

STEWARDS' REPORT**Australian Turf Club
ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE****Saturday 7 October 2017**

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: +3m
Penetrometer: 4.96

STEWARDS: M F Van Gestel (Chairman), P C Dingwall, R W Livingstone, T A McDonald, J J E Earl and cadets T D North, M W Purse and R T Debels

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Supplementary Reports:**CANTERBURY PARK – Wednesday 4 October 2017****Race 3: tab.com.au Handicap 1200m**

High Dive – nearing the 600m became awkwardly placed on the heels of Solar Patch and as a result was steadied.

Race 6: McGrath Estate Agents NSW Handicap 1900m

Cyrus Rocks – began awkwardly.

Race 7: #Theraces Handicap 1100m

Dissolute – for a short distance after the 800m had to be checked off the heels of Best Guess, which drifted back to obtain a position with cover behind I'm A Jet. When being checked **Dissolute** got its head up and became unbalanced.

RACE 1: BRMM Handicap 1400m

Sparky Lad – buffeted on jumping between *French Tune* and *Molten*. Approaching the 1000m, when being steadied away from the heels of *Coral Bay*, *Charlie Chap* commenced to race fiercely and ran out, making contact with **Sparky Lad**, which was taken wider. *Charlie Chap* then continued to overrace in the middle stages.

French Tune – on jumping was bumped on the hindquarter by *Sparky Lad* and became unbalanced. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider A Hyeronimus stated his mount enjoyed a comfortable run outside the leader *Cabeirian*. He said soon after straightening his mount became immediately under pressure and gave ground quickly in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be displaying a poor post-race recovery. Co-trainer Mr A Bott stated that **French Tune** had pleased the stable leading into today's race and a tongue tie had been added as a precaution when the colt had worked well during the week with that gear. He said he could offer no real excuse for the performance today. Mr Bott undertook to provide the Stewards with the results of a veterinary examination, including an endoscope. Stewards ruled **French Tune** must trial to their satisfaction prior to its next race start as they deemed the performance unacceptable.

Charlie Chap – slow to begin. For some distance approaching the 100m was held up for clear running.

Regent – from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. When questioned regarding the performance, rider K McEvoy stated that, whilst his mount held its ground in the straight, he did note prior to the finish of the race it commenced to make an abnormal respiratory noise, which he felt was as a result of it getting its tongue back. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr J Cummings was asked to provide a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination, prior to **Regent** resuming racing.

Our Mantra – laid out in the early part of the straight. When questioned regarding his riding, B Shinn stated his instructions were to endeavour to have the gelding settle in a midfield position. He said, after commencing only fairly, he rode his mount in a neutral manner so as to comply with his instructions. He added when *Regent*, which was positioned to his inside, was also ridden conservatively and when its rider K McEvoy was intent on staying one off the fence, he elected not to improve to that runner's outside so as not to be caught three wide in the early and middle stages. B Shinn said as a consequence he remained racing behind that runner and, as *Regent* was one of the fancied runners, his intention was then to trail that runner into the race. He further stated, after following *Regent* making the home turn, he immediately shifted to the outside of that runner on straightening, whereby he placed his mount under full pressure and **Our Mantra** found the line strongly.

Goodfella – raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 2: IGA Liquor Handicap 2000m

Up 'N' Rolling – for a short distance approaching the 200m raced in restricted room between *Veladero* and *Alward*, which shifted in. **Up 'N' Rolling** was then inclined to lay in over the final 150m.

RACE 3: Adina apartment Hotels Handicap 1600m

Impavido – slow to begin.

Goodwood Zodiac – shifted in at the start and made contact with *Darci's Affair*. On straightening became crowded and buffeted for room between *Spring Tycoon* and *Interlocuter* (T Angland), which shifted to the outside of *Waltzing Willie* to force a run where there was not sufficient room. T Angland was reprimanded and advised he must ensure that there is sufficient racing room when he improves into runs.

