between the 400m and the 200m and then made contact with the running rail on several occasions after securing a narrow run to the inside of Colada.

Just Thinkin’ – Brushed the running rail near the 1000m.

Colada – Laid in in the home straight under pressure.

Erno – Had difficulty securing clear running over the 150m.

Bottega – Near the 1400m became unbalanced when bumped by Erno which shifted away from Zebrowski. Rider G. Boss advised that with blinkers on for the first time today Bottega raced fiercely and refused to settle and as a consequence was obliged to race wide and without cover for the majority of the event. He added making the first turn the colt hung out badly and from this point was under pressure and weakened noticeably in the straight. Trainer Mr G. Ryan advised that Bottega had worked well with blinkers on prior to today’s race and expressed surprise with the manner in which the colt raced today. He added that in his opinion Bottega may have come to the end of its preparation and it would now be spelled. Mr Ryan undertook to report if there was anything a miss with Bottega subsequent to the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed Bottega to be slow to recover.

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

Ballistic Boy – Slow to begin.

Kooweerup – Shortly after the start was steadied when crowded between Pancho which was taken in marginally by Colada and Bottega which after being contacted on the hind quarters by Kooweerup shifted out.

RACE 8 – KOGAROO HANDICAP 1200m:

Grimoire – Slow to begin. Between the 350m and 200m was held up for clear running. Over the final 50m raced in restricted room between Coterie which shifted in away from Roosevelt and Cuban Royale (R. King) which shifted out slightly. R. King was advised to exercise more care.
Ronstar – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider R. Dolan advised that the gelding did not race genuinely today and in his opinion is better suited when able to race in a more forward position. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stewards will follow up on the post-race condition of the gelding.

My True Love – Raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event. R. Dolan was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that near the 200m he permitted his mount to shift out resulting in My True Love having to be checked. After considering penalty, including the degree of carelessness displayed by R. Dolan and the racing manners of Ronstar, Stewards reprimanded R. Dolan and advised him that in similar circumstances he should react sooner than what he did on this occasion to correct his mount.

Testifier – In the straight was unable to obtain clear running and as a consequence was never fully tested.

Paquirri – From a wide barrier was shifted behind runners. Between the 400m and 200m was held up for clear running.

What Could Be – Slow to begin.

Malea Magic – Between the 350m and 250m had difficulty securing clear running. When questioned regarding the mare racing back in the field today rider K. O’Hara stated her instructions were to find cover but when caught wide in the early stages and with no prospect of being able to obtain a forward position with cover she elected to restrain the mare and as a consequence settled further back than what had been intended.

Man Of Peace – Raced wide and without cover for the majority of the event. Near the 200m was steadied when crowded between Coterie and Ronstar which shifted out.

RACE 9 – DAILY PRESS HANDICAP 1500m:

Sir Pippin – Reared after being loaded into the barriers and became cast for a considerable period of time. Sir Pippin was a late scratching at 6:01pm acting on veterinary advice. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on Sir Pippin be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 6:01pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket.

First: Romani Girl 2 cents win, 3 cents place  
Second: Final Award 3 cents place  
Third: Tunero 4 cents place

Stable representative Mr C. Duckworth was advised that a warning would be recorded against the barrier manners of Sir Pippin.

Final Award – Slow to begin.

Sure Knee – Between the 300m and the 100m raced in restricted room between Tunero and Elmo.

Napoleon Solo – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider J. Parr stated that the gelding showed no early speed and in his opinion would derive benefit from the addition of blinkers. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stewards will follow up on the post-race condition of the gelding with the Snowden stable.
Summary of whip use:
Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

| Race 2 | A. Bullock (Ambitious Prince) | 6 strikes |
| Race 4 | R. Dolan (Rancho Notorious)  | 7 strikes |
| Race 7 | G. Schofield (Pancho)         | 6 strikes |
| Race 7 | R. Dolan (Colada)             | 6 strikes |

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:
Race 1: Anders (2), Close to Me (2), See You Soon (2)
Race 2: Black Wand (2), Fast Talking (2), Dew Drop (2)
Race 3: Diamond Thunder (3), Faretti (2), Regimental Band (2)
Race 4: McCreery (2), Luvaluva (2), Greyworm (2)
Race 5: Pretty In Pink (2), Multaja (2), Nicci's Gold (2), Reelem in Ruby (2)
Race 6: Master Of Arts, Naval Warfare, Attention Run, Rapido Chaparro, Master Of Wine
Race 7: Kubrick (2), Just Thinkin' (2), Colada (2), Emo (2), Bottega (2), Ballistic Boy (2), Kooweerup (2)
Race 8: Grimoire, Ronstar (2), Testifier (2), Coterie (2)
Race 9: Mercurial Lad, Sure Knee (2), Bergen (2), Oakfield Missile (2), Napoleon Solo (2)

SUMMARY
Fines: Nil
Reprimands: Race 8 – R. Dolan (Ronstar) careless riding AR131(a).
Bleeders: Nil
Warnings: Race 9 – Sir Pippin (Trainer C. Waller) fractious in barriers.
Trials: Nil
Certificates: Race 4 – Improvement (Trainer G. Portelli) including endoscopic examination. Unusual respiratory noise.
Fall/Injuries: Nil
Tactics Notified: Race 2: Fast Talking to be ridden prominently. Settled mid field.
Race 2: Weather Channel begins well option to be ridden further forward. Settled worse than mid field.
Race 3: Hulk to be ridden conservatively. Settled back.
Race 4: Improvement to be ridden prominently. Settled outside the leader.
Race 5: Pretty In Pink to be ridden further forward. Settled mid field.
Race 6: Re Edit to be ridden further forward. Settled mid field.
Race 6: Curata Princess to be ridden conservatively. Settled worse than mid field.
Race 8: Paquirri to be ridden conservatively from a wide barrier. Settled back.
Change of Colours: Nil
Change of Gear: Nil
Follow up: Race 6 – Rapido Chaparro (Trainers G. Waterhouse and Mr A Bott) future race plans.
Race 8 – Ronstar (Trainer G. Portelli) post-race condition.
Race 9 – Napoleon Solo (Trainers P & P Snowden) post-race condition.