

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Australian Turf Club CANTERBURY RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 13 September 2017

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (4); upgraded to Good (3) at 12.58pm  
Rail: +6m  
Penetrometer: 4.74

**STEWARDS:** R W Livingstone (Chairman), P C Dingwall, T J Vassallo, T J Carlton and cadets M W Purse, F J Dale and R T Debels.

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#### **RACE 1 – Pluck@Vinery Handicap 1100m**

**Marishka** – began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Beacon*. When questioned regarding the performance of **Marishka**, B Shinn was unable to offer any explanation for the reason the filly weakened in the straight after travelling well outside the leader and winner, *Beacon*, throughout. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden could offer no explanation for the performance of the filly. He added that **Marishka** would now undergo a thorough veterinary examination, the results of which he would forward to the Stewards. The matter was adjourned pending this advice.

**Charlie Chap** – was slow to begin and raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Yulong Xingsheng** – after being slow to begin, was then steadied back in and across runners after the start.

**Workdrinks** – began awkwardly and made contact with *Charlie Chap*. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

#### **RACE 2 – McGrath Estate Agents Handicap 1100m**

**Istria** – was slow to begin and raced keenly in the early stages and approaching the first turn, was steadied away from the heels of *Sexy Eyes* and shifted out. **Istria** then raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Sexy Eyes** – was slow to begin. Near the 600m, **Sexy Eyes** was bumped by *Istria* and became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Neyla's Girl*. **Sexy Eyes** laid out and made the home turn awkwardly.

**O'Reilly Cyrus** – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. **O'Reilly Cyrus** overraced and rounding the first turn, improved into a position between *Cocoexcel* and *Sexy Eyes*, where there was not sufficient room, and near the 500m, was steadied. **O'Reilly Cyrus** was briefly held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

**Cocoexcel** – was briefly held up on straightening.

**Absolute Ripper** – near the 75m, App B McDougall accidentally dropped his whip. When questioned regarding the performance of **Absolute Ripper**, App McDougall advised that whilst he was obliged to do some work in the early stages, **Absolute Ripper**, which was resuming from a spell, weakened in the straight and in his opinion would derive benefit from today's performance. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

### **RACE 3 – TAB Rewards Handicap 1250m**

**Whitney's Star** – which was fractious in the race day stalls, injured itself and was a late withdrawal at 1.40pm on veterinary advice. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on **Whitney's Star** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 1.40pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket.

1<sup>st</sup> *Woman* 0 cents win, 1 cent place

2<sup>nd</sup> *Laussel* 3 cents place

3<sup>rd</sup> *Union Dues* 3 cents place

Trainer Mr W Austin was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Whitney's Star** racing again.

**Union Dues** – began awkwardly.

**Fifth Affair** – was slow to begin.

**Laussel** – passing the 50m, shifted in and hampered *Fifth Affair*, which was taken in towards the tiring *Mystic Empire*. As a result of this, C Brown, rider of *Fifth Affair*, was obliged to stop riding for a short distance.

**Waitemata Harbour** – when questioned, J Parr advised he was issued with no instructions and the manner in which the filly was to be ridden was left up to him. He added that **Waitemata Harbour** began particularly well and he was able to take up a trailing position, however when *Woman*, who was racing to his outside, placed some pressure on his mount, as he felt that **Waitemata Harbour** was not travelling well enough for him to place pressure on it to improve and to hold that position, he elected to restrain and raced with cover on the back of the favourite, *Woman*. He added that, however, rounding the first turn, **Waitemata Harbour** was immediately under pressure, became detached from the field and despite being ridden along, did not make ground and finished some distance from the main body of the field. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr P Webster advised that **Waitemata Harbour** would now be spelled. Notwithstanding this advice, Mr Webster was advised that **Waitemata Harbour** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

### **RACE 4 – Schweppes Handicap 1250m**

**Hong Qigong** – was fractious in the race day stalls and was briefly cast. **Hong Qigong** underwent a veterinary examination soon after and again after arriving at the barriers and was cleared to start.