Mapmaker – near the 1000m *Darci's Affair* was steadied away from the heels of *Spring Tycoon*. **Mapmaker**, which was following, was then steadied as a consequence. When questioned regarding the gelding settling further back today, rider A Hyeronimus stated he was instructed to be forward and preferably have some cover, as the gelding can be inclined to overrace. He said, after his mount commenced reasonably well, when he observed a number of runners to his inside, in particular *Goodwood Zodiac*, showing an intent to hold a forward position, he elected to allow those runners to go forward, with a view to taking cover behind *Goodwood Zodiac*. He added as a consequence **Mapmaker** settled a little further back than he had anticipated, albeit he was able to get into a position one off the fence with cover on the back of *Darci's Affair*.

Darci's Affair – for some distance leaving the 800m was awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Spring Tycoon* when inclined to overrace.

Hogmanay – rider App. J Innes Jr stated his instructions were to lead. He said the gelding was a little fractious in the barrier and slow to begin as a consequence. He added he rode his mount forward in an attempt to take up a forward position, however **Hogmanay** did not respond to his efforts and was crossed quickly in the early stages and as a result settled at the rear of the field.

RACE 4: TAB Highway Handicap 1600m

Dia De Reyes – stood flat-footed as the start was effected and lost ground (3L). Trainer's representative Mrs K Dunn was advised a final warning would be placed on the gelding's barrier manners. Mrs Dunn undertook to experiment with the gear on the gelding during the week.

Paleface Ali – after being slow to begin from its wide barrier, was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Verbal – after being slow to begin from its wide barrier, was steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Shortly after the start had to be steadied to avoid the heels of *Schedule*, which shifted out. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Friskee One – from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Exacting – near the 800m commenced to overrace and was steadied away from the heels of *Cascata Rossa*.

Bronze Venom – held up for clear running between *Red Knot* and *Cascata Rossa* for some distance approaching the 200m. Then shifted to the outside of *Cascata Rossa* approaching the 150m to obtain clear running.

Sovereignaire – badly held up for clear running until near the 100m.

Confidential – raced wide without cover throughout.

Schedule – when questioned regarding his riding of the gelding, K McEvoy stated, whilst he was given no specific instructions from connections, he felt that from his wide draw his best option was to ride his mount quietly so as to avoid being caught wide. He said on jumping, whilst **Schedule** jumped reasonably well, he elected to allow runners to his inside to improve and crossed over towards the rail in the early stages. He added his mount never really travelled at any stage of the event and was somewhat disappointing in its failure to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 5: Bowermans Office Furniture Handicap 1400m

Pajaro – slow to begin. Then was crowded for room between *Sir Plush* and *Got Unders*, which shifted in.

All Our Roads – made contact with *Shillelagh* at the start, which in turn shifted out and made contact with *Souchez*.

Invinzabeel – from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. For some distance approaching the 200m raced in restricted room between *Souchez* and *Shillelagh*, which shifted out slightly. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Souchez – from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Mighty Lucky – overraced and refused to settle in the early stages.

Duca Valentinois – raced wide without cover throughout.

Shillelagh – held up for clear running in the early part of the straight and near the 200m had to be steadied away from the heels of *Duca Valentinois* as it endeavoured to shift to the outside of that runner to secure clear running. **Shillelagh** was then shifted to the outside of *Duca Valentinois* and *Souchez* near the 100m, whereby it secured clear running and finished the race off strongly.

Burning Passion –, rider G Schofield stated his intention was to ride his mount in a forward position and he was able to hold a position outside the leader *Sir Plush*. He said **Burning Passion** never really travelled well at any stage and in his opinion raced like a horse that had come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr M Newnham advised that **Burning Passion** had pleased the stable since its last start 3rd in the Bill Ritchie Handicap at Randwick on 16 September 2017 and had experienced no issues in the stable. Mr Newnham advised, in light of today's performance, the gelding would now be spelled. Mr Newnham was asked to report back to the Stewards if there is anything amiss with **Burning Passion** subsequent to the event.

