

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE

Saturday 7 January 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Heavy (8) – at 12.55pm Soft (7) - at 3.10pm Soft (6)

Rail: True

Penetrometer: 5.84

STEWARDS: M F Van Gestel (Chairman), P C Dingwall, R W Livingstone, T A McDonald and cadet T D North

(mkm)

Supplementary Report:

CANTERBURY PARK: Friday Night 6 January 2017

RACE 3 – TAB Plate 1100m

Prima Stella – On straightening had to be steadied when crowded for room between *Samantha* and *Launch Code* (G Schofield) which shifted to the outside of *Exaggerate* to improve. G Schofield was found guilty of a charge of careless riding and in the circumstances a reprimand was issued.

RACE 1 – Happy 2017 Handicap 1200m

Charlie Chap – from inside barrier to hold a more forward position; settled behind the leader.

Dunatun – began very awkwardly and shifted in abruptly across the heels of *Radiant Choice* and lost ground (2L). When questioned J Collett stated that he had been instructed to try and ride his mount along early to take up a handy position if possible. He said that on jumping, after being slow to begin, his mount then ran in and made contact with the hindquarter of *Colesberg* and consequently lost ground. When questioned as to the reason why he then improved to race wide without cover in the early stages, J Collett stated that as he had perceived the early tempo of the race to be very slow, he felt the ground was superior off the rail, having regard to his instructions his best option was to try and take up a more forward position so as to take advantage of the slow early tempo. Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

Colesberg – slow to begin. Bumped on the hindquarter at the start by *Dunatun*. Carried wider by *Single Bullet* near the 100m.

Single Bullet – Rider B Melham was spoken to in respect to his mount shifting in after the winning post crowding *Dunatun* and *Radiant Choice*. B Melham stated that the colt raced too keenly in the run and consequently did not finish the race off as expected. He added that in the straight **Single Bullet** was inclined to lay out under pressure.

Callmetrouble – began awkwardly, shifted in and was eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Radiant Choice*. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

RACE 2 – TAB Rewards Handicap 1400m

Jaminzah – to be ridden more forward; settled off the pace. Was inclined to lay in in the straight and when being shifted to the outside of the heels of *Redouble* near the 250m shifted out abruptly and made contact with *Argent D'or*. Rider H Bowman stated that he could offer no real excuse other than the colt may not have been entirely comfortable on today's rain affected going. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative L Prior advised that **Jaminzah** had pleased the stable since its last start at Rosehill on 24 December 2016 but **Jaminzah** would now be spayed and gelded. Mr Prior undertook to report back on the post race condition of **Jaminzah**.

France – after being fractious in the barriers began awkwardly.

Argent D'or – on jumping was bumped on the hindquarter by *France*.

Arbeitsam – bumped with *First Approval* on jumping.

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Cellarman – raced wide without cover throughout. Rider J Collett could offer no excuse for the first up performance of the gelding and indicated that his mount was under pressure a long way from the finish, particularly after being taken wide on the home turn when *France* shifted out to improve. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying a poor post race recovery. Stable representative L Prior advised that the only excuse the stable could offer for today's performance was that **Cellarman** had not been comfortable on today's rain affected going. Mr Prior undertook to report back on the post race condition of **Cellarman**.

RACE 3 – Australian Turf Club Handicap 1400m

Twist Tops – to be ridden more forward; settled mid field. Began awkwardly.

Magicz – to be ridden more forward; settled off pace. Bumped with *Roeinda* at the start. Overraced in the early and middle stages. When giving ground near the 150m was briefly tightened for room between *Lycia* and *Heartlings*, both of which shifted ground. Rider J Ford stated that his mount was inclined to lay in throughout the event and dipped on a number of occasions. He added that in his view **Magicz** did not stretch out when placed under pressure and was of the opinion that there may have been something amiss with the mare. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer C Karakatsanis advised that in his opinion the mare had not handled today's soft track conditions and undertook to report back on its post race condition.

Roeinda – to go forward and try to lead; led. Bumped with *Magicz* at the start.

Lycia – slow to begin.

Harlem Lady – began awkwardly and got its head up. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages and near the 800m was steadied away from the heels of *Twist Tops*. Laid out rounding the home turn. Rider apprentice L Magorrian stated that the mare was inclined to race keenly and lay out throughout the event and when placed under pressure in the straight proved somewhat difficult to ride out which resulted in his ability to test the mare being hindered for some distance near the 100m as he pulled his whip through to the left hand. He added that once he was able to use the whip on the mare over the final 100 metres in his left hand, **Harlem Lady** closed the race off strongly.

