

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE

Monday 6 April 2015

Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy (9); upgraded to Heavy (8) at 12.10pm; upgraded to Soft (7) at 2pm
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 6.18

STEWARDS: R P Murrehy (Chairman), M F Van Gestel, G T Rudolph, C G Polglase, T P Moxon and cadets J T Penfold, T A McDonald and C D Lock

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As T Angland was overweight, the Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

Race 1	B Avdulla on Meteora Miss .
Race 5	C Williams on Swift Lady .

T Angland will be interviewed.

As C Brown could not fulfil his engagement due to a flight back to Singapore, the Stewards permitted the following rider replacement:

Race 10	T Berry on Joyful Journey .
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RACE 1: Widden Kindergarten Stakes (Group 3) 1100m

Magic Diamond – on return to scale a protest was lodged by K McEvoy, rider of fourth placegetter, **Magic Diamond**, against *Redzel* being declared third on the grounds of interference approaching the 200m. Whilst the Stewards were satisfied that at that point *Redzel* briefly shifted out, hampering **Magic Diamond**, the run between *Regatta Rebel* and *Redzel* again became available to **Magic Diamond**, but that filly then was inclined to lay out and was allowed to come to the outside of horses by its rider, K McEvoy. In the circumstances, giving consideration to the slight degree of interference caused by the shift of *Redzel* in relationship to the margin of a short neck, the Stewards could not be satisfied that that shift had a material effect on the finishing positions of the two respective horses. At a subsequent inquiry the Stewards accepted that H Bowman, rider of *Redzel*, had taken the appropriate action of immediately straightening his mount when it shifted ground near the 200m.

Meteora Miss – hampered on jumping when *Redzel* jumped out at the start.

Sooboog – rider T Berry stated his instructions were to lead or be outside the lead, however, not only did the colt miss the start, it did not muster speed and was under pressure for much of the journey. He added that he urged **Sooboog** along with the whip near the 600m, but the

colt did not respond to his riding and failed to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be displaying a poor post-race recovery. Co-trainers W and M Hawkes, when questioned, stated that today's track conditions had been the principal reason for the performance of the colt and undertook to report back if there is anything amiss with **Sooboog** subsequent to the race. Mr M Hawkes was questioned as to whether there had been anything amiss with the colt subsequent to its performance at Randwick in the Breeders' Plate on Saturday, 4 October 2014. He indicated that **Sooboog** had been found to have stress fractures in the pelvis area, resulting in the colt being spelled. He added that **Sooboog** had trialled well on two occasions since. The inquiry was adjourned so that Mr Hawkes can research his records in respect to the advice as to whether this condition had been formally reported to the Stewards.

Tempt Me Not – rider C Williams stated his instructions were to ride his mount where comfortable and he elected to follow *Sooboog* early, however, except for a short distance passing the 500m, the filly did not respond to his riding and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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

Sworn To Silence – rider Z Purton reported that the gelding was never comfortable in the conditions and failed to run on.

Washington Heights – rider C Williams stated that his mount was slow to begin and he took up a position on the back of *Sworn To Silence* early. He added his mount was never travelling comfortably and he was obliged to pull the whip prior to the turn, but **Washington Heights**, which was having its first start over 1600m, failed to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be displaying a poor post-race recovery, had an elevated heart rate and was tied up behind. Trainer Mr G Ryan stated that **Washington Heights** had done well and shown no signs of tying up in its work leading into today's race. He undertook to present a veterinary clearance, but in the interim indicated the colt would have a short break away from racing, whereby they will assess its immediate race plans.

Hi World – when questioned concerning the colt leading today, K McEvoy stated the instructions were left to him. He added that it was his intention to look for cover, but when **Hi World** jumped quite well and particularly when it raced a little too keenly, he was obliged to take over the running. Trainer Mr P Moody confirmed that no binding instructions were issued.

Diamond Valores – rider V Duric stated the gelding became very stirred up behind the barriers, raced a little one-paced and, in his opinion, had not backed up from its run at Rosehill on 28 March 2015 in the Tulloch Stakes. V Duric reported his saddle shifted back early, but it did not cause any great inconvenience. Co-trainer Mr P Snowden agreed that the performance of the gelding was disappointing and indicated they would assess the immediate racing future of **Diamond Valores** during the week.

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

Scratchy Bottom – got its head up when being restrained off the heels of *Sir John Hawkwood* passing the winning post on the first occasion.

Grand Marshal – at the entrance to the straight had to be checked off the heels of *Honorius* when disappointed for a run between *Honorius* and *Phrases*, which shifted out slightly.

