STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE

Saturday 1 April 2017

Weather: Fine Track: Heavy (8) Rail: True Penetrometer: 6.07

STEWARDS: M F Van Gestel (Chairman), P C Dingwall, R W Livingstone, T P Moxon, D M Greer

And Cadets C K McIntosh and T D North

(mkm)

Supplementary Reports:

ROSEHILL GARDENS: Saturday,

RACE 1: The Schweppervescence (Group 3) 1400m

Marsupial - Stable representative D Beadman advised that he was satisfied with the post race condition of **Marsupial** and the intention is to continue on with the horse's preparation.

GOSFORD: 31 March 2017

RACE 6 - Bill Rutledge Memorial Class 4 Handicap 1600m

Mortar Platoon – trainer C Waller advised that he was satisfied with the post race condition of the horse and indicated that in his view the horse requires cover to race best and it was not suited when racing outside the leader in this event. Mr Waller added that in his view **Mortar Platoon** may be suited on a firmer surface.

RACE 1 - Widden 150th Anniversary Stakes (Group 3) 1100m

Mr Kylin – to be ridden with cover; settled on pace with cover.

Solar Patch – to be ridden more forward; settled worse than midfield. The colt, which was fractious in the enclosure and reared and struck the enclosure fence, underwent veterinary examination upon arrival at the barriers and was passed fit to start.

Alizee - raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Raced wide without cover throughout.

Condor Heroes – began awkwardly and lost ground (2L). Pulled hard in the early and middle stages and on a number of occasions was steadied away from the heels of *Spencer* when awkwardly placed.

Dissolution – slow to begin.

Spencer – J Parr, the rider of *Sheikha*, was found guilty of careless riding in that near the 900m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of **Spencer** which was checked and lost its running. J Parr's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 9 April 2017 and to expire on Tuesday 18 April 2017 on which day he may ride.

RACE 2 – China Horse Club Carbine Club Stakes (Group 3) 1600m

Flying Jess – to be ridden quieter; settled back. A post race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have sustained a speedy cut to the off hind fetlock. Trainer J Moloney advised that **Flying Jess** would now be spelled.

Mr Sneaky – after being loaded reared and got its legs over the nearside portion of the barriers and struck out and made contact with *Screamarr*'s head on a number of occasions. Acting on veterinary advice both **Mr Sneaky** and *Screamarr* were late withdrawals at 12.48pm. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Mr Sneaky** and *Screamarr* be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers all successful wagers made prior to 12.48pm to be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

- 1st) Acatour less 17c win and 25c place
- 2nd) Theanswermyfriend less 11c place
- 3rd) Veladero less 29c place

Co-trainer L Freedman was advised that **Mr Sneaky** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Screamarr – after being loaded was struck in the head by *Mr Sneaky*. Acting on veterinary advice was a late withdrawal at 12.48pm. Co-trainer E Cummings was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness must be produced prior to **Screamarr's** next race start.

Acatour – slow to begin.

Violate – began awkwardly. When being restrained in order to get cover throughout the early and middle stages refused to settle, got its head up and raced very ungenerously.

Theanswermyfriend – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Veladero – raced keenly in the lead.

Eusebio – rider J Doyle stated that the gelding did not handle today's heavy track conditions and attributed this to the reason for its disappointing performance. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer J O'Shea concurred with the views of rider J Doyle and advised that the horse would now be spelled.

RACE 3 - Schweppes Chairman's Handicap (Group 2) 2600m

Pentathlon – when caught wide in the early stages was allowed to stride forward and race on pace. For some distance approaching and passing the winning post on the first occasion, **Pentathlon** and *Big Duke* raced tight and brushed on a number of occasions as *Big Duke* attempted to hold a position away from the the running rail.

Aloft – passing the 600m when *Big Duke* endeavoured to shift out around the heels of *Vandancer* it made contact with the hindquarter of **Aloft** resulting in **Aloft** becoming unbalanced. As *Big Duke* continued to improve into that position, **Aloft** and *Big Duke* made contact and raced tight for some distance approaching the 500m.

Kinema – rider Z Purton stated that his mount pulled extremely hard throughout the event, refused to settle and on a number of occasions in the middle stages was obliged to check away from the heels of *Rock On*. Trainer C Waller advised that the stable had experimented with gear today on **Kinema** in an endeavour to have the gelding settle in its races and today the horse was disadvantaged by the very slow early tempo of the event, which resulted in **Kinema** not settling. Mr Waller stated that the horse, which has been set for the Sydney Cup, was started in today's event so that it could have a seven day back up leading into the Sydney Cup and that he would give the rider the option of going forward if circumstances permit at its next start. On this assurance no direct action was taken against the racing manners of **Kinema** other than Mr Waller was advised that a warning was placed on the gelding.

