

STEWARDS' REPORT**Australian Turf Club
ROSEHILL GARDENS RACECOURSE****Saturday 15 July 2017**

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +6.5m
Penetrometer: 4.61

STEWARDS: P C Dingwall (Chairman), T Carlton, R W Livingstone, C G Polglase, T A McDonald and cadets J J E Earl, T D North and I H Grimes.

RACE 1: #Theraces Handicap 1400m

Stone – began awkwardly and then was steadied and shifted in across behind runners after the start. When questioned, rider J Collett stated that approaching the home turn he elected to follow the race favourite *Calculated* through in an endeavour to save ground. He said, although he had an option to shift to the outside of runners prior to the home turn, he felt by following *Calculated* this would provide him with the best opportunity to finish the race off. He added, however when *Calculated* did not sprint as he had hoped and passing the 300m, after having some difficulty obtaining clear running, he elected to shift out to provide his mount with uninterrupted running.

Winner's Lane – slow to begin. In the middle stages raced keenly and, after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Tennessee Tango* and near the 800m was shifted out to avoid the heels of that runner and then raced wide without cover thereafter. Passing the 200m was crowded for room between *Condor* and *Stone*, both of which shifted ground slightly.

Condor – from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Rider C Brown reported that the colt laid in when under pressure in the straight.

Colesberg – when questioned, G Schofield explained that approaching and rounding the home turn, when positioned to the outside of *Siege Of Quebec*, his mount was inclined to shift out away from that runner and raced ungenerously. He said, as he anticipated *Siege Of Quebec* would then drifted out slightly rounding the home turn, he anticipated that movement by allowing his mount to shift out slightly. He added that when *Calculated* then improved its position to the outside of *Siege Of Quebec* rounding the home turn, **Colesberg** continued to shift out slightly despite his efforts to endeavour to hold his line, which ultimately provided *Calculated* with an opportunity to improve between *Siege Of Quebec* and his mount. Whilst accepting G Schofield's explanation, he was nonetheless advised that notwithstanding the racing manners of **Colesberg** he must ensure wherever possible he maintains his competitive position relative to other runners.

RACE 2: Book Spring Hospitality @ theatc.com.au Handicap 1350m

Pioneering – began awkwardly, shifted in and made heavy contact with *Lani Girl*, which became unbalanced. A short distance later *Insensata*, which had been slow to begin, was checked when crowded between *Lani Girl* and *Elouera*. When questioned regarding the

disappointing performance of the mare, H Bowman stated his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages effectively in a one out/one back position. He said, however when asked for an effort near the 300m, **Pioneering** commenced to labour and approaching the 200m weakened noticeably and in the run to the line finished towards the rear of the field. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the off-foreleg. Stable representative Mr L Prior expressed disappointment with the performance of the mare and he was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Pioneering** racing again. Mr Prior indicated the mare will undergo a thorough veterinary examination on return to the stables and following such examination the stable will make a determination on the mare's immediate racing future.

Wahng Wah – from its wide barrier was steadied and taken in across behind runners after the start.

Mariquita – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. When questioned, App. J Innes Jr explained that rounding the home turn he was following *Labdien*. He said when that runner was held up he shifted to its outside near the 350m and followed *Hetty Heights*, however when that runner did not finish off as he had hoped and he was positioned inside the heels of *Pioneering*, he was held up and unable to obtain clear running until he shifted to the outside of *Hetty Heights* after the 100m. He said once he did and placed **Mariquita** under pressure, the mare closed the race off strongly.

Lani Girl – approaching and rounding the home turn raced tight with *Insensata*, due to **Lani Girl** endeavouring to shift out into clear running.

Labdien – for the major part of the straight was unable to obtain clear running and as a consequence was not properly tested.

Insensata – hung in under pressure after the 200m and shifted ground, obliging its rider to change the whip over near the 100m in an endeavour to correct his mount.

Hetty Heights – when questioned, regarding the mare racing forward today, T Clark explained that with the anticipated lack of tempo in the race the instructions had been to ensure that the mare did not get too far back. He said with this in mind in the early stages, when *Pioneering* did not show early speed and he was unable to take a trail behind that runner., rather than being caught wide, he elected to improve, which he was able to do with very little effort, whereby his mount raced further forward than anticipated outside the leader.