RACE 6: Polytrack Roman Consul Stakes (Group 2) 1200m

Beau Geste – on Wednesday, 4 October 2017 trainer Mr J Cummings advised Stewards that the colt had sustained a small haematoma to the nearside of its neck following a routine intramuscular injection on Monday, 2 October 2017. **Beau Geste** was examined by Racing NSW Senior Official Veterinarian on Friday, 6 October 2017 and passed fit to start. Raced wide without cover throughout. Raced wide without cover for the majority of the event and refused to settle.

Albumin – knuckled on jumping. Overraced in the early and middle stages.

Chauffeur – began awkwardly. Rider S Clipperton stated his mount jumped awkwardly and consequently lost ground. He said with the slow early tempo **Chauffeur** raced keenly in the early stages, before settling when taking up a trailing position behind *Beau Geste*. He added, due to the slow tempo near the 600m, he elected to shift off to the outside of *Beau Geste* so his mount was not disadvantaged when the race developed into a sprint home. S Clipperton further stated, after making a short run on the home turn, **Chauffeur** was immediately under pressure on straightening and disappointed in its finishing effort. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr M Hawkes stated, whilst he was disappointed with the performance of **Chauffeur** today, he believed the colt missing the start in a slowly run race and travelling wide without cover after the 600m were the principal reasons for **Chauffeur** not being able to finish its race off today. The immediate racing future

of the colt will be given due consideration in the days subsequent and he will report any adverse findings in respect of **Chauffeur**.

Shudabeen – which had been fractious in the barrier, began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with *Single Bullet*. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have been galloped on to the off-hind fetlock and hock.

Viridine – after being crossed in the early stages by *Shudabeen*, commenced to race fiercely and refused to settle. Approaching the 900m when the tempo slackened *Viridine* had to be severely checked to avoid the heels of *Shudabeen* (A Hyeronimus), resulting in *The Mighty Fed*, which was positioned to the inside of **Viridine**, racing in restricted room approaching the 700m. B Shinn, rider of *The Mighty Fed* then elected to restrain his mount so as to provide **Viridine** with sufficient racing room. A Hyeronimus was advised that he must ensure that he does not set too slow a tempo or attempt to ease the tempo unnecessarily as he did on this occasion.

RACE 7: Moet & Chandon Spring Champion Stakes (Group 1) 2000m

Ace High - prior to the declaration of weight, the Stewards identified from the inquiry room that rider T Angland had struck his mount on 9 occasions prior to the 100m. When Stewards could not be satisfied that **Ace High** had 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 a formal objection. At a subsequent inquiry T Angland was fined \$4,000 in that he used the whip on 9 occasions prior to the 100m (4 more than permitted) in breach of AR137A(5)(a)(ii). In assessing penalty, Stewards took into account T Angland's record in respect to whip offence in feature races.

Astoria – began awkwardly and lost ground (2L). Raced wide without cover throughout.

Langley – began awkwardly.

Colesberg – slow to begin.

Sully - overraced in the early and middle stages.

Sanctioned – near the 600m had to be steadied when crowded between *Langley* and *Sully*, which made the turn at that point awkwardly when placed close to the heels of *Colesberg*. Leaving the 300m **Sanctioned** was bumped and taken wider by *Sully* when that runner shifted to the outside of *Astoria* to improve. When questioned regarding the colt racing at the back of the field, rider K McEvoy stated his instructions were to endeavour to go forward. He said that when being loaded **Sanctioned** became fractious and consequently missed the start, which then obligated him to take up a position at the rear of the field.

RACE 8: Mostyn Copper Group Angst Stakes (Group 3) 1600m

My True Love – fractious in the barriers, underwent a veterinary examination and subsequently cleared to run. When questioned regarding the performance, rider G Schofield stated he had to make use of the mare in the early stages to cross to the lead and this, together with **My True Love** stepping up in grade today, were the principal reasons for its disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr A Bott stated, whilst the mare, which was racing second up today, had to be made some use of in the early stages to take the lead, he was not overly

disappointed with the performance. He said it is the intention to drop **My True Love** back in grade and he undertook to advise if there was anything amiss with the mare in the days subsequent.

Shazee Lee – slow to begin. From its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. For some distance leaving the 300m was held up on the heels of *My True Love* as that runner commenced to give ground. **Shazee Lee** was then shifted to the inside of *My True Love* and again held up behind *Savapinski* before obtaining clear running near the 100m.