Vandancer – rider T Berry stated that with the slow early pace he elected to go forward in the early stages to lead but in his view **Vandancer** failed to run out the 2600m journey. A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have abrasions to both hind bumpers.

Rock On – A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying a poor post race recovery. Trainer J Sargent was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness must be produced prior to **Rock On's** next race start.

RACE 4 – Newhaven Park Country Championships Final 1400m

Nic's Vendetta – as declared rider A Bullock was overweight, permission was granted for C Williams to be substituted. A Bullock will be interviewed at the Scone meeting on Monday 3 April 2017. For some distance approaching the 1200m became unbalanced when crowded for room between *Perfect Dare*, which shifted out slightly, and *Distinctive Look*, which was steadied, crowded and taken in by

Pelerin (T Angland) which shifted in when not clear. T Angland was reprimanded and advised to ensure he is two lengths clear when shifting ground. As a consequence of this **Nic's Vendetta** commenced to race fiercely and did not settle throughout the middle stages. Was left racing wide without cover after the 800m.

Cogliere – began awkwardly and from its wide barrier shifted in across behind runners. Was held up approaching and rounding the home turn. For some distance approaching the 200m had difficulty obtaining clear running.

Stoneyrise – slow to begin. Hung out under pressure in the straight and carried *Pumpkin Pie* wider for a short distance approaching the 200m. When questioned regarding **Stoneyrise** leading, J Pracey-Holmes stated that his instructions were to take up a midfield position with cover but when caught wide in the early stages and with no prospect of getting in he allowed **Stoneyrise** to stride forward and lead rather than being caught wide.

After All That – was briefly held up for a short distance passing the 200m when held up on the heels of *Galaxy Warrior*. **After All That** then shifted out and made contact with the hindquarter of *Not For Export* when endeavouring to improve into a narrow run between that horse and *Galaxy Warrior* near the 100m.

Steel Frost – making the first turn had to be steadied when crowded by *Perfect Dare*, which was taken in by *Pelerin* (T Angland) which shifted in when not clear. T Angland was reprimanded and advised to ensure he is two lengths clear when shifting ground.

Forever New York – making the first turn was checked away from the heels of *Steel Frost* when that horse was steadied.

Distinctive Look – raced wide without cover throughout. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Galaxy Warrior – raced wide without cover throughout.

Perfect Dare – rider H Bowman stated that his mount raced too keenly in the run and for this reason was left without a finishing effort. He added that in his view **Perfect Dare** was able to handle today's heavy track conditions and this was not the excuse for the horse's disappointing performance. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Pelerin – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace. Making the home turn *Free Standing* shifted out to improve around the heels of **Pelerin** and in doing so became awkwardly placed on the heels of that runner for a short distance. A post race veterinary examination revealed the **Pelerin** to have been galloped on on its near hind leg and was transported to Randwick Equine Centre for specialist veterinary care. The post race condition of **Pelerin** will be followed up with trainer C Morgan.

RACE 5 - The Green Guys P J Bell Stakes (Group 3) 1200m

Conchita – to be ridden quieter; settled on pace. When being restrained in the early stages got its head up. Raced wide without cover. D Yendall confirmed that his instructions were to obtain cover on the filly but after commencing well from the gates he elected to take up a forward position rather than restraining. He added that after crossing the field, when he took hold of his mount, **Conchita** resented his efforts to restrain and overraced for some distance.

Exocet – steadied and taken in behind runners after the start from its wide barrier. Struck the running rail near the 600m and became unbalanced.

My Country - reared on jumping.

Invincibella – raced keenly in the early and middle stages and near the 800m was steadied away from the heels of *My Country*. When questioned in respect to his ride, Z Purton stated that his instructions

were to settle in a midfield position and although his mount began well he was reluctant to ride forward when his instructions were to find cover and he risked racing without cover throughout the early stages and therefore he elected to restrain back. He added that his mount raced keenly throughout the middle stages which prevented him finding cover.

Manaya – raced keenly in the early and middle stages and got its head up. Held up for clear running until approaching the 300m.

Modern Wonder - laid out towards the heels of *Gibraltar Girl* passing the 300m and was eased.

