

STEWARDS REPORT

Australian Turf Club CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE Wednesday 29 August 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: Out 6m
Penetrometer: 4.52

STEWARDS: P. C. Dingwall (Chairman), M. F. Van Gestel, S. T. Matthews, T. P. Moxon, T. J. Vassallo and Cadets R. W. Loughlin and M. W. Purse
(sp)

RACE 1: Everest Carnival Handicap 1100m:

Nicco Lad – despite being ridden along in the early stages, failed to muster speed and, when caught wide and without cover, was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Antonio – began awkwardly.

Bondi Boy – from the outside barrier was shifted behind runners in the early stages.

Burbank – began awkwardly and then was hampered by *Wagner*, which was taken out by *Antonio*. From a wide barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Commenced to hang out after the 700m, shifted out and raced wide without cover thereafter.

Vendome – slow to begin. Near the 900m was shifted in to avoid the heels of *Wagner*, which itself was shifting in to obtain a position closer to the running rail. Commenced to race keenly for some distance after the 800m and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed between *Cliff's Choice* and *Wagner*. Near the 350m became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Wagner* for a short distance.

Cliff's Choice – a post-race veterinary examination revealed that the gelding had been galloped on on the near hind leg.

Mandalong Emperor – began very awkwardly.

RACE 2: TAB Handicap 1100m:

Press Box – for a short distance after the 400m was somewhat reluctant to improve between *Bring The Magic* and *Ambleve*. Experienced difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight. Over the concluding stages shifted out when under pressure obliging its rider J. McDonald to change the whip to his left hand near the 100m.

Ambleve – after shifting to a position with cover behind *Aperitif* near the 800m, raced keenly until approaching the 700m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the

filly to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Stable representative Mr D. O'Meachair was advised that an ECG will be required prior to the filly having to perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial before racing again.

Bring The Magic – on straightening until approximately the 250m, was shifted out to continue into clear running.

So Taken – raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Tepario – slow to begin and was crowded on jumping between *Zenardini* and *Ambleve*.

Fallgold – shifted in on jumping and made contact with *Call Me Royal*. From the outside barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Over the final 200 metres got its head on the side, laid out, shifted ground over the latter stages and proved difficult for T. Angland to ride the filly out in his normal manner.

Aperitif – hung out approaching and rounding the home turn. Continued to hang out until the final 100m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Zenardini – as App. R. Hunt was indisposed due to an injury sustained at trackwork yesterday morning, Stewards permitted App. B. Ryan to be substituted as the rider of the filly. Began awkwardly and then was crowded upon jumping between *Tepario* and *Aperitif*, which shifted out.

RACE 3: #TheRaces Handicap 2700m:

Nil report.

RACE 4: TAB Rewards Handicap 1900m:

Decroux – When questioned, rider R. Hutchings explained that, after leading in the early stages as is usual, his mount commenced to race very keenly leaving the straight on the first occasion and, despite his endeavours to have the horse settle, **Decroux** did not relax and consequently set a fast tempo throughout the early and middle stages. He said that **Decroux** was a beaten horse early in the straight and weakened noticeably over the final 200 metres. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer Mr A. Bott expressed the view that **Decroux** may not be suited to the distance of today's race and he believed that the principal reason for the gelding giving ground over the final 200 metres was due to the manner in which **Decroux** travelled. Stewards deemed the performance to be unacceptable and ruled that **Decroux** must perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial prior to racing again.

Captain Manering – on jumping, shifted in making contact with *Tamarack*. **Captain Manering** then shifted out and away from that runner making contact with *Grand Soleil*. App. R. Dolan (*Marquee*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that leaving the straight on the first occasion he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Captain Manering** resulting in that horse losing its rightful running and having to be checked. App. Dolan's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 3 September 2018 and to expire on Sunday 16 September 2018, on which day he may ride. Approaching the 600m **Captain Manering** was shifted out to avoid the heels of the tiring *Grand Soleil*.

High Bridge – which became fractious after being loaded into the barriers, was slow to begin (2L).

Makdanife – from a wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Leaving the 500m, when endeavouring to shift out to avoid the tiring *Grand Soleil*, raced close to the heels of *Captain Manering*, which was carried wider by *Grand Soleil*. As a result, **Makdanife** was checked and carried wider. When questioned, H. Bowman explained that he had been asked to ride **Makdanife** in a midfield position, if possible. He said that in the early stages, when it became apparent that he may be caught wide and without cover, he elected to steady and shift in to a position towards the rear of the field with cover. He said that due to the circumstances, leaving the 600m his mount's momentum was impeded and having regard to this incident he was more than satisfied with the manner in which **Makdanife** finished the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Marquee – When questioned, App. R. Dolan explained that his mount, despite being ridden along in the early stages at its most recent start, settled in a midfield position. He said that today he was again asked to ride the horse positively, and when the tempo of the race was moderate in the initial stages, **Marquee** settled prominently.