RACE 3: TAB Highway Handicap 1100m

Star Aspiration - began awkwardly and, despite the efforts of its rider G Schofield, ran out abruptly, resulting in *Empyrean* being checked and losing ground, *Surprise Party* and *Imitation Game* being badly buffeted and *Malachi Crunch* being bumped on the hindquarter. Co-trainer Mr S Collings was advised a warning would be placed on the manners of **Star Aspiration**.

Northern Conqueror – bumped at the start by *Bulala*, which began awkwardly and shifted in. Raced wide without cover throughout.

Our Finvarra – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in across behind runners after the start. When questioned, rider T Berry stated he was asked to ride the gelding conservatively and to ensure that it settled, as in previous starts it had a tendency to race

keenly. He said having regard to the manner in which his mount can race, he elected in the early stages, from his wide barrier, to steady the gelding and travel at the rear of the field, where **Our Finvarra** travelled comfortably and settled nicely. T Berry added that approaching and rounding the home turn, although he considered shifting to the outside of *Bulala* to improve, he was of the opinion the rider of *Bulala* may shift out and carry him wider without cover and he therefore elected to follow that runner through until straightening. He said **Our Finvarra** took some time to respond to his riding, however commenced to close the race off strongly after the 300m, although the gelding was inclined to lay in over the final 150m and for this reason he changed the whip over into his right hand.

Imitation Game – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Malachi Crunch – near the 150m was briefly tightened between *Our Finvarra* and *Bulala*, both of which shifted ground slightly. In this incident **Malachi Crunch** overreacted, became unbalanced and as a result lost ground.

Empyrean – when questioned, App. J Innes Jr reported, after the significant interference he received at the start, he settled further back in the field than had been anticipated. He added for the major part of the straight, whilst shifting out to endeavour to obtain runs, his mount did not obtain clear running until approximately the final 50m.

Bulala – when questioned, rider K McEvoy explained that approaching the home turn he considered positioning his mount directly behind *Malachi Crunch*, however he elected not to do so as he observed the rider of *Imitation Game* improving quickly and, as he anticipated that runner would shift *Malachi Crunch* out, he elected to save ground on the home turn and follow *Imitation Game* through. K McEvoy advised that when *Imitation Game* did not sprint as he had expected this resulted in his mount being held up and unable to obtain clear running until the 200m. After viewing the official footage, K McEvoy agreed with the Stewards that he had erred in not positioning his mount behind *Malachi Crunch* prior to the home turn, which would have ultimately afforded his mount clear and uninterrupted running in the straight. He was advised that wherever possible he should position his mounts so as they have the best opportunity to finish the race off.

RACE 4: Pro Rata ATC Membership On Sale Handicap 1800m

Word Games – as C Brown was overweight, permission was granted for J Ford to be substituted as the rider of the filly. C Brown was reprimanded under AR120(b). In assessing penalty, the Stewards took into account C Brown's exemplary record in respect to this rule. Slow to begin and was steadied and taken back across runners from the start. Steadied near the 1000m when the tempo slackened.

Thaad – slow to begin. Near the 1600m became unbalanced when bumped by *Queen Of Heights*, which laid in away from *Walk The Streets*. Approaching the 1400m **Thaad**, which had been racing tight, was buffeted for room for some distance to the inside of *Queen Of Heights*, which in turn had to be checked when tightened by *Walk The Streets* (G Schofield) which, when racing to the inside of *High Mist*, shifted in slightly away from that runner, before being corrected by its rider. Having regard to the circumstances, Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that any one rider exhibited carelessness, however, G Schofield was advised to ensure that wherever possible he provides his fellow riders with sufficient clearance in similar circumstances. **Thaad**, which was racing keenly for some distance after the 1000m, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of runners in front. For some distance approaching the

300m **Thaad** had difficulty obtaining clear running between *High Mist* and *Barbass*, resulting in both runners became unbalanced.

Queen Of Heights – began awkwardly. The filly, which was racing keenly for some distance after the 1000m, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of runners in front. When questioned, rider T Berry stated he had planned to be in fourth or 5th position and use his mount's natural gate speed to achieve this. He said in the early stages, when *Barbass* did not improve as he had anticipated and he then received interference near the 1400, **Queen Of Heights** settled towards the rear of the field, which was contrary to the race plan. Approaching and rounding the home turn **Queen Of Heights** was unable to improve.

