

STEWARDS' REPORT**Australian Turf Club
ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE****Monday 2 January 2017**

Weather: Overcast
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +6m
Penetrometer: 5.19

STEWARDS: M F Van Gestel (Chairman), P C Dingwall, R W Livingstone, T P Moxon and
cadets C K McIntosh and T D North (jl)

Supplementary Reports:**CANTERBURY PARK – Saturday 31 December 2016****Race 2: Schweppes Handicap 1100m**

Geneteau – stable representative Mr J Bruce reported that the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the filly, however it would now be spelled.

Magnetar – stable representative Mr R Roberts reported that the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding, which had lost its near-fore plate during the race. He indicated that **Magnetar** would now return to Victoria.

Super Too – trainer Mr M Conners reported the filly was found to have bone chips in the near-fore fetlock and would now undergo surgery to remove them. He added **Super Too** was showing signs of soreness in this hamstring.

Race 7: Canterbury Classic (Listed) 1200m

Ball Of Muscle – trainer Mr J Pride reported the gelding had lost its near-fore plate in running and was showing signs of soreness. Mr Pride was advised a veterinary clearance would be required for **Ball Of Muscle** prior to its next start.

Race 8: tab.com.au Handicap 1200m

Niccolance – co-trainer Mr Peter Snowden reported a subsequent veterinary examination of the colt, including an endoscopic examination, had revealed no abnormalities. He added he was satisfied with the post-race condition of **Niccolance** and advised it was the intention to continue with the colt's preparation.

Mediterranean – co-trainer Mr P Snowden reported a subsequent veterinary examination of the gelding, including an endoscopic examination, had revealed no abnormalities. He added he was satisfied with the post-race condition of **Mediterranean** and advised it was the intention to continue with the gelding's preparation.

WARWICK FARM – Wednesday 28 December 2016**Race 3: Hyland Race Colours Handicap 1600m**

Sweet Chestnut – trainer Mr D Payne advised that following the race the filly was showing signs of having had a tough run on what was a very hot day. He indicated that **Sweet**

Chestnut would now be freshened up in the stable and, as he was of the view the filly did not run out the distance of the aforementioned race, the intention would be to drop it back in grade and distance at its next race start. Mr Payne added he would submit a veterinary clearance prior to **Sweet Chestnut** racing again. On this assurance a warning was placed on the filly for what was deemed to be a disappointing performance.

RACE 1: Happy New Year Plate 1400m

Royal Navy – slow to begin.

Sugar Dance – began awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 2: #Theraces Handicap 1800m

Lord Kingsley – the gelding, which sustained a laceration to the nearside hock en route to the course, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and cleared to race. On jumping crowded for room between *Fast 'N' Rolling* and *Cannot Be Serious*, which shifted out.

Fast 'N' Rolling – lost its off-fore plate, which had to be refitted behind the barriers and as a consequence the start of this race was delayed. The colt was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and passed fit to race. Rider App. R Bayliss stated the only explanation he could offer for today's performance was that the colt may not be suited racing in this class and also did not run out the 1800m journey. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Black On Gold – on jumping crowded for room between *Fast 'N' Rolling* and *Cannot Be Serious*, which shifted out.

Wu Gok – rider B Shinn stated that although the tempo was solid in the early and middle stages, his mount was still inclined to race a little keen with the blinkers on for the first time. He added that soon after straightening **Wu Gok** was under pressure and was disappointing in its failure to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr C Waller was asked to report back on the progress of the gelding subsequent to the race.

RACE 3: TAB Plate 1400m

Birdsong – Stewards interviewed rider B Avdulla and trainer Mr J O'Shea and took evidence from starter Mr D Jeffs in respect to the filly missing the start. It was established that, after being loaded into the barriers, **Birdsong** was fractious, which necessitated a barrier attendant assisting the filly to stand correctly. Consequently when the start was effected the filly missed the start (3L).

