

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE

Monday, 17 April 2017

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (7); upgraded to a Soft (6) at 1.46pm.
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 5.65

STEWARDS: P C Dingwall (Chairman), M F Van Gestel, R W Livingstone, T J Vassallo and cadets T D North and I H Grimes.

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RACE 1 – TAB Plate 1200m

Skifield – was slow to begin.

Pelorous Jack – from its wide barrier was shifted in across runners in the early stages.

It's Academic – over the final 150m, **It's Academic**, which was giving ground quickly, was inclined to shift ground out. A post race veterinary examination of **It's Academic** revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils for the first time. Trainer Mr T Smart was advised that **It's Academic** will now incur the mandatory three month ban from racing.

Madison Gardens – when questioned, J Collett said that from his wide barrier today, he was asked to ride the gelding patiently in the early stages. He said that his mount, after settling at the rear of the field, was inclined to race a little keenly until approaching the 600m. He said that rounding the home turn, he elected to pursue runs towards the inside and save ground as he did not consider his mount was travelling well enough to shift out and obtain running to the outside of *Zorro* on straightening. He added that in the straight, **Madison Gardens** had a tendency to lay in under pressure and although he was able to secure clear running for the major part of the straight, nonetheless his mount's run had finished near the 50m.

RACE 2 – #Theraces Handicap 1100m

Sambro – was buffeted on jumping between *Pymble* and *Icon Of Dubai*, both of which shifted ground. Rounding the home turn, *Regent*, which was shifting out to obtain clear running, ran out, hampering **Sambro**, which had a tendency to lay out. T Angland, rider to *Regent* was asked to exercise more care.

Easy Go Easy Win – began awkwardly. Approaching the home turn, **Easy Go Easy Win** was shifted to the inside of *Regent* when disappointed for a run between that horse and *Sambro*. **Easy Go Easy Win** had some difficulty obtaining clear running early in the straight. After the 50m, **Easy Go Easy Win**, which was closing the race off strongly, was shifted to the inside of *Regent* to continue into clear running.

Envy Of All – began awkwardly.

Regent – jumped awkwardly and made heavy contact with *Mr Kylin* resulting in its rider, T Angland, becoming unbalanced and losing ground. Near the 650m, **Regent**, which was awkwardly placed, was steadied to avoid the heels of *Boyish*, which shifted in when not quite clear.

Gold Digger Girl – from its wide barrier was shifted in across behind runners in the early stages.

Discussions – from its wide barrier was shifted in across behind runners in the early stages.

Mr Kylin – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Boyish – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Icon Of Dubai – when the pace commenced to slacken near the 800m, raced up onto the heels of *Sambro* and was steadied.

RACE 3 – TAB Rewards Plate 1200m

Penny Dreadful – jumped awkwardly and was hampered shortly after when *Noire* shifted in slightly. **Penny Dreadful** raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages.

Solar Cry – from its wide barrier was shifted in across behind runners in the early stages.

Loveletter – from its wide barrier was shifted in across behind runners in the early stages.

Cymbalism – when questioned, G Schofield explained that he had been asked to ride the gelding, which was having its first start, in the lead if possible. He said that in the early stages, **Cymbalism** was inclined to race greenly and as he believed that the tempo was genuine in the middle stages, he elected rather than pressuring his mount in an endeavour to hold the lead, after the 700m, he allowed *Slow Burn* to cross him and ultimately follow that runner. He explained that early in the straight, he considered shifting to the outside of *Noire*, but as he was proceeding to do so, the rider of *Hittite*, which was positioned to his outside, called to him and as he observed he was not clear of that filly to shift out, he remained racing behind *Noire* for a short distance until after the 200m. He added he was eventually able to clear *Hittite* soon after and shifted to the outside of the heels of *Noir* to obtain clear running and his mount finished off reasonably.

Noire – made the home turn awkwardly and shifted out.

RACE 4 – Pluck@ Vinery Handicap 1100m

Divergence – was slow to begin and was hampered shortly after when *Quelle Liaison* shifted out. Near the 700m, **Divergence**, which was racing keenly, had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Nonpareil*. T Clark reported after the race he noted the mare had got its tongue over the bit. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Stilettoed Vixen – when questioned regarding **Stilettoed Vixen**, which was resuming from a spell, R Hutchings said he was instructed from his outside barrier to ride the mare back in the field if possible. He said that in the early stages, he immediately restrained **Stilettoed Vixen**, shifted in and took up a position at the rear of the field behind *Nights On Fire*. He said that whilst he was aware in the early stages due to the composition of the field there was, in hindsight, an opportunity for him to be further forward, he said that due to the explicit nature of his instructions, he rode the mare in the manner in which he did in the early stages. He added that rounding the home turn, he immediately placed his mount under pressure and **Stilettoed Vixen** finished the race off fairly.