Scratches – from the 200m to passing the 100m, shifted out when placed under pressure. During this time rider J. McDonald changed the whip to his right hand. *Tamarack*, which was positioned to the outside of **Scratches**, was carried wider during this period and, near the 70m, was crowded between **Scratches** and *High Bridge*. J. McDonald was advised to ensure that, in similar circumstances, he corrects his mount.

Grand Soleil – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Stable representative Mr C. Swan was advised that an ECG will be required prior to **Grand Soleil** having to perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial before racing again.

RACE 5: Ribchester New To Darley Handicap 1550m:

Keep Up – shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Scream Park – When questioned, H. Bowman explained that he had been asked to ride the horse in an off-pace position today, if possible. He stated that, after beginning well from a wide barrier, he elected in the circumstances to capitalise on the opportunity to proceed forward and cross to the running rail and lead, which he was able to do without having to make use of **Scream Park**. He said that when ridden in this manner **Scream Park** performed competitively.

He's A Given – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Melberra Star – slow to begin (2L).

RACE 6: ATC Hong Kong Tour Sprint 1200m:

Esperance – commenced to race fiercely soon after the start and refused to settle throughout the early and middle stages. After being crossed by *Junglized* (C. Brown)

near the 800m when that runner shifted in when not quite clear **Esperance**, when continuing to race fiercely, had to be restrained off the heels of *Junglized* for some distance thereafter. C. Brown was advised to exercise more care.

Metamorphic – when racing wide and without cover throughout the early stages, after passing the 1000m then shifted in behind runners to obtain cover towards the rear of the field.

Falster – raced wide without cover throughout the event. Near the 900m was tightened for room between *Esperance* and *Junglized* (C. Brown), which shifted in. C. Brown was advised to exercise more care.

Red Rover – after beginning awkwardly, had to be checked shortly after the start when crowded between *Waltzing Willie* and *Dream I Can*, which began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly. **Red Rover** then raced keenly throughout the early and middle stages. Near the 500m got its head on the side, shifted out and had to be steadied off the heels of *Esperance*. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Dream I Can – began awkwardly.

Waltzing Willie – for some distance shortly after the start raced in restricted room between *Esperance* and *Dream I Can*, which shifted out.

RACE 7: Australian Turf Club Handicap 1200m:

Waimea Bay – began awkwardly and then, from a wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners.

Sojourner – from a wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Red Chandelier – raced close to the heels of *Tarabai* for a short distance after the 600m.

Alnaas – slow to begin. Near the 350m became awkwardly positioned close to the heels of *Orange Time* and was steadied.

Madam Rouge – bounded on jumping and was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Raced wide and without cover for the major part of the event.

Art 'n' Ollie – in the early part of the straight, when commencing to tire, shifted out slightly, which enabled *Tarabai* to improve to the inside of the mare. When **Art 'n' Ollie** then shifted marginal ground, *Tarabai*, which was in restricted room, was briefly crowded approaching the 150m.

Nasaayim – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

GENERAL:

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

Race 1: Wagner, Bondi Boy, Cliff's Choice, Nicco Lad

Race 2: Press Box (2), Call Me Royal, Ambleve, Fallgold

Race 3: Segenhoe, Stradazzle, Allcash, All Well, Praise Songs, Prescience

Race 4: Captain Manering, High Bridge, Marquee, Grand Soleil, Lady Evelyn, Scratches

Race 5: Francesco, He's A Given, Falcon Island, Gauguin, Gravitare, Melberra Star, Scream Park

Race 6: Junglized, Esperance, Falster (2), Waltzing Willie

Race 7: Waimea Bay, Tarabai (2), Alnaas, Orange Time, Madam Rouge

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 4: App. R. Dolan (Marquee) – careless riding (AR137(a)) – permit to ride in races suspended from 3/9/18 to 16/9/18, on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 2: Ambleve (Trainers D. Hayes, B. Hayes and T. Dabernig) – cardiac arrhythmia. Race 4: Decroux (Co-trainer Mr A. Bott) – poor performance. Race 4: Grand Soleil (Trainer Mr K. Lees) – cardiac arrhythmia.
Certificates:	Race 2: Ambleve (Trainers D. Hayes, B. Hayes and T. Dabernig) – ECG. Race 4: Grand Soleil (Trainer Mr K. Lees) – ECG.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Race 3: Prescience – change of tactics – to be ridden more forward: settled off pace. Race 7: Madam Rouge – change of tactics – to be ridden midfield with cover: ridden midfield without cover.
Change of Colours:	Race 4: Tamarack – club colours. Race 7: Alnaas – club colours.
Change of Gear:	Nil.
Follow-up:	Nil.