Gracious Grey - slow to begin. Raced wide without cover from the 800m. Rider App. A Adkins stated his mount was forced wide from the 800m and, after being hampered when *Peaceful Sea* shifted out near the 300m, his mount then gave ground and failed to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Dawn Wall – slow to begin

Sound Strings – raced wide without cover.

Sepoy Acheva – overraced in the early stages.

Peaceful Sea – overraced in the early stages and near the 1000m shifted out when being steadied away from the heels of *Gracious Grey*. Briefly held up in the early part of the straight, before shifting to the outside of *Concisely* near the 350m, whereby it obtained clear running.

Argie Bargie – held up for clear running until near the 200m.

Pristine Girl – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 4: tab.com.au Handicap 1600m

Maven Wiz – as J Collett was overweight, permission was granted for B El Issa to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which weakened in the straight, revealed there were no abnormalities apart from blood present in its mouth due to knocking an upper tooth.

Queen Of Wands – shifted out abruptly on jumping.

Make A Mark – raced keenly in the lead.

Colosseum King – brushed the running rail near the 1000m and again near the 600m. Rider B Avdulla reported over the concluding stages he had some concerns with the action of his mount and as a consequence did not ride it out to the finish. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. In light of the opinion expressed by B Avdulla, trainer Mr J Sargent was asked to provide a veterinary clearance for **Colosseum King** prior to its next start.

RACE 5: Tattersalls Club Cup (Listed) 2400m

Destiny's Kiss – on two occasions inside the 200m *Index Linked* shifted out and brushed **Destiny's Kiss**.

Iggi Pop – rider App. R Bayliss stated that the gelding travelled comfortably in the lead, setting a moderate early tempo. He added, when pressured by *Shalmaneser* leaving the 500m, his mount was immediately under pressure and was most disappointing in its failure to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr P Robl advised **Iggi Pop** had pleased the stable since its last start in the Christmas Cup on 17 December 2016 and had expected the gelding to perform well. He added the only excuse he could offer for the disappointing performance is that **Iggi Pop** had been feeling the effects of two hard runs leading up to today's event and is more adept on firmer surfaces. Mr Robl indicated that **Iggi Pop** would now be spelled, however undertook to report back to the Stewards the results of a full vet check to be performed on the gelding subsequent to the race. App. R Bayliss was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using the whip on seven occasions prior to the 100m (two more than permitted). In considering penalty, Stewards took into account the totality of whip use.

Shalmaneser – rider J Ford was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using the whip on six occasions prior to the 100m (one more than permitted). In considering penalty, Stewards took into account the totality of whip use.

Beyond Thankful – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 6: Tattersalls Club Handicap 1400m

Imanui – slow to begin. In the middle stages commenced to overrace badly when the tempo steadied and got its head up when being checked away from *Storm System*.

Red Dubawi – slow to begin. For some distance prior to the 200m proved difficult to shift out from behind *Imanui*.

Chestnut Road – when overracing in the early stages was allowed by its rider, when caught wide near, to stride forward near the 1000m and assume the lead near the 700m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding had abraded both front bumpers.

Storm System – in the middle stages commenced to overrace when the tempo steadied. After straightening the gelding, which was endeavouring to shift to the outside of *Kelvinside* to improve, made contact with *Imanui*. A post-race veterinary examination revealed multiple lacerations to the near-hind cannon and near-fore knee.

Dark Eyes – near the 150m *Chestnut Road* shifted out and made contact with **Dark Eyes**.

Kelvinside – when questioned regarding racing more forward today, rider B Shinn stated that he had intended to ride the gelding quietly, but after commencing well and when the pace was slow in the early stages, he took up a position outside the early leader, **Dark Eyes**. He added **Kelvinside** was inclined to race keenly in the run until *Chestnut Road* went forward near the 700m and increased the tempo. B Shinn further stated that in his view **Kelvinside** is more effective when being able to be ridden back in the field. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding had abrasions to the mouth and was displaying a poor post-race recovery.

RACE 7: Schweppes Handicap 1600m

My True Love – the filly, which was backing up after running at Canterbury on 31 December 2016, was examined on course by the Club's Veterinary Officer and cleared to race.