Mariquita – knuckled on jumping. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Hetty Heights – from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Imposing Lass – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider J Collett stated the mare raced keenly in the run outside the leader *My True Love* making the home turn when under pressure in the straight, gave ground and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be mildly lame in the off-foreleg. Trainer Mr B Baker was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Imposing Lass** racing again.

RACE 9: Metropolitan Civil contractors Handicap 1200m

Ebenos – slow to begin.

Firsthand – began awkwardly.

Chalk – knuckled on jumping.

Tudor – began awkwardly and then, despite being ridden along after the start, failed to muster speed.

Savvan – from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

Love's A Fantasy – raced keenly in the middle stages and near the 650m was steadied away from the heels of *Firsthand*. Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Just Dreaming – approaching the 600m *He's A Given* shifted out when being steadied from the heels of *King Darci*, resulting in that runner making contact with **Just Dreaming** which was taken wider. Raced wide without cover throughout.

Redouble – approaching the 350m *Chalk* (App. B Ryan) shifted out, resulting in **Redouble** being hampered when taken wider, hampering *He's A Given* and *Love's A Fantasy*. App. Ryan was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground.

He's A Given – near the 200m had to be steadied to avoid the heels of *Firsthand* (S Clipperton), which shifted out when not clear. S Clipperton was advised to exercise more care.

King Darci – raced wide without cover throughout.

My Country – raced wide without cover throughout.

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	J Collett (<i>Goodfella</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	B Shinn (<i>Tangled</i>)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 8	C Reith (<i>Savapinski</i>) W Costin (<i>Denmagic</i>)	7 strikes prior to the 100m. 6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 9	J Collett (<i>Redouble</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Race 1: French Tune, Coral Bay, Our Mantra.

Race 2: Alward (2), Veladero, Up 'N' Rolling (2).

Race 3: Goodwood Zodiac, Impavido, Spring Tycoon, Waltzing Willie, Mapmaker.

Race 4: Cascata Rossa, Exacting, Bronzed Venom (2), Dia De Reyes, Paleface Ali, Friskee One, Red Knot.

Race 5: All Our Roads, Mighty Lucky.

Race 6: Chauffeur, Single Bullet (2), Viridine (2), Beau Geste, The Mighty Red.

Race 7: Ace High (2), Astoria, Tangled (2), Sanctioned, Dissolution, Sully (2), Surprise Bullet.

Race 8: Dixie Blossoms (2), Imposing Lass, Zenalicious, Denmagic, Hetty Heights, My True Love, Daysee Doom.

Race 9: Tudor, Firsthand, My Country, Redouble.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 7: T Angland (<i>Ace High</i>) \$4,000 – use of the whip (AR137A(5)(a)(ii)).
Reprimands:	Race 3: T Angland (<i>Interlocuter</i>) – careless riding (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 4: <i>Dia De Reyes</i> (trainer M Dunn) – barrier manners.
Trials:	Race 1: <i>French Tune</i> (co-trainers Bott & Waterhouse) - poor performance.
Certificates:	Race 1: <i>French tune</i> (co-trainers Bott & Waterhouse) endoscopic examination – poor post-race recovery. <i>Regent</i> (trainer J Cummings) including endoscopic examination – poor performance. Race 8: <i>Imposing Lass</i> (trainer B Baker) – mildly lame off-foreleg.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactics Notified:	Race 1: <i>Goodfella</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace. Race 7: <i>Tangled</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled midfield. <i>Sully</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled back. <i>Colesberg</i> – to be ridden more forward; settled midfield. Race 9: <i>Just Dreaming</i> – to be ridden quieter; settled worse than midfield.

	<i>Colosseum King</i> – to be ridden more forward; led.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 5: <i>Burning Passion</i> (trainer M Newnham) – poor performance. Race 6: <i>Chauffeur</i> (team Hawkes) – poor performance. Race 7: <i>My True Love</i> (co-trainers Bott & Waterhouse) – poor performance.