STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE

Saturday 2 April 2016

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (6)
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 5.69

STEWARDS: R P Murrihy (Chairman), M F Van Gestel, G T Rudolph, R W Livingstone and cadets J A Shultz and J J E Earl (jl)

Supplementary Reports:

WYONG - Wednesday 30 March 2016

Race 1: Syngenta Maiden Handicap 1100m

Volpe – co-trainer Mr M Hawkes advised the colt would be spelled.

ROSEHILL GARDENS - Saturday 26 March 2016

Race 5: Tulloch Stakes (Group 2) 2000m

Man Of Choice – trainer Mr L Price reported the gelding had undergone further scans during the week, which were clear, and he intends to freshen up Man Of Choice and drop it back in grade after the Autumn carnival. On that advice, the Stewards did not enforce the requirement for Man Of Choice to trial prior to its next start.

Race 6: Vinery Stud Stakes (Group 1) (Registered name: Storm Queen Stakes) 2000m Risque – co-trainer Mr D Hayes reported the filly had pulled up with some tenderness in the near-fore hoof, for which it has since been treated.

RACE 1: Widden Kindergarten Stakes (Group 3) 1100m

Astern – which was fractious in the barriers, jumped awkwardly and then shifted out shortly after the start. When being restrained to find cover in the early stages, race ungenerously and, therefore, was obliged to race wide without cover.

Let's Dream Big – slow to begin.

Prince Chabal – slow to begin.

El Divino – on straightening shifted out and made slight contact with *Astern*.

Geneteau – laid out under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride.

Mooshakissa – when questioned regarding the performance, D Oliver stated his mount did not handle today's soft track. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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RACE 2: Carbine Club Stakes (Group 3) 1600m

Hierarchal – as M Zahra was unable to fulfil his engagement due to transport difficulties, Stewards permitted D Oliver to be substituted as the rider of the colt.

Queen Of Wands - He's Our Rokkii jumped away very awkwardly, crowding **Queen Of Wands** out onto Data Point.

Tatoosh – rider B Avdulla stated the gelding had raced closer with blinkers on today, but did not appear to back up from its run at Rosehill on 26 March 2016, particularly over the shorter 1600m journey. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr P Perry stated **Tatoosh** finishes its races off better when able to be ridden quieter and, in his opinion, this was the principal reason for the disappointing performance. Mr Perry undertook to report back on the progress of **Tatoosh** subsequent to the race and the future race plans for the gelding.

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

Supercoach – bounded in the air on jumping and missed the start as a result. Had to be steadied when *Alegria* (S Clipperton) shifted out to improve at the 600m. S Clipperton was told to exercise more care.

Destiny's Kiss – knuckled making the crossing at the 1600m.

Dee I Cee – when questioned regarding the performance, T Clark stated that, with five weeks between runs and on today's soft surface, the gelding did not run out the 2600m journey, particularly when, without cover, it was inclined to race keenly in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr A Bott confirmed that the run of **Dee I Cee** was disappointing and advised the Stewards that they will reassess the immediate racing plans for the gelding. He undertook to report back to the Stewards concerning how **Dee I Cee** pulled up subsequent to the race.

Alegria – S Clipperton, rider of 2nd placegetter, was fined \$800 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for having used the whip on six occasions prior to the 100m (one more than permitted by the rule).

RACE 4: The Country Championships Final (Special Condition) 1400m

Clearly Innocent – on Friday, 1 April 2016 trainer Mr G Bennett informed the Stewards that the gelding had been treated for a stone bruise sustained earlier in the week. Permission was granted for Mr Bennett to remove the standard race plates and fit bar plates in front on **Clearly Innocent**. **Clearly Innocent** was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Officer and the Club Farrier after arrival on course and was found suitable to race.

Pera Pera – restless in the barriers, resulting in rider H Bowman sustaining an injury to his right ankle. Rider H Bowman, rider of 2nd placegetter, was fined \$2,000 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for having used the whip on six occasions prior to the 100m (one more than permitted by the rule).

Something Borrowed – jumped out at the start and hampered *Ultimate Dreamer*.