Miss Debutante – bumped on jumping.

Zoumagic – was bumped on jumping. Approaching the 100m, **Zoumagic** hung in resulting in its rider App A Adkins having to stop riding and straighten.

Magicaz – raced wide and without cover throughout. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 5 – TAB.com.au Handicap 1550m

Beretta – change of tactics to be more forward; led.

Reinforced – change of tactics to be ridden more forward if it begins well; settled on pace and settled wide throughout. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, B Shinn explained that his mount, in a race that was run in a genuine tempo, was caught wide and without cover for the major

part of the race and he attributed this to the colt not being able to finish its race off. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Valentino Rossa – shortly after the start, was bumped when *Star Of Legs* shifted out, and was again bumped, shortly thereafter, when *Don't Nicme* shifted in when carried inwards by *Ascot Red*. In the middle stages, **Valentino Rossa** raced keenly.

Red Dubawi – from its wide barrier was shifted in across runners in the early stages. For some distance near the 100m, was unable to obtain completely clear running when endeavouring to improve between *Valentino Rossa* and *Reinforced*.

Appoint Percy – from its wide barrier was shifted in across behind runners in the early stages. When questioned, B Avdulla said that the gelding travelled comfortably until approximately the 600m. He said when he commenced to pressure **Appoint Percy** to improve its position, the gelding failed to respond to his riding, did not feel fluent in its action and weakened over about the final 200m. He said that he was concerned that something may have been amiss with **Appoint Percy** and he eased the gelding down in the run to the line. A post race veterinary examination of **Appoint Percy** revealed a deep speedy cut to the off hind pastern. Trainer Mr L Pepper was advised that a veterinary certificate will be required prior to the horse racing again.

Ascot Red – shortly after the start, bumped with *Beretta*.

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Mortar Platoon – when questioned, H Bowman said he had been instructed from the wide barrier to position the horse towards the rear of the field. He said that his mount travelled extremely well approaching the home turn and on straightening, whilst he was following *Star Of Legs*, he elected to shift to the outside of the heels of that runner in an endeavour to improve to the inside of *Ascot Red*. He said shortly after straightening, whilst endeavouring to proceed between those two horses, *Star Of Legs* shifted out resulting in **Mortar Platoon** being badly held up until the 150m. H Bowman agreed that after viewing the relevant footage, a run had developed along the fence inside of *Star Of Legs*, he had nonetheless, in an attempt to keep his options open, committed to the outside of that runner. Once he obtained clear running, **Mortar Platoon** closed the race off strongly.

RACE 6 – Ranvet Handicap 1900m

Nahema – when the pace commenced to slacken near the 1400m, commenced to race keenly.

Multitude – rounding the home turn, *Distroyia* and **Multitude** were crowded for room inside of *Little Miss Chelsy* (K O'Hara), which shifted in when commencing to weaken. K O'Hara was advised to exercise more care. App N Heywood explained that after the 600m, he elected to maintain and improved his position to the inside of *Little Miss Chelsy*, however when that runner shifted in rounding the home turn, his mount was halted for some distance. He said that in hindsight, he should have improved to the outside of *Little Miss Chelsy*, but as that horse gave an indication it was shifted out, he believed that maintaining a position to the inside of that runner was more advantageous.

Little Miss Chelsy – App A Adkins (*Red Knot*) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(a) of careless riding in that near the 250m, he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of *Up 'N' Rolling* causing that horse to be crowded and lose its rightful running when tightened across the running of **Little Miss Chelsy**, which had to be checked. In assessing penalty, the Stewards were mindful of the minor contribution by *Multitude* which shifted out and accentuated the interference to **Little Miss Chelsy**. App Adkins licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 23 April 2017 and to expire on Friday, 28 April 2017 on which day he may ride.

Up 'N' Rolling – an inquiry was opened into G Schofield's riding of **Up 'N' Rolling** with particular reference to the final 600m of the race. After taking evidence from G Schofield and stable representative Mr C Duckworth, the matter was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

RACE 7 – Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap 1100m

Raido – began very awkwardly and shifted in across runners in the early stages.