Anisha – prior to the declaration of correct weight the Stewards viewed the official patrol films to ascertain if there were grounds for objection by **Anisha** against *Via Napoli* being declared the winner. When Stewards were satisfied there were not sufficient grounds correct weight was declared. *Via Napoli* shifted out under pressure in the straight and over the concluding stages made contact with *Anisha* and raced tight with that runner to the end of the race. Bumped on the hindquarter by *Princess Aria* shortly after the start, became unbalanced and was taken wider.

Shutter Bug – began awkwardly and then was crowded by *Bannatyne*, which shifted out. Overraced in the early stages. Soon after straightening was steadied when disappointed for a run between *Cry For Peace* and *Little Miss Brown*. **Shutter Bug** was then shifted to the inside of *Cry For Peace* to obtain clear running.

Princess Aria – crowded on jumping between *Anisha* and *Cry For Peace*, which shifted out.

My True Love – shifted out at the start and made contact with *Little Miss Brown*, which in turn shifted out onto *Lani Girl*. Co-trainer Mr A Bott advised the filly would now be spelled.

Bannatyne – raced keenly in the middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Cry For Peace – hampered on jumping. Near the 150m the mare, which was giving ground, was crowded for room between *Shutter Bug*, which shifted out slightly, and *Little Miss Brown*, which was taken in by *Anisha* (B Shinn). B Shinn was advised to exercise more care. Raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 8: TAB Rewards Handicap 1100m

Worldly Impact – slow to begin. Rider J Collett stated that his mount was fractious in the barriers and missed the start. The only explanation he could offer for today's performance is that the gelding races best on firm surfaces. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding had aggravated an old wound on the near-hind pastern.

Marrock – slow to begin. Pulled hard throughout the early and middle stages and near the 600m was steadied away from the heels of *Professor Marx*. Laid out in the straight

Professor Marx – bumped with *Vegas Strip* on jumping. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Vegas Strip – bumped with *Professor Marx* on jumping.

Pallino – overraced in the early and middle stages. Making the home turn *Vegas Strip* became awkward on the heels of *Ice Bucket*, shifted out abruptly, resulting in Pallino being hampered and taken wider on the track.

Parlay Vous – from a wide barrier was shifted in across behind runners.

Puzzling Wonder – raced wide without cover throughout.

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

Race 1: Captain Arabia, Sugar Dance, Nepean (2), Metamorphic.

Race 2: Harper's Choice, Wu Gok, Lord Kingsley, Northwest Passage.

Race 3: Argie Bargie, Concisely, Peaceful Sea, Pristine Girl, Smart Miss, Sepoy Acheva.

Race 4: Maven Wiz, Francesco, Egyptian Ruler (2), Colosseum King, Quick Defence.

Race 5: Destiny's Kiss (2), Index Linked, Iggi Pop (2), Shalmaneser.

Race 6: Dark Eyes (2), Chestnut Road, Storm System, Imanui, Know How, Sovereignaire (2).

Race 7: Princess Aria, Circle Game, Anisha.

Race 8: Ice Bucket (2), Puzzling Wonder, Vegas Strip, Worldly Impact, Pallino, Parlay Vous.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands	Race 5: App. R Bayliss (Iggi Pop) – use of the whip (AR137A(5)(a)(ii)). J Ford (Shalmaneser) – use of the whip (AR137A(5)(a)(ii)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.

Warnings:	Supplementary: Sweet Chestnut (trainer D Payne) – poor performance.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Supplementary: Ball Of Muscle (trainer J Pride) – lost its near-fore plate and showing signs of soreness. Race 4: Colosseum King (trainer J Sargent) – rider concerned with action.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Tactics:	Race 2: Fast 'N' Rolling – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace. Race 3: Peaceful Sea – to be ridden quieter; settled back. Argie Bargie – to be ridden midfield with cover; settled midfield. Race 7: Circle Game – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 2: Wu Gok (trainer C Waller) – poor performance. Race 5: Iggi Pop (trainer P Robl) – poor performance.