Heartlings – rider B Shinn could offer no excuse for today's performance and added that his mount, although it travelled well in the early stages, when asked for an effort was unable to quicken. A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the off fore leg and to be displaying a poor post recovery. Trainer K Parker was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness, including the result of an endoscopic examination must be produced prior to **Heartlings'** next race start.

RACE 4 – TAB Highway Handicap 1100m

Lady Iones – the filly which was standing awkwardly in the barriers, was slow to begin.

Nicof – raced keenly and refused to settle in the early and middle stages and near the 800m was eased away from the heels of *Snippety Sip* and shifted out and hampered *Vee Eight*. **Nicof**, which continued to overrace, was again steadied away from the heels of *Snippety Sip* near the 600m, shifted out and hampered *Vee Eight*.

Vee Eight – raced wide without cover throughout. Laid in under pressure in the straight. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Grand Rouge – near the 700m was briefly tightened by *Nicof* which shifted in.

Farah – When questioned regarding **Farah** being more forward today, J Ford stated that he was not instructed to go forward but when his mount commenced well and other runners to his inside did not show intent to go forward, he allowed **Farah** to take up a position outside the lead without having to place any pressure on his mount to do so.

RACE 5 – Schweppes Handicap 1400m

Imposing Lass – to go forward and try to lead; led. The mare, which had its head turned to the nearside just prior to the start being effected, began awkwardly.

Girl Sunday – rider apprentice J Innes Jnr stated that his mount did not travel throughout on the soft track conditions today and attributed this to the mare's disappointing performance. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative S Hood concurred with the views of rider J Innes Jnr and advised that the horse had pleased leading into the race. The post race condition of **Girl Sunday** will be followed up with the stable in the days subsequent.

RACE 6 – TAB.com.au Mile 1600m

Olympic Academy – raced greenly in the straight and near the 200m shifted out and carried *Kingsguard* wider.

Rock Mylady – rider K McEvoy stated that with the moderate early tempo **Rock Mylady** raced outside the lead where, in his opinion, the gelding was unsuited in that it was inclined to race keenly without cover. K McEvoy added that this is the only explanation he could offer for today's disappointing run. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Paul Snowden concurred with the views of rider K McEvoy and undertook to report back to the Stewards on the gelding's progress in the days subsequent.

RACE 7 – Summer Sprint 1000m

Cosmic Cameo – to be ridden more forward; settled off the pace.

Eye Striker – the gelding, which was leaning on the offside of its barrier, began awkwardly. A short distance later **Eye Striker** blundered when crowded between *Hurrara*, which began awkwardly and shifted in, and *Plateau Gold*.

King's Tariff – slow to begin.

Mr Manhattan – began awkwardly, shifted out and made heavy contact with *Plateau Gold*. When questioned T, Clark stated that with the fast early tempo he was able to obtain a mid field position in the early stages. He added that when *Oxford Poet* from its wide draw continued forward and generated additional tempo into the race his mount was then crossed by the eventual winner *Dal Cielo* when that runner followed *Oxford Poet* forward. T Clark added that from this point he was able to follow *Dal Cielo* into the race and was satisfied with finishing effort of his mount.

Zero Cash – raced keenly in the middle stages and near the 600m was steadied away from the heels of *Aspiring*. For some distance rounding the home turn was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Aspiring* before shifting to that horse's outside near the 250m to improve.

Sundance – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider M Dee stated that his mount is better suited when being able to dictate on a moderate tempo, however today with the fast early pace his mount was not suited by having to follow other runners. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 8 – #Theraces Sprint 1200m

Rolston – began awkwardly.

Kudero – near the 200m shifted ground and made contact with *Alart* and became unbalanced.

Alart – near the 200m made contact with *Kudero* and became unbalanced. When questioned in relation to the mare racing further forward, trainer P Farrell stated that the mare had been missing the start at its most recent runs and as a consequence he placed blinkers on **Alart** today. He added that his instructions were to have **Alart** endeavour to be ridden more forward but expressed some surprise that it was able to lead. Mr Farrell was reminded of his obligation to notify Stewards of any change in riding tactics.

Invinzabeel – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance H Bowman stated that whilst his mount suffered interference near the 600m it was not comfortable on today's soft track conditions and attributed this as the main reason for its disappointing performance. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer C Waller agreed with the explanation of H Bowman and stated that it would now be his intention to avoid running the gelding on similar surfaces wherever possible.