Tremec – rider B Avdulla stated that he had no instructions, other than to get the gelding to jump away, as it has been fractious in the barrier and missed the start at its most recent starts. He added, after jumping away, he had the option to either go forward and sit outside the leader or to go back and, with the pace early only average, he allowed his mount to stride forward and sit outside *Queenstown*. When questioned regarding the improved performance of **Tremec**, trainer Mr J Thompson stated at Rosehill on 21 March 2015 the gelding missed the start, got back in the field in a race which developed into a sprint home and was not suited by the firm track. He added that **Tremec** is a one-paced stayer, which improves with each start and the principal factors in its improvement today were its clean get away, being back to the bigger Randwick track and the soft track.

Disclaimer – when questioned concerning the performance of the gelding, S Clipperton stated his intention had been to ride the gelding with cover and allow it to settle, however, after striking interference from *Phrases* on jumping away, **Disclaimer** raced further back than he had intended. He added, with the tempo increasing from the 800m, the gelding was under pressure too far out and was unable to make up ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr P Snowden stated, in his view, given the pattern of today's racing, that **Disclaimer** had got too far back. He undertook to report if there is anything amiss with the gelding subsequent to the race.

Queenstown – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying a poor post-race recovery.

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RACE 4: Country Championship Final (Special Condition) 1400m

Loved Up – A pre-race veterinary examination of **Loved Up**, which sustained an eye injury during the Albury Guineas on 27 March 2015, passed the filly fit to start. Overraced throughout the early and middle stages after being trapped three wide. Lost its off-fore plate in running.

Voodoo Lad – began awkwardly from barrier. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr R Northam was asked to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding racing again.

Sheza Gypsy – rider B Spriggs reported the saddle slipped back at the start, placing him at a disadvantage. Trainer Mr M Byers confirmed that there have been difficulties with the saddle slipping on this mare on a number of occasions and he would now look to applying a non-slip pad to overcome this problem. Lost its off-fore plate in running.

Redwolf – App. M McGuren was reprimanded for using the whip on a horse out of contention.

Hollywood Nell – rider M Travers was reprimanded for using the the whip on a horse out of contention.

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

Tahni Dancer – slow to begin.

Kind Heart - overrace in the middle stages.

Sultry Feeling – which had been held up, came into contact with *Matilija* at the 200m when disappointed for a run between *Peeping* and *Matilija*. Approaching the 100m directed back across the heels of *Peeping* to find clear ground.

Matilija – near the 900m was briefly inconvenienced when *Pittsburgh Flyer* was taken in by *Miss Cover Girl* (G Boss). G Boss was reminded of his obligation to ensure he is clear when shifting ground.

Nayeli – when questioned concerning the poor performance, rider D Oliver stated the filly was difficult to load, jumped away very awkwardly and lost ground. He added **Nayeli** travelled reasonably well in the run, but when asked for an effort failed to respond to his riding and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be displaying a poor post-race recovery. Stable representative Mr M Newnham stated, since winning at Randwick on 7 March 2015, **Nayeli** has pleased the stable. He added that he rode the filly in two gallops last week which had pleased the stable and the reason it had not started since 7 March 2015 was because the stable had sought to space its runs. He indicated this was the second occasion that **Nayeli** had raced and disappointed on heavy tracks. The inquiry was adjourned so that the stable may report back on the immediate race plans for the filly.

Miss Cover Girl – when questioned concerning the filly leading today, G Boss stated his mount jumped well and, as he assessed that no one appeared to be taking the initiative to go forward, he allowed his mount to stride forward and cross. The Stewards confirmed with trainer Mr K Schweida that the expectation had been that **Miss Cover Girl** would race behind the pace, which is its normal pattern.

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

English – bumped on jumping away by *Tarquin*. Rider T Berry stated his mount travelled well outside the leader, but when asked to quicken at the 400m failed to handle the going. He added, in addition, **English** may not have backed up from its effort in the Golden Slipper on 21 March 2015. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr A Bott undertook to report how the filly pulled up and the future racing plans.

Mishani Honcho – approaching the 200m had to be steadied when *Ready For Victory* (N Hall) shifted in to improve to the inside of the heels of *Always Allison*. N Hall was told to ensure he is clear when shifting ground.

Always Allison – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the filly, J Moreira stated that his mount had to work hard to get across from its outside barrier and lead, as instructed. He added, in addition, **Always Allison** did not appear to appreciate today's soft ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr L Prior confirmed that rider J Moreira had to make more use of the filly to cross from its wide barrier and thereafter was never allowed to dictate terms. He indicated **Always Allison** would now be spelled.

Ready For Victory – rider N Hall advised his mount raced very keenly early and failed to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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

Hampton Court –broke open its gate after being placed in the barriers. Was quickly recaptured and passed fit to start. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Quick Strike – which began awkwardly, collided heavily with *Ruling Dynasty* on jumping away when taken out by *Omeros*.