Samantha – for some distance in the middle stages when inclined to overrace, raced tight to the inside of *My Country* (T Berry). Near the 700m *My Country* after being taken out by *Raiment* then shifted back in resulting in **Samantha** striking the heels of *My Country* and blundering badly. T Berry was reprimanded in respect to having **Samantha** too tight in the middle stages, however Stewards could not be satisfied that he had ridden carelessly which resulted in **Samantha** striking heels near the 700m. L Currie, rider of *Sweet Sherry*, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that near the 500m he permitted his mount to shift out to improve to outside of *Conchita* when insufficiently clear of *Zumbelina* resulting in *Zumbelina* being taken out and forcing *Samantha* to be checked and losing its running when taken out across the heels of *Invincibella*. L Currie's licence to ride in races was suspended to commence on Sunday 2 April 2017 and to expire on Sunday 16 April 2017 on which day he may ride. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Samantha** to have abraded its off hind bumper. Trainer G Ryan advised that **Samantha** would now be spelled. On this assurance no action was taken.

Sweet Sherry – A post race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have been galloped on on the near hind leg. Trainer B Stanley was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness must be produced prior to **Sweet Sherry's** next race start.

Raiment – rider J Doyle stated that his mount was left wide without cover but more so failed to travel at any stage of the event and raced flat. He added that under pressure in the straight, after initially responding **Raiment** was most disappointing in respect to its failure to finish its race off over the final 300 metres. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Prompt Response - B Shinn, rider of the second placed filly beaten 1.75 lengths from first, was fined \$200 under AR 145 for returning to scale in excess of half a kilogram in excess of half a kilogram over his allotted weight.

Zumbelina – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 6 - Inglis Sires' (Group 1) 1400m

Astoria – to be ridden guieter from wide barrier; settled well back.

Diamond Tathagata – was steadied and shifted back in across runners from its wide draw after the start.

Tulip – slow to begin.

Trapeze Artist – slow to begin. Overraced in the early and middle stages and for some distance after the 800m was continually steadied away from the heels of *Summer Passage*.

Chauffeur – began awkwardly. Rider J Parr stated that from his wide draw he went back, however his mount found it difficult to make up ground but in his opinion was still disappointing. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer G Ryan advised that **Chauffeur** would now be spelled.

The Mission – on jumping was crowded for room between *Sircconi* and *Single Bullet*. Overraced throughout the early and middle stages and near the 700m was steadied away from the heels of *Aspect* and then raced without cover thereafter.

Invader – the colt, which was withdrawn on the morning of the Golden Slipper due to a foot abscess, was examined after arriving on course and cleared to start. Slow to begin. Held up for clear running in the early part of the straight.

Feng Chu – pulled very hard in the middle stages and for some distance near the 600m was restrained from the heels of *Trapeze Artist*.

Frolic – hung in in the early part of the straight obliging its rider T Berry to change the whip from the left to the right hand near the 200m. **Frolic** then commenced to lay out. Rider T Berry stated that his mount got back as expected and due to the pattern of today's racing he rode his mount forward from the 800m in an endeavour to make up ground. He added that as a consequence in the straight **Frolic's** run came to an end due to its mid race effort and in the circumstances he was not too disappointed with its performance. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Menari – raced wide without cover. C Brown advised that in his view the horse did not run out the 1400m of today's race. A post race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be displaying a poor post race recovery. Trainer G Ryan advised that **Menari** would now be spelled.

RACE 7 - BMW Australian Derby (Group 1) 2400m

Jon Snow – laid in under pressure inside the 200m obliging its rider D Lane to change the whip from the left to the right hand near the 150m.

Gingernuts – hung in under pressure in the straight. Approaching the 600m was inconvenienced when taken wider as *Inference* shifted to the outside of *Hardham* to improve.

Inference – leaving the 600m had to be steadied when crowded between *Gingernuts* and *Hardham* (L Nolen) which shifted to the outside of *Ruthven* to improve. L Nolen was advised to exercise more care.

Hardham – shifted out under pressure in the straight.

Prized Icon – rider G Schofield stated that his mount in his view did not handle the heavy track conditions and this was the only excuse he could attribute for its poor run. A post race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be displaying the thumps. Trainer J Cummings endorsed the views expressed by G Schofield and undertook to provide a veterinary clearance prior to **Prized Icon's** next race start.

Shine Tak Star – approaching the 500m raced in restricted room between *Impavido* and *So Si Bon* (K McEvoy) which shifted out. K McEvoy was advised to exercise more care. A short distance later **Shine Tak Star** had to be checked when crowded between *Impavido* and *So Si Bon* which was taken out by *Hollywood Mo* (Z Purton) which after being steadied away from the heels of *Anaheim* ran out despite the efforts of its rider. As Stewards were satisfied that Z Purton had endeavoured to correct his mount almost immediately no action was taken.