**Star Of The Seas** – was buffeted on jumping after beginning awkwardly between *End Of The Road* and *Absolute*. **Star Of The Seas** was briefly held up on straightening.

**Reflectivity** – was slow to begin and then taken back in across runners after the start. It then raced keenly in the early stages. Near the 200m, **Reflectivity** and *Hong Qigong* made contact due to both horses shifting ground.

**Paret** – began awkwardly and was taken back in across runners from its wide draw. Raced keenly in the early stages. **Paret** was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the start and did not obtain clear running in the near the 150m.

**Icon Of Dubai** – laid in near the 500m and made contact with *Reflectivity*. **Icon Of Dubai** then laid out thereafter.

**End Of The Road** – when questioned, App R King advised that the plan had been to have the horse ridden more prominently. She added that on jumping, she rode **End Of The Road** along in order to comply with her instructions, however after reaching the lead shortly after the start, **End Of The Road** commenced to race keenly, got its head up and despite her efforts, refused to settle and subsequently set a faster tempo in front than she would have liked. As a result, **End Of The Road** weakened in the straight. A post race veterinary examination revealed speedy cuts to both hind fetlocks. Co-trainer Mr A Bott advised that **End Of The Road** would now be gelded and spelled. On this assurance no action

was taken.

**Absolute** – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Absolute** to be suffering a poor post race recovery.

#### **RACE 5 – Tab.com.au Handicap 1100m**

**Bright Future** – was slow to begin and then was crowded for room between *Vollier* and *Classic Records*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. App J Innes Jr, rider of sixth placegetter **Bright Future** (beaten a long head for fifth), was fined the sum of \$200 under AR137(b) in that he failed to ride his mount out to the end of the race.

**Old Man Sam** – was slow to begin.

#### **RACE 6 – #Theraces Handicap 1250m**

**Vienna Romance** – shifted its near fore plate en route to the barriers, which necessitated in it being refitted. **Vienna Romance** then underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to start. **Vienna Romance** raced keenly in the early and middle stages and got its head up on a number of occasions approaching the first turn when being restrained away from the heels of *All From Scrap*.

**Smart Amelia** – was slow to begin and then despite being ridden along, did not muster speed. **Smart Amelia** was briefly held up rounding the home turn.

**Mercurial Lad** – raced in restricted room between *Vienna Romance* and *Centro Superior* for a short distance after the start. **Mercurial Lad** raced wide and without cover throughout. Leaving the 400m, **Mercurial Lad** and *Centro Superior* were carried wider when *All From Scrap* shifted out to improve.

**Milwaukee** – hung out badly in the straight when it shifted out abruptly on two occasions and then shifted considerable ground wider thereafter. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer's representative Ms N Copp was advised that **Milwaukee** will be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again and would need to be placed under pressure in the trial for the horse to be passed.

**All For the Scrap** – was steadied and altered course back to the inside of the heels of *Milwaukee* (App B McDougall), which shifted out abruptly. In the circumstances, App McDougall was reprimanded, however he was advised that notwithstanding *Milwaukee* proving difficult to ride, he must ensure at all times that he rides his mount in such a manner that does not compromise safety and that he must make every endeavour to keep his mounts straight in future.

#### **RACE 7 – TAB Handicap 1550m**

**Le Cavalier** - was slow to begin. **Le Cavalier** got its head up when being restrained off the heels of *Mahalangur* near the 800m.

**Little Miss Brown** – was slow to begin and then was hampered after the start by *Wine Bush*, which was taken out by *Sambro*, which began awkwardly.

**Nahema** – shifted out at the start. **Nahema** raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Think Like A Bird** – after briefly obtaining cover approaching the first turn, commenced to overrace and was steadied and shifted out and away from the heels of *Nahema*. **Think Like A Bird** then raced wide and without cover thereafter. **Think Like A Bird** laid out after the 500m.