Lofty's Menu – at the entrance to the straight came into contact with *Ever So Natural* when **Lofty's Menu** was held up on the heels of *Bank On Henry*.

Ashjata – steadied away from the heels of *Lofty's Menu*, which improved quickly to its outside approaching the 200m. When questioned, rider T Huet stated he was obliged to cover ground throughout but, moreover, he felt the mare had not backed up from its run at Muswellbrook on 27 March 2016. In addition, he felt **Ashjata** did not appear to handle today's soft going

Profiler – near the 150m **Profiler**, which was commencing to improve between *Mitchell Road* (App. L Coombe) and *Chrysolaus*, was hampered when *Mitchell Road* shifted out under pressure. App. Coombe was reprimanded and advised to make more effort to keep her mounts straight.

RACE 5: Dilmah Tea P J Bell Stakes (Group 3) 1200m

Pearls – after arriving at the barriers, it was noted the filly had lost it's off-fore plate, resulting in the start being delayed when it was required to be replated.

Don't Doubt Marley – after being loaded into the barriers, got its off-hind leg caught on the partition of the barrier stall. The filly was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Officer and passed fit to start. At the 1000m *Typecast*, which was racing ungenerously, shifted in badly hampering *Secret Agenda*, in turn causing **Don't Doubt Marley** to be checked.

Secret Agenda – shortly after being badly hampered at the 1000m, overreacted when *Regatta Rebel* (C Brown) shifted in when not fully clear. C Brown was told to ensure he is fully clear when shifting ground. In assessing the incident, Stewards accepted the evidence of rider C Newitt that **Secret Agenda** was unbalanced from the earlier incident.

Dawnie Perfect – which was slow to begin, was checked shortly after the start when tightened for room between *Don't Doubt Marley* and *Secret Agenda*.

Typecast - raced ungenerously in the early stages and near the 800m had to be restrained off the heels of *Tempt Me Not* (G Schofield), which shifted in when not fully clear. G Schofield was reprimanded.

Egyptian Symbol – on straightening had to be checked when disappointed for a run to the inside of the heels of *Denmagic*. **Egyptian Symbol** then had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Regatta Rebel – on straightening was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Typecast*, which was shifting out. As a result *Denmagic*, which was following, had to be checked off the heels of **Regatta Rebel** and *Denpurr* was hampered in consequence.

Super Cash – rider L Currie was fined \$400 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for having used the whip on seven occasions prior to the 100m (two more than permitted by the rule).

Perignon – a post-race veterinary examination, after travelling wide throughout, revealed lacerations to the near-hind fetlock.

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

Seaburge – hampered when *Good Standing* jumped in at the start.

Telperion – held up early in the straight.

Attention – rounding the home turn bumped *Omei Sword*, resulting in **Attention** becoming unbalanced. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Faraway Town – held up until approaching the 200m.

Detective – inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

Good Standing – laid in under pressure in the straight.

Omei Sword – bumped with *Sparkle* on jumping. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr C Waller indicated the only excuses he could offer for the performance were that the filly travelled a little keenly and, due to its inexperience, struggled in the soft going. He undertook to report back if there is anything amiss with **Omei Sword** subsequent to the race.

Yankee Rose – Z Purton, rider of the winner, was fined \$2,000 under AR137A(5)(a)(i) for having used the whip in consecutive strides prior to the 100m contrary to the rule.

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

Tarzino – at the 1700m had to be restrained off the heels of *Jameka* (D Oliver), which shifted in when not fully clear. D Oliver was told to make sure he is two lengths clear when shifting ground. **Tarzino** made the crossing at the 1600m awkwardly. Rider C Newitt explained that his mount never settled in the run and from the 600m was inclined to lay out and, as a result, did not finish the race off.

Vanbrugh – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be mildly lame in the near foreleg. Trainer Mr C Waller was advised a veterinary clearance would be required for **Vanbrugh** should they continue on with the colt's preparation. Mr Waller undertook to report back to the Stewards on the future race plans for **Vanbrugh** in the days subsequent.