Omeros – overraced badly in the early stages and near the 1600m got its head up when being restrained off the heels of *Quick Strike*. As a result, **Omeros** lost its position and raced three wide thereafter. Rider J Moreira explained that he commenced to pull the whip into his right hand, but the gelding ducked out abruptly and lost ground as a result. The racing manners were brought to the attention of trainer Mr J Sargent, who stated that **Omeros** made a long run from the 600 and, in his opinion, the first time at Randwick and wide into the straight, the gelding lost concentration. He indicated **Omeros** would now be spell. J Moreira was reprimanded under (AR137A(5)(a)(i) for using the whip in successive strikes prior to the 100m.

Preferment – when questioned concerning the performance of the colt, D Oliver stated his mount settled back and travelled well to the 800m, but between 800m and 400m failed to handle the going and was a beaten horse prior to the entrance to the straight. Stable representative Mr L Prior stated that, although the colt had wet track form when it was in a weaker grade at Warwick Farm, in the opinion of the stable it did not handle today's track conditions. He indicated **Preferment** would now be spelled.

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Volkstok'n'barrel – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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

Sweet Idea – was withdrawn prior to official scratching time, due to tenderness in the off side of the neck area. Trainer Mrs G Waterhouse explained the tenderness may have been as a result of an allergy and undertook to provide a veterinary clearance if she is to continue with the preparation of the mare.

Famous Seamus – knuckled over on jumping.

Lankan Rupee – approaching the 1000m hampered when *Rain Affair*, despite the efforts of its rider, ducked in. Linking up with the course proper at the 900m **Lankan Rupee**, which was inclined to overrace, had to check off the heels of *Rain Affair* which ducked in, despite the efforts of its rider. When questioned, C Newitt stated the gelding travelled well for the first

600m, but was a beaten horse after straightening. Trainer Mr M Price stated that the run was most disappointing and **Lankan Rupee** would undergo a full body scan, whereby he undertook to report the results to the Stewards. He indicated irrespective **Lankan Rupee** will be spelled.

Tiger Tees – approaching the 1000m hampered when *Rain Affair* ducked in.

RACE 9: The Star 150th Doncaster Mile (Group 1) 1600m

The Stewards permitted at rider declaration time for G Boss to be declared on **Leebaz** and S Clipperton on **Destiny's Kiss** when both riders held engagements on the emergencies **Sweynesse** and **Kermadec**. When **Kermadec** and **Sweynesse** both gained starts in the field, Stewards approved P King to be declared as the rider of **Leebaz** and C Williams as the rider of **Destiny's Kiss**.

Sweynesse – the Stewards clarified with trainer Mr J O'Shea that there had been no setback in the preparation of the colt leading into its preparation for the Rosehill Guineas on 21 March 2015. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr J O'Shea and rider S Clipperton will be interviewed relative to the performance of the colt.

Hallowed Crown – shifted a near-fore plate, which necessitated the colt being replated back in the tie-up stalls. The colt was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Officer behind the barriers and passed fit to start.

World Ace – shifted a near-fore plate in the mounting yard, was replated, inspected by the Club's Veterinary Officer in the mounting yard and again behind the barrier and passed fit to start. Began awkwardly and ran in at the start

Leebaz – bounded in the air on jumping away and lost ground (2L).

Arabian Gold – slow to begin. Passing the 300m was briefly tightened between *Sweynesse* and *Suavito* (C Brown), which shifted out. C Brown was told to exercise more care.

Pornichet – slow to begin. On straightening came together with *Kermadec* when endeavouring to improve between *Rudy* (App. L Tarrant) which shifted out, and *Suavito*. App. Tarrant was told to exercise more care.

Kermadec – on straightening came together with *Pornichet*. G Boss pleaded guilty to a charge under AR145 of having returned to scale more than ½ kilogram overweight (G Boss weighed out at 0.4kg over **Kermadec's** handicap weight and returned 0.8kg over his scales weight, which he weighed out at). After taking into account G Boss's prior good record and also being cognisant that his mount had won the race, the Stewards imposed a fine of \$1000. G Boss was further notified that, had his mount been beaten by a short margin, the offence would normally attract a substantial suspension.

Happy Trails – slow to begin.

Destiny's Kiss – slow to begin.

Puccini – approaching the 1300m *Plucky Belle*, which was overracing, shifted out, resulting in *Royal Descent* being taken out onto *Kermadec* and *World Ace*, which resulted in **Puccini** and

Diamond Drille both being checked. C Newitt, rider of **Puccini**, will be interviewed concerning the amount of whip used by him in a backhand manner on that runner in the straight.

Diamond Drille – checked at the 1300m.