Elemenohpee – jumped awkwardly and was held up for clear running until the 150m.

Queen Of Kariba – blundered shortly after the start. Near the 800m, was steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Grammar School* when *Grammar School* was tightened to the inside of *Elemenohpee*, which shifted in away from *Raijinz* when not clear.

Old Man Sam – shortly after the start was crowded for room between *For Me Dad*, which shifted out, and *Three Sheets*, which was taken inwards by *Raijinz*. **Old Man Sam** was unable to obtain clear running until the 200m.

I'm Usain – from its wide barrier was shifted in across behind runners in the early stages and raced very ungenerously throughout the early and middle stages.

Raijinz – raced wide throughout without cover.

RACE 8 – Schweppes Handicap 1250m

Chrysolaus – the gelding, which struck itself on the offside hindquarter in the enclosure was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fitted to start.

The Gavel – made contact with its nearside barrier on jumping resulting in its rider becoming unbalanced. **The Gavel**, near the 1000m, was steadied when briefly tightened by *Maraam*. **The Gavel** had difficulty obtaining clear running until the 200m. **The Gavel** then, which was closing the race off fairly, was shifted to the inside of the heels of *Maraam* to continue into clear running.

Skillful – from its wide barrier was shifted in across behind runners in the early stages.

Hesco Gold – for the majority of the race, travelled wide without cover.

Top Ravine – near the 1000m, was tightened and taken in onto the running rail when *Love My Baby* shifted in.

Maraam – near the 800m, was steadied when racing tight inside *Roguish*, which shifted in after initially being taken in slightly by *Bratislava*. *The Gavel*, which was following, was steadied in consequence. Near the 100m, **Maraam**, which was laying out, shifted out. At the same time, *Roguish* shifted away from that runner causing some inconvenience to *Thaad*. **Maraam** then continued to lay out when under pressure.

What Could Be – raced keenly in the middle stages.

Thaad – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, T Berry explained that whilst his mount travelled satisfactorily throughout the major part of the race, when placed under pressure rounding the home turn, **Thaad** when urged to quicken, failed to respond to his efforts and weakened in the run home. He believed that **Thaad** was not entirely comfortable on today's rain affected track. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr M Hawkes was asked to report back to the Stewards in the days subsequent.

Roguish – H Bowman explained that after being crossed by *Bratislava*, he was content to remain in that position effectively one out one back. He said, however, passing the 800m, when the rider of *Bratislava* steadied his mount, he became awkwardly placed and as he was concerned that prior to this incident he had tightened the running of *Maraam*, he felt in the circumstances he should shift to the outside of *Bratislava* to ensure that he provided sufficient galloping room. He said, however, as a consequence of this, **Roguish** was left racing wide without cover thereafter.

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

Race 1: Skifield, Zorro, Perlorus Jack.

Race 2: Envy Of All, Envy Of All.

Race 3: Loveletter, Noire (2).

Race 4: Magicaz, Divergence, In Times Of War.

Race 5: Mortar Platoon, Ascot Red, Don't Nicme, Valentino Rossa, Octavian Augustus.

Race 6: Multitude, Nahema, Hirokin, Kiseki Dane, Up 'N' Rolling.

Race 7: Raido, Three Sheets, Queen Of Kariba.

Race 8: Top Ravine, Bratislava, Thaad,

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | Nil |
| Reprimands: | Nil |
| Suspensions: | Race 8: App A Adkins – 23.4.17 to 28.4.17 – careless riding [AR137(a)]. |
| Bleeders: | Race 1: It's Academic (trainer T Smart) – 3 month ban [AR53A]. |
| Warnings: | Nil |
| Trials: | Nil |
| Certificates: | Race 5: Appoint Percy (trainer L Pepper) – deep speedy cut to the off hind pastern. |
| Fall/Injuries: | Nil |
| Change of Tactics: | Race 5: Beretta to be more forward; led. Race 5: Reinforced to be ridden more forward if it begins well; settled on pace and settled wide throughout. |
| Change of Colours: | Nil |
| Change of Gear | Nil |
| Follow up: | Race 6: G Schofield (Up 'N' Rolling) – inquiry in riding adjourned. Race 8: Thaad (co-trainer Mr M Hawkes) – poor performance. |