The Getaway – shortly after the start was bumped and steadied when taken across the heels of *High Mist* by *Itsa Fait Accompli*, which shifted out. Rounding the first turn got its head on the side and ran out when being steadied away from the heels of *Queen Of Heights*. Steadied near the 1000m when the tempo steadied.

High Mist – raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider H Bowman stated that, although ridden further forward than it has been in recent starts, nonetheless **High Mist** settled nicely behind a fast tempo in the early stages. He said the manner in which the gelding commenced to weaken over the final 200m was of concern, irrespective of its early positioning. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth advised that some use of the gelding had to be made to offset its wide draw and this may have had a bearing on its poor performance. He undertook to report to the Stewards if there was anything amiss with the gelding in the days subsequent. Also Mr Duckworth was reminded of his obligation to notify of any change in riding tactics no later than 30 minutes prior to any event.

Itsa Fait Accompli – raced wide without cover from the 1000m.

Vaucluse Bay – checked near the 400m. On straightening the gelding, which had a tendency to lay out, had to be checked across the heels of *Samadoubt* (J Parr), which shifted in slightly. J Parr was advised to exercise more care.

Walk The Streets – approaching the home turn had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Barbass*. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a laceration to the off-hind cannon. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

Samadoubt – when questioned, rider J Parr explained his mount settled outside the leader and travelled well until approximately the 600m. He said when *Arbeitsam* then commenced to improve, his mount did not quicken to stay in touch with that runner, was under heavy pressure early in the straight and weakened noticeably over the final 300m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr J Bruce advised that **Samadoubt** will now be spelled. Acting on this assurance, no action was taken.

Live To Dream – when questioned, rider T Clark explained that he had anticipated being prominent in the race, however shortly after the start the saddle shifted, which placed him at somewhat of a disadvantage. He said, as his mount was very deep approaching the first turn to have pressed forward to avoid being caught wide without cover, he would have had to make considerable use of the filly and he therefore elected in the circumstances to restrain his

mount and take cover behind *Itsa Fait Accompli* in a position behind midfield. T Clark indicated that **Live To Dream** may have come to the end of its preparation, a view he expressed to the connections after the race. Mr J Bruce, representing trainer Mr B Baker, advised **Live To Dream** would now be spelled.

RACE 5: The Everest Is Coming Handicap 1200m

Pick Me Up – slow to begin.

Eminent Duke – began awkwardly.

Zara Bay – steadied and shifted in behind runners after the start. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Conarchie – despite being ridden along in the early stages, failed to muster speed and settled in a midfield position. Raced wide without cover throughout. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Faith's Encore – when questioned, rider K McEvoy explained his mount had been in the care of an attendant after being boxed and, although it was standing squarely, positioned itself towards the rear of the gates and when the start was effected, was flat-footed, lost approximately two lengths and consequently settled at the rear of the field. He added, although he was following the eventual winner *Pick Me Up* throughout the event, his mount could not sprint as quickly as the winner early in the straight, however over the latter stages of the race he felt his mount's run had come to an end.

Sonic Swish – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 6: Winning Post Restaurant Handicap 1200m

Inz'n'out – the declaration of correct weight was delayed to allow the Stewards an opportunity to view the patrol films of the home straight and to ascertain whether there were grounds for the Stewards to lodge an objection on behalf of the connections against *Sir Plush*. Stewards found that near the 100m *Sir Plush* shifted out and made contact with **Inz'n'out**, carrying that runner wider. Bearing in mind the margin between the runners at the finish, the Stewards were satisfied there were insufficient grounds and correct weight was declared.

Reincarnate – began awkwardly and made contact with *Princefamous* and then was steadied and shifted back in across runners after the start.

Forget – began awkwardly.

Yesterday's Songs – slow to begin.

Washington Heights – steadied and shifted in across behind runners after the start.

Savoureux – steadied and shifted in across behind runners after the start. The mare, which was closing the race off strongly, had difficulty finding clear running over the final 50m and was unable to be fully tested during the relevant stage.

Top Striker – throughout the early and middle stages some use had to be made of the gelding to obtain a position close to the rail, however for the major part of the event raced wide

without cover until near the 500m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Kudero – for the major part of the race had difficulty obtaining clear running and close to the finish line was unable to be tested when awkwardly placed between *Sir Plush* and *Inz'n'out*.

Sir Plush – over the final 150m hung out and proved difficult to ride, obliging the rider to change the whip over into his left hand near the 50m.