Plucky Belle – T Clark, rider of *Cosmic Endeavour*, was found guilty of a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift out passing the 200m, resulting in **Plucky Belle** being checked and losing its rightful running. In assessing penalty, the Stewards took into account that initially *Cosmic Endeavour* had shifted out away from *Arabian Gold*, which improved to its inside. T Clark was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 12 April 2015 and to expire on Monday, 20 April 2015, on which day he may ride. Rider K O'Hara stated, when racing between runners, the mare refused to settle and, as a result did not run out the 1600m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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

Abduction – badly hampered when *Joyful Journey* was taken in by *Choix De Maia*, which jumped awkwardly. When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, J McDonald stated that he improved through on the inside of runners rounding the home turn, but the effort of **Abduction** was short lived and it was most disappointing in its failure to finish the race off over the final 200m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr D Beadman undertook to report back as to how the filly pulled up and the future race plans for **Abduction**.

Choix De Maia – jumped the crossing at the 1500m.

Maastricht – dipped in the going near the 50m.

La Stupenda – A post-race veterinary examination of **La Stupenda**, which finished distanced, revealed the filly sustained a laceration to the off-hind fetlock. Trainer Mr K Parker stated that the filly would now be spelled. Mr Parker was advised **La Stupenda** must trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to its next race start.

Candelara – when questioned concerning the improved performance of the filly, as compared to its 7th placing in the Keith Nolan (Group 3) event at Kembla Grange on 13 March 2015, trainer Mr B Baker stated **Candelara's** only previous win had been over 1800m on the Kensington track on a Slow (6) surface. He added the filly had previously shown good potential and he felt that the softer track, plus the step up in distance and additional fitness were the principal facts for its improvement.

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

Race 1: Furnaces (2), Redzel (2), Sooboog, Tempt Me Not, Magic Diamond, Meteora Miss, Regatta Rebel (2).

Race 2: Washington Heights, Sworn To Silence, Inauguration, Hi World(2), Farolitos.

Race 3: Honorius, Sir John Hawkwood.

Race 4: Voodoo Lad (2), Tarangower (2), Redwolf, Kareem's Edge, Yes Zariz, Explosive Scene, Hollywood Nell, Apistanna, Sheza Gypsy.

Race 5: Nayeli (2), Pittsburgh Flyer, Miss Cover Girl (2), Matilija, Kind Heart, Swift Lady, Peeping.

- Race 6: Pride Of Dubai (2), Odyssey Moon (2), Tarquin, Pasadena Girl, Queen Of Wands, Rageese (2).
- Race 7: Preferment (2), Hampton Court, Brogue, Quick Strike, Omeros, Bikila, Hauraki.
- Race 8: Terravista, Chautauqua (2), Tiger Tees, Famous Seamus, Fontelina, Rain Affair, Lord Of The Sky, Press Report, Lankan Rupee, Lord Of The Sky.
- Race 9: Sacred Falls, Hallowed Crown, Destiny's Kiss, Arabian Gold, Rudy, Happy Trails, Puccini, Suavito, Real Impact, Royal Descent.
- Race 10: Maastricht, Lady Macan, Rustic Melody (2), Zarzali, Joyful Journey (2), Choix de Maia, Gust Of Wind.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 9: G Boss (Kermadec) \$1000 – weigh in more than ½ over declared weight (AR145(b)).
Reprimands:	Race 4: App. M McGuren (Redwolf) – use of the whip on a horse out of contention. M Travers (Hollywood Nell) - use of the whip on a horse out of contention. Race 7: J Moreira (Omeros) – use of the whip (AR137A(5)(a)(i)).
Suspensions:	Race 9: T Clark (Cosmic Endeavour) – careless riding (AR137(a)), suspended from 12/4/15 to 20/4/15.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 10: La Stupenda (trainer K Parker) – finished distanced.
Certificates:	Race 2: Washington Heights (trainer G Ryan) – poor post-race recovery, elevated heart rate and tied up behind. Race 4: Voodoo Lad (trainer R Northam). Race 8: Sweet Idea (trainer G Waterhouse) – tenderness in offside of neck.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Tactics:	Race 3: Grand Marshal – to be ridden more forward; settled handy. Race 6: English – option to be further forward; settled equal lead. Always Allison – to be ridden more forward; led. Race 9: World Ace – to be more forward; settled handy. Race 10: Wine Tales – to be ridden more forward; settled handy.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Race 5: Tahni Dancer – tongue tie on.
Follow up:	T Angland – overweight. Race 1: Sooboog (co-trainer M Hawkes). Race 2: Diamond Valores (co-trainer P Snowden). Race 3: Disclaimer (co-trainer P Snowden). Race 5: Nayeli (trainer G Waterhouse). Race 6: English (trainer G Waterhouse). Race 8: Lankan Rupee (trainer M Price). Race 9: C Newitt (Puccini). Sweynesse (trainer J O'Shea and rider S Clipperton).7 Race 10: Abduction (trainer J O'Shea).