So Si Bon – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Righteous Mate – near the 500m was steadied from the heels of *Hollywood* Mo when that runner ran out despite the efforts of its rider. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 8 - Darley T J Smith Stakes (Group 1) 1200m

Fell Swoop – to be ridden more forward; led.

Japonisme – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace.

Voodoo Lad - slow to begin. Briefly tightened for room by *Target In Sight* which shifted in when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Japonisme* near the 800m.

Terravista – near the 600m was buffeted for room between *Derryn* and *Rock Magic* which made the turn near the 600m awkwardly and shifted out.

Spieth – was badly held up over the final 300 metres and could not be tested.

Astern – rider J Doyle stated that his mount failed to handle the heavy track conditions. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Rock Magic – held up on the home turn.

Malaguerra – rider B Melham stated that his mount failed to handle today's heavy track conditions. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Russian Revolution – rider K McEvoy said that the horse raced keenly in the early stages and as a consequence was left without a finishing effort. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities other than the horse had lost its near hind plate in running.

RACE 9 - The Star Doncaster Mile (Group 1) 1600m

It's Somewhat – whilst in the saddling enclosure cast its off fore plate which was refitted. **It's Somewhat** was examined by the club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start.

Dibayani – to be ridden quieter; settled back.

Antonio Giuseppe – was slow to begin and then was crowded shortly after by *Arod* which shifted in. Rider T Berry stated that his mount settled back in the field and found it difficult to make up ground on today's heavy track conditions. T Berry added that in his view **Antonio Giuseppe** was looking for additional ground. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

I Am A Star - blundered on jumping.

Euro Angel - shifted in across behind runners in the early stages. Overraced in the early and middle stages and got its head up on a number of occasions. Approaching the 1200m when being restrained away from the heels of *Hauraki*.

Arod – raced keenly in the middle stages.

Hey Doc – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Raced wide without cover.

Ecuador – raced wide without cover.

Le Romain – when questioned regarding the performance rider H Bowman stated that from the 600m he was unable to improve when awkwardly placed close to the heels of the tiring *Ecuador*. He added that more significantly in the straight when *Ecuador* commenced to give ground, he was badly held up and as a result his mount lost significant momentum. H Bowman stated he was not able to obtain clear running until near the 200m, however having regard to the fact that his mount had lost momentum in the early part of the straight it was unable to find the line over the final 200 metres. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Redkirk Warrior – rider R Bayliss stated that his mount was caught wide throughout the event although at times was able to obtain cover. He said in his view the principal reason for the disappointing performance was that it failed to handle the heavy track conditions and he added that when under pressure his mount making the home turn hung out A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Happy Clapper – laid out under pressure in the straight and shifted out a number of horses inside the final 200 metres.

Spectroscope – rider J Moreira stated that his mount in his opinion did not back up within 7 days from its win in the Doncaster Preclude on 25 March 2017 and was a beaten horse rounding the home turn. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 10 - TAB Adrian Knox Stakes (Group 3) 2000m

Mull Over – the filly, which the Stewards were notified had suffered an abrasion to the near hind leg, was examined on arrival on course and cleared to start. Raced wide without cover throughout. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Dancing Hare - slow to begin. Leaving the 500m *High Impulse* improved to the inside of *Face Like Thunder* when that runner commenced to give ground and shifted out. When *Face Like Thunder* then continued to give ground and shifted back in slightly *High Impulse* was then taken in onto **Dancing Hare** resulting in **Dancing Hare** having to be steadied when crowded.

Matron Wilson – Rider apprentice A Adkins reported that his mount did not feel comfortable in its action. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Matron Wilson** to be displaying a poor post race recovery. Trainer R Quinton was advised that if it was his intention to continue with **Matron Wilson's** preparation a veterinary clearance will be required prior to its next race start.

Baysa – when questioned regarding the performance rider T Berry stated that his mount blundered on a number of occasions in the going and in his view this was the reason for its disappointing performance in that it failed to handle the heavy track conditions. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Usena – When questioned Z Purton stated that rounding the home turn he improved up to be close on the back of *Dancing Hare* and when that runner was inclined to shift ground in advance, he was reluctant to ride his mount forward and for this reason was briefly held up making the home turn after then committing to the inside of *Dancing Hare*. Apprentice A Adkins, the rider of *Matron Wilson*, in the presence of his master trainer R Quinton, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 137(a) in that near the 1600m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of *Blanco Cara* resulting in that runner being taken in across the running of **Usena** which was checked and lost its running. Apprentice A Adkins' permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 9 April 2017 and to expire on Sunday 16 April 2017 on which day he may ride.