RACE 7: ATC Winter Stakes (Listed) 1400m

Berry Delicious – began awkwardly and checked when crowded for room between *Elle Lou* and *Extensible*, which shifted out. For some distance after the 400m shifted out to continue into clear running.

Centre Pivot – slow to begin.

Snippets Land – steadied and shifted in across behind runners after the start. For some distance in the straight was held up behind the tiring *Ninth Legion*. Then approaching the 200m was shifted out behind *Elle Lou*, however continued to experience difficulty obtaining clear running and did so for the remainder of the race and was never properly tested.

Burning Passion – raced wide without cover throughout.

Gold Symphony – shortly after straightening the gelding, which was endeavouring to improve into a tight run between *Elle Lou* and *Extensible*, had to be checked when both runners shifted ground slightly. **Gold Symphony** was then shifted to the outside of *Classic Uniform* and was unable to obtain clear running for the major part of the straight and over the final 40m was held up on the heels of *Man Of His Word* and consequently was not tested.

Shiraz – held up for clear running until approaching the 200m. Passing the 200m, after being accidentally struck over the nose by the whip of J Parr (*Burning Passion*), attempted to savage *Burning Passion*. This matter was brought to the attention of trainer Mrs K Waugh, who was advised a warning would be placed against the racing manners of the gelding.

Extensible – unable to obtain comfortable racing room until the mare was shifted to the inside of *Oxford Poet* inside the 200m.

Classic Uniform – when questioned, rider T Clark stated he was asked to race in the leading division in today's event if possible. He said from his wide barrier his mount began well and, when placed under pressure to obtain a forward position in compliance with his instructions, it did not respond as he would have hoped and, given the solid early tempo, **Classic Uniform** drifted further back than he had intended. He said when the pace steadied near the 1000m he endeavoured to take up a position behind *Shiraz*, however he was unable to do so when the eventual winner *Slightly Sweet* maintained its position, which left **Classic Uniform** racing wide without cover for the major part of the race.

Oxford Poet – rider C Brown stated his mount was able to obtain a position outside the leader in the early stages and, although it travelled comfortably, he was nonetheless disappointed in that the gelding did not respond as he had hoped when placed under pressure to improve rounding the home turn. He said when *Elle Lou* improved to his outside near the 200m

Oxford Poet was then racing in restricted room and commenced to give ground thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding lost its off-fore plate in running. Trainer Mrs K Waugh stated that the gelding's second up performance had been reasonably consistent, however she was disappointed with the manner in which it weakened in the run to the line. She undertook to report back to the Stewards if anything is amiss with **Oxford Poet** in the days subsequent.

Ninth Legion – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be mildly lame in the off-foreleg. Trainer Mr P Robl was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Ninth Legion** racing again.

RACE 8: Schweppes Handicap 2000m

Estikhraaj – as H Bowman was overweight, permission was granted for C Brown to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. H Bowman was fined \$100 under AR120(b). Slow to begin and then steadied and shifted back in across runners after the start.

Ashkannd – slow to begin and then steadied and shifted in across behind runners after the start.

Devil Hawk – slow to begin and then steadied and shifted in across behind runners after the start.

Collateral – slow to begin and then crowded for room between *Life O'Brien* and *Tap That*, which shifted out. On straightening was steadied and shifted in when disappointed for a run to the outside of *The Gavel*. Held up for clear running until approaching the 200m.

Tap That – approaching the 1600m had to be steadied after becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of *The Gavel*, which itself in turn was steady to allow *Signposted* to cross. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding abraded both hind bumpers.

Reiby The Red – raced wide without cover in the early stages and after the 1600m improved its position and some use had to be made of the gelding to cross *Signposted* and assume the lead near the 1400m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Count Of Limonade – near the 1300m got its head up when being steadied to avoid the heels of *Signposted*, which shifted out.

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

Springbok Flyer – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Multifacets – App. L Magorrian was reminded of his obligation to ensure that he rides his mounts out hands and heels to the winning post whenever possible.

Signposted – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding had abraded both hind bumpers.