Tavago – rider T Berry pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for having used the whip on six occasions prior to the 100m (one more than permitted by the rule). T Berry was fined \$2,000 and suspended for three meetings, to commence on Sunday, 10 April 2016 and to expire on Saturday, 16 April 2016, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty, Stewards took into account that this was the 13th occasion on which T Berry had breached this rule within his last 400 rides. T Berry was also fined \$400 under AR137(c) for making a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post.

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

Flamberge – when questioned, rider D Lane indicated, after knuckling over at the start, his mount got on the wrong let at the 900m and again on the home turn and for that reason, when it was well beaten, he eased it down in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr M Ellerton indicated that **Flamberge** would be returning to Melbourne and undertook to report back if there is anything amiss with the gelding subsequent to the race.

Terravista – on straightening came into contact with *English* as it shifted out to improve around *Rebel Dane*.

Fast 'N' Rocking – at the 1000m had to be steadied when tightened for room between *English* and *Terravista*, which was taken out marginally by *Exosphere*.

Delectation – could not be fully tested over the final stages when placed close to the heels of *Dothraki*.

Exosphere – rider J McDonald stated he was able to secure a nice position in the run, but was disappointing and he could offer not explanation for the performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be lame in the off foreleg. Trainer Mr J O'Shea stated there had been no issues whatsoever with **Exosphere** going into the race. He concurred with the view of the Club's Veterinary Officer that the colt was significantly lame in the off foreleg subsequent to the race and undertook to report to the Stewards the results of a full veterinary examinations to be conducted on **Exosphere**. J McDonald will be interviewed relative to his use of the whip on the colt.

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

Bow Creek – slow to begin. Had some difficulty obtaining clear running approaching the 200m when held up on the heels of *Stratum Star*.

Winx – *Turn Me Loose* shifted out at the start, taking *Volkstok'n'barrell* out onto **Winx**. Rider H Bowman was fined \$400 under AR137(c) for making a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post.

Aomen – briefly tightened for room approaching the 300m when *Winx*, which had been held up, shifted back to the inside of *Kermadec* and *Stratum Star*.

Stratum Star – ran out passing the 300m, briefly hampering the tiring *Kermadec*

Kermadec – shifted out passing the 300m, taking *Turn Me Loose* out onto *Ecuador*, which had to be steadied away from the heels of *Good Prospect* (C Newitt), which shifted in. C Newitt was told to make more effort to keep his mounts straight. When questioned, rider Z Purton stated his mount began well today and was able to take up a forward position without being pushed. He added that when he asked his mount for an effort at the 450m it did not respond and its run was most disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the horse to have blood present in its mouth and was displaying a poor post-race recovery. Trainer Mr C Waller stated **Kermadec** would now be freshened up and he would consider restricting the horse's future program to sprint distances.

First Seal – rider T Berry stated his mount travelled well, but when asked to quicken could not do so in the soft going and, after receiving a bump from *Winx* at the 300m, weakened quickly from that point. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a superficial laceration to the inside of the off-hind leg and the mare to be displaying a poor post-race recovery. Trainer Mr J Thompson undertook to report back to the Stewards the results of a full vet check.

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

Zasorceress – as Z Purton was overweight, Stewards permitted T Berry to be substituted as the rider of the filly. Z Purton was fined \$200 under AR120(b). Jumped awkwardly.

Karaka Lass – hampered at the start when *Shotgun Roulette* jumped awkwardly.

Peggy's Cove – got its head up when being restrained in the early stages.

Daisy's Joy – hampered and taken wider when *Rainbow Park* was taken out by *Diamond Made*, which shifted out when improving. Rider B Avdulla stated his mount was not comfortable in the soft track conditions and, in his opinion, may have come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Seltzer - held up until passing the 300m.

Diamond Made – when questioned concerning the improved performance of the filly, as compared to its last placing in a maiden event at Kembla Grange on 19 March 2016, trainer Mr B Cross stated that the filly's previous form had been most consistent. He confirmed, as reported in the Kembla Grange Stewards' report, his instructions on that occasion had been to be midfield, but the filly overraced badly, pulled its way into the lead and raced far too keenly, resulting in it being left without any finishing effort. Mr Cross on that occasion informed the Stewards that the manner in which the filly had raced was against its established pattern and he would today be endeavouring to have it race with cover.