**Sambro** – when the tempo steadied in the middle stages, commenced to overrace and got its head up when being steadied away from the heels of *Shock Alert* near the 1000m. **Sambro** shifted out resulting in *Eastern Legend* being taken towards the heels of *Think Like A Bird* and being steadied.

**Mahalangur** – B Avdulla advised that he was disappointed with the performance of the colt, although he noted that in this particular race, the placings had been favoured by runners that had been placed

on pace during the course of the event. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Mahalangur** to have knocked a lower incisor. Co-trainer Mr M Hawkes advised he would you now consult with the owners before a decision is made on the horse's immediate racing future. The mare will be followed up with the Hawkes stable in the days subsequent.

**Eastern Legend** – a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be coughing and showing signs of heat stress for which it was treated. The stable undertook to report the results of an endoscopic examination to Stewards in the days subsequent.

**RACE 8 – Australian Turf Club Handicap 1900m**

**Mandalong Kiss** – was slow to begin and then was crowded for room between *Almost Court* and *Another Larga*, which shifted out.

**Happy Partner** – was shifted back in and across runners from its wide barrier after the start.

**Almost Court** – after being crossed by *Multifacets* near the 1300m, commenced to overrace and was steadied away from that runner's heels. **Almost Court** made the home turn awkwardly. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Arigold** – raced wide and without cover until nearing the 700m. When questioned regarding **Arigold** racing further forward, C Brown advised he was under no specific instructions, however envisaged he would have settled midfield with the horse stepping up in distance. He added that in the early stages when he was unable to obtain a position nearer the rail with cover, when caught wide when the tempo slowed, he allowed **Arigold** to stride forward and ultimately raced outside the early leader, *Token Of Love*, near the 700m so as to avoid covering additional ground.

**Captain Mannering** – raced keenly in the middle stages and raced wide and without cover.

**Another Larga** – was held up for clear running until passing the 200m.

**Token Of Love** – laid out in the straight.

**Manhattan Son** – near the 100m, was briefly crowded for room between *Eerised* and *Mandalong Kiss*, which was taken out by *Almost Court*.

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

Race 1: Beacon, Yulong Xingsheng, Workdrinks.

Race 2: Absolute Ripper, Cocoexcel, Neyla's Girl, Istria.

Race 3: Laussel, Woman, Union Dues, Fifth Affair.

Race 4: Star Of The Seas, Icon Of Dubai.

Race 5: In Times of War.

Race 6: Milwaukee, Mercurial Lad, All From Scrap, Vienna Romance.

Race 7: Shock Alert, Nahema, Mahalangur, Le Cavalier, Sambro.

Race 8: Estikhraa (2), Eerised, Captain Manering, Happy Partner.

SUMMARY	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 5:</b> App J Innes Jr ( <b>Bright Future</b> ) – \$200 [AR137(b)] – failing to ride his mount out to the line.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 6:</b> App B McDougall ( <b>Milwaukee</b> ) – careless riding [AR137(a)].
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> <b>Waitemata Harbour</b> (trainer P Webster) – poor performance. <b>Race 6:</b> <b>Milwaukee</b> (trainer M Moroney) – hung out.
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> <b>Whitney's Star</b> (trainer W Austin) – injured in tie up stalls.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil

<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	<b>Race 2: Cocoexcel</b> – option for rider to be more forward; settled on pace. <b>Race 8: Ready for Success</b> – to be ridden more forward; settled midfield.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 8: Arigold</b> – white Club colours.
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	<b>Race 1: Marishka</b> (co-trainer Paul Snowden) – poor performance. <b>Race 7: Mahalangur</b> (co-trainer M Hawkes) – poor performance. <b>Race 7: Eastern Legend</b> (trainer L Bridge) – coughing and heat stress.