RACE 9: tab.com.au Handicap 1500m

Reneged – the declaration of correct weight was delayed to enable Stewards view the patrol films of the home straight to ascertain whether there were grounds for objection on behalf of

the connections of 5th placegetter **Reneged** against 4th placegetter *Metallic Crown*. It was established that in the early part of the straight **Reneged** and *Metallic Crown* brushed due to *Metallic Crown* shifting out. A short distance later **Reneged** and *Metallic Crown* again made contact due to both horses shifting ground. **Reneged** and *Metallic Crown* then raced tight for the remainder of the race. As Stewards were satisfied there were not sufficient grounds for objection, correct weight was duly declared.

Four Carat – slow to begin.

Plymouth Road – steadied and shifted in across behind runners after the start. Raced wide without cover throughout. In the middle stages *Zaunkonig* and **Plymouth Road** raced keenly and near the 1000m **Plymouth Road** had to be checked off the heels of *Zaunkonig*, which itself was steadied to obtain a position behind *Reneged*.

The Rumour File – crowded shortly after the start by *Zaunkonig*, which shifted out.

Trenchant – crowded shortly after the start between *The Rumour File* and *It's So Obvious*.

It's So Obvious – for some distance after the 600m raced closed to the heels of *Flow* and during this time had to be eased by its rider. Then approaching and rounding the home turn the mare continued to race close to the heels of *Flow*, whereby it was shifted to the outside of that runner on straightening and raced in restricted room between *Flow* and *Hunter Jack*. **It's So Obvious** then had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight and then for some distance after 300m, whilst endeavouring to improve into a narrow run between *Hunter Jack* and *Flow*, raced tight and made contact with *Flow* when *Hunter Jack* shifted in, resulting in **It's So Obvious** being disappointed for a run near the 150m, whereby the mare shifted out across the heels of *Hunter Jack* to continue into clear running. App. R King was advised that she must ensure that she provides her mounts with sufficient clearance from the heels of runners in front in similar circumstances when having regard to the positioning of her mount approaching and rounding the home turn.

GENERAL:

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race 1	T Berry (Seige Of Quebec)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 2	T Angland (Girl Sunday)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 3	G Schofield (Star Aspiration)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 5	C Van Der Werf (King Darci)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 6	App. B Ryan (Yesterday's Song) T Berry (Reincarnate)	6 strikes prior to the 100m. 6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	G Schofield (Elle Lou)	3 consecutive strikes prior to 100m.
Race 8	A Hyeronimus (Reiby The Red)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Race 1: Calculated (2), Stone.

Race 2: Insensata (2), Labdien, Girl Sunday.

Race 3: Cosmic Reign, Surprise Party, Imitation Game, Our Finvarra, Star Aspiration.

Race 4: Live To Dream (2), Word Games, Arbeitsam (1), The Getaway, Itsa Fait Accompli.

Race 5: Pick Me Up (2), Clear The Beach, Adjective, Mana.

Race 6: Yesterday's Songs, Reincarnate, Sir Plush (2).

Race 7: Centre Pivot, Slightly Sweet (2), Burning Passion, Elle Lou, Man Of His Word.

Race 8: Collateral (2), Reiby The Red, Springbok Flyer, Tap That, Signposted, The Gavel.

Race 9: Plymouth Road, Queen Misty (2), Reneged, Trenchant.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 8: H Bowman (Estikhraaj) \$100 – overweight (AR120(b)).
Reprimands:	Race 4: C Brown (Word Games) – overweight (AR120(b)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 3: Star Aspiration (co-trainer S Collings) – racing manners. Race 7: Shiraz (trainer K Waugh) – racing manners.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 2: Pioneering (trainer C Waller) – mildly lame off-foreleg. Race 4: Walk The Streets (trainer C Waller) – laceration to off-hind cannon. Race 7: Ninth Legion (trainer P Robl) – mildly lame off-foreleg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Tactics:	Race 1: Colesberg – to be ridden more forward; settled outside lead. Race 4: Walk The Streets – to be ridden quieter; settled worse than midfield. Word Games – to be ridden quieter; settled back. High Mist – option to be ridden more forward; settled on pace. Race 5: Dam Ready – to be ridden quieter; settled back. Race 7: Classic Uniform – to be ridden more forward; settled off pace wide. Race 8: Collateral – to be ridden more forward; settled midfield.
Change of Colours:	Race 7: Centre Pivot – yellow with red seams.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 2: Pioneering (trainer C Waller) – poor performance. Race 4: High Mist (trainer C Waller) – poor performance. Race 7: Oxford Poet (trainer K Waugh) – poor performance.