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

- Race 1: Astern (2), Hostwin Legend, Prince Chabal, Let's Dream Big, Geneteau.
- Race 2: He's Our Rokkii (2) Data Point, Rosaleisha (2), Odyssey Moon.
- Race 3: Café Society, Wales, Alegria.
- Race 4: Profiler, Something Borrowed, Not A Shadow, Ashjata (2), Ultimate Dreamer, Clearly Innocent (2), Pera Pera, Ever So Natural.
- Race 5: Perignon, Secret Agenda, Super Cash, Egyptian Symbol, Tempt Me Not (2), Pearls.
- Race 6: Seaburge, Chimboraa, Yankee Rose (2), Zamzam, Omei Sword, Sparkle, Good Standing, Telperion, Faraway Town.
- Race 7: Vanbrugh, Crosley Hotshot, Tally (2), What's The Story, Tavago (2) Jameka, Tarzino.
- Race 8: Chautauqua (2), Flamberge, Delectation, Terravista, Our Boy Malachi, Rebel Dane, Fast 'N' Rocking, Exosphere (2), Fell Swoop.
- Race 9: Kermadec, Turn Me Loose, Winx (2), Bow Creek, First Seal, Happy Clapper (2), Stratum Star, Volkstok'n'barrell, Good Project, He Or She, Rudy, Azkadellia.
- Race 10: Alaskan Rose (2), Alittle Loose, Bulla Baby, Zasorceress, Seltzer.

SUMMARY			
Fines:	Race 3: S Clipperton (Alegria) \$800 – use of the whip		
	AR137A(5)(a)(ii)).		
	Race 4: H Bowman (Pera Pera) \$2,000 – use of the whip		
	(AR137A(5)(a)(ii)).		
	Race 5: L Currie (Super Cash) \$400 – use of the whip		
	(AR137A(5)(a)(ii)).		
	Race 6: Z Purton (Yankee Rose) \$2,000 – use of the whip		
	(AR137A(5)(a)(i)).		
	Race 7: T Berry (Tavago) \$2,000 – use of the whip		
	(AR137A(5)(a)(ii)).		
	T Berry (Tavago) \$400 – celebratory gesture (AR137(c)).		
	Race 9: H Bowman (Winx) \$400 – celebratory gesture (AR137(c)).		
	Race 10: Z Purton (Zasorceress) \$200 – overweight (AR120(b)).		
Reprimands	Race 5: App. L Coombe (Mitchell Road) – careless riding		
_	(AR137(a)).		

Suspensions:	Race 7:	T Berry (Tavago) – use of the whip (AR137A(5)(a)(ii)),
		suspended from 10/4/16 to 16/4/16.
Bleeders:	Nil.	
Warnings:	Nil	
Trials:	Nil.	
Certificates:	Race 7:	Vanbrugh (trainer C Waller) – mildly lame near foreleg.
	Race 8:	Exosphere (trainer J O'Shea) – lame off foreleg.
Fall/Injuries:	Race 4:	H Bowman (Pera Pera) – injury to right ankle.
Change of Tactics:	Race 1:	Hostwin Legend – to be ridden more forward; led.
		Astern – to be ridden more conservatively (from wide
		barrier); settled on pace.
	Race 6:	Sparkle – to be ridden more forward (with blinkers on); led.
Change of Colours:	Nil.	
Change of Gear	Race 4:	Clearly Innocent – bar plates in front.
Follow up:	Race 2:	Tatoosh (trainer P Perry) – poor performance.
	Race 3:	Dee I Cee (trainer G Waterhouse) – poor performance.
	Race 7:	Vanbrugh (trainer C Waller) – future race plans.
	Race 6:	Omei Sword (trainer C Waller) – poor performance.
	Race 8:	Exosphere (trainer J O'Shea) – lame off foreleg.
		J McDonald (Exosphere) – use of the whip.
		Flamberge (co-trainer M Ellerton) – poor performance.
	Race 9:	First Seal (trainer J Thompson) – poor post-race recovery.