Bogie – approaching the 600m **Bogie**, which was inclined to race keenly, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of *Eminent Duke* (D Panya) which shifted in when not quite clear. The interference to **Bogie** was then exacerbated when the tempo slackened due to *Alart* and *Eminent Duke* easing in front. In this incident *Invinzabeel* had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Bogie** and shifted in resulting in *What Could Be* also having to be checked. Apprentice D Panya was reprimanded and advised that she must ensure that she is sufficiently clear to cross other runners when shifting ground. Rider Apprentice J Innes Jnr stated that after having to be steadied away from the heels of *Eminent Duke* near the 600m his mount lost momentum and then had difficulty in making up ground from this point. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

What Could Be – rider apprentice A Adkins stated that his mount did not travel at any stage on today's soft track conditions, although it had to be checked near the 600m, in the circumstances he was not disappointed with the gelding's performance having regard to the fact that it did not handle today's track conditions. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying a poor post race recovery.

Eminent Duke – near the 200m had to be steadied when crowded between *Kudero* which shifted in slightly, and *Alart* (J Collett) which shifted out. J Collett was reprimanded and advised that he must stop riding and straighten his mounts when they commence to cross other runners when not clear.

RACE 9 – TAB Handicap 1400m

He's A Given – which was restless in the barriers began awkwardly and then was crowded for room between *Hogmanay* and *King Darci* which shifted out. When endeavouring to improve into a narrow run between *Dark Steel* and *Sudden Blitz* rounding the home turn raced in restricted room for some distance thereafter when *Sudden Blitz* shifted back in. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have sustained a laceration to the off side shoulder.

Sonic Swish – slow to begin.

Paragon – slow to begin.

Sudden Blitz – slow to begin. Rider B El-Issa stated his instructions were to endeavour to find cover behind the leaders but after there was no pace in the early stages his mount assumed the lead after he rode his mount along from the barrier. B El-Issa stated that in his view **Sudden Blitz** would be better ridden being able to obtain cover, however the circumstances of today's race did not allow him to ride the horse in that manner. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Zaunkonig – raced wide without cover throughout.

King's Officer – near the 250m was directed back to the inside of *Hogmanay* to obtain clear running.

Dark Steel – rider K McEvoy stated that in his view whilst the horse was able to take up an on pace position it did not handle today's track conditions and as a consequence weakened in the straight. A post race veterinary examination revealed the horse to be coughing with mild respiratory distress. Co-trainer

Pul Snowden was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness, including the results of an endoscopic, must be produced prior to **Dark Steel's** next race start.

Hogmanay – apprentice J Innes Jnr, rider of the fourth placed gelding, was reprimanded for failing to ride his mount out to the finish of the race over the final stride of the event. Apprentice J Innes Jnr was advised that he must ensure his mounts are fully tested to the finish of the race.

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

Race 1: Callmetrouble, Colesberg(2), Dunatun, Charlie Chap, Single Bullet

Race 2: Cellarman, Argent D'or, Concessions, France

Race 3: Twist Tops(2), Miss Farloo, Roeinda

Race 4: Yasnat, Snippetyp Sip, Farah, Vee Eight, Lady Iiness, Nicof.

Race 5: Gold Symphony, Girl Sunday

Race 6: Olympic Academy, Wine Tales, Rock Mylady, Kingsguard(2)

Race 7: Oxford Poet, Mr Manhattan, Sundance, King's Tariff, Zero Cash

Race 8: Invinzabeel, Rolston

Race 9: King's Office, Hogmanay, Dark Steel, King Darci, He's A Given, Zaunkonig

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Supplementary: G Schofield – shifting out [AR 137(a)] Race 8: apprentice D Panya – shifting in [AR 137(a)] J Collett – shifting in [AR 137(a)] Race 9: J Innes Jnr – not ride out to finish [AR137(b)]
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 3: <i>Heartlings</i> – lame off fore leg (trainer K Parker) Race 9: <i>Dark Steel</i> – coughing, mild respiratory distress (co-trainers P and P Snowden)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 2: <i>Jaminzah</i> – follow up on post race condition (trainer C Waller) Race 2: <i>Cellarman</i> – follow up on post race condition (trainer C Waller) Race 3: <i>Magicz</i> – follow up on post race condition (trainer C Karakatsanis) Race 5: <i>Girl Sunday</i> – follow up on post race condition (trainer G Ryan) Race 6: <i>Rock Mylady</i> – follow up on post race condition (co-trainers P and P Snowden)