Lama Hilton – on the home turn was hampered and taken wider when *Waking Moment* shifted out and away from La Chatte.

La Chatte – rider J Doyle stated that his mount did not handle the heavy track conditions and after leaving the 800m commenced to make an abnormal respiratory noise. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative D Beadman was advised that a veterinary clearance including the results of an endoscopic examination would be required prior to **La Chatte** being permitted to race again.

Waking Moment – prior to the declaration of correct weight, after Stewards identified from the inquiry room that jockey J Collett had struck his horse on 8 occasions prior to the 100m. When the Stewards were satisfied **Waking Moment** had not gained an advantage that resulted in it winning the race in accordance with AR168(2),they therefore declined to exercise their powers under AR137A(9) and did not proceed with lodging a formal objection. At a subsequent inquiry J Collett pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for striking his mount on eight occasions prior to the 100m, three more than permitted under the rule. J Collett was fined \$700. In assessing penalty Stewards were satisfied that his breach in respect to the totality of his whip use was of a minor nature.

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):

Race 4	C Reith (Not For Export)	6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 5	T Berry (My Country)	7 strikes prior to 100m
Race 7	T Berry (Inference)	6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 7	O Boson (Gingernuts)	6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 8	T Berry (Chautauqua)	7 strikes prior to 100m
Race 10	B Shinn (Lamma Hilton)	7 strikes prior to 100m

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

- Race 1: Property(2), Condor Heroes(2), Mr Kylin, Solar Patch
- Race 2: Flying Jess, Theanswermyfriend, Violate, Screamarr
- Race 3: Big Duke(2), Aloft(2), Pentathlon, Rock On
- Race 4: Distinctive Look, Perfect Dare, After All That(2), Stoneyrise, Not For Export
- Race 5: Modern Wonder, Invincibella, Exocet, Prompt Response.
- Race 6: Chauffeur, Veranillo, Summer Passage(2), Aspect, Sircconi, Feng Chu, Trapeze Artist.
- Race 7: Prized Icon, Gingernuts, Inference, So Si Bon, Hardham(2), Ruthven, Harper's Choice (2), Impavido
- Race 8: Chautauqua, Terravista, Rebel Dane, Spieth, Rock Magic, Tivaci, English(2), Astern, Russian Revolution, Fell Swoop.
- Race 9: Hauraki, Le Romain, Happy Clapper(2), It's Somewhat, Arod, I Am A Star, Hey Doc, Spectroscope, Sense Of Occasion.
- Race 10: Fallacy, Dancing Hare, Blanco Cara, Perfect Rhyme.

SUMMARY		
Fines:	Race 5: B Shinn, \$200 – in excess of half a kilogram (AR 145)	
	Race 10: J Collett, \$700 [AR137A(5)(a)(ii)]	
Reprimands:	Race 4: T Angland (twice) – shifting in [AR 137(a)]	
	Race 6: T Berry – racing too tight [AR 137(a)]	
Suspensions:	Race 1: J Parr [AR 137(a)] from 9/4/17 to 18/4/17 on which day he may ride.	
	Race 5: L Currie [AR 137(a)] from 2/4/17 to 16/4/17 on which day he may ride.	
	Race 10: A Adkins [AR 137(a)] from 9/4/17 to 16/4/17 on which day he may ride.	
Bleeders:	Nil	
Warnings:	Race 3: Kinema – racing manners (trainer C Waller)	
Trials:	Race 2: Mr Sneaky – fractious in the barriers (Co-trainers L&A Freedman)	
Certificates:	Race 2: Screamarr – struck in head in barriers (Co-trainers A&E Cummings)	
	Race 3: <i>Rock On</i> – poor post race recovery (trainer J Sargent)	
	Race 5: Sweet Sherry – galloped on behind (trainer B Stanley)	
	Race 7: Prized Icon – thumps (trainer J Cummings)	
	Race 10: Matron Wilson (trainer R Quinton)	
Fall/Injuries:	Nil	
Change of Colours:	Race 9: <i>Happy Clapper</i> – black cap.	
	Race 10: <i>Fallacy</i> – green with white check sleeves.	
Change of Gear	Nil	
Follow up:	Race 4: post race condition of <i>Pelerin</i> (trainer C Morgan)	
	Race 10: Matron Wilson (trainer R Quinton)	