

STEWARDS' REPORT**Australian Turf Club
ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE****Monday 13 February 2017**

Weather: Fine
 Track: Good (4)
 Rail: +8m 1600m to WP; +6m remainder
 Penetrometer: 5.16

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

Supplementary reports:**WARWICK FARM – Wednesday 8 February 2017****Race 7: Schweppes Handicap 1400m**

***Tumultuous** – trainer Mr C Waller advised he was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding and confirmed that the performance was due to **Tumultuous** not handling the heavy track conditions. Mr Waller advised the intention is now to continue with the gelding's preparation.*

LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As B Spriggs was indisposed due to a fall at Hawkesbury on Thursday, 9 February 2017, Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

Race 1	J Collett on Astronomos .
Race 5	J Ford on Wouldnt It Be Nice .
Race 9	App. A Adkins on Queen Of Kariba (no senior rider available).
Race 10	Y Ichikawa on Pick Me Up .

RACE 1: Ranvet Handicap 1600m

Hogmanay – slow to begin and took some time to muster speed in the early stages despite the efforts of its rider. Inside the 200m was inclined to shift out under pressure and in so doing hampered and carried *Astronomos* and *Cauthen's Power* wider near the 100m. Rider J Innes (**Hogmanay**) was advised he must stop riding and straighten his mounts when they commence to shift ground.

Invinzabeel – slow to begin. Rider H Bowman stated his mount travelled well in the run and, after initially improving when he shifted to the outside of *Hogmanay* on straightening, **Invinzabeel** was disappointing in its failure to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near-foreleg. Stable representative Mr L Prior advised that the gelding would now be spelled. On this assurance no action was taken.

Liapari - slow to begin and then was crowded shortly after between *Hogmanay* and *Dylan's Rojo*, which shifted in.

Dylan's Rojo – rider App. A Adkins stated that the gelding raced very keen in the run and as a consequence was unable to finish the race off. He added in his view **Dylan's Rojo** had come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near-foreleg. Trainer Mrs K Waugh advised **Dylan's Rojo** would now be spelled. On this assurance no further action was taken.

Cauthen's Power – raced in restricted room between *Astronomos* and *Liapari* for some distance over the concluding stages.

Sabino Speed – rider P Wells stated that his mount was not suited racing inside other horses and as a consequence took some time to respond to his riding in the early stages of the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 2: Tab Highway Handicap 1800m

Maestro Tom – began awkwardly, got its head up, shifted in and hampered *Allzin*. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. App. A Adkins, rider of *Bills A Goodie*, was reprimanded under AR137(a) in that near the 1600m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of **Maestro Tom** which, when inclined to race keenly, was checked. App. J Pracey-Holmes stated his mount raced keenly throughout the run, refused to settle and as a consequence did not finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr T Evans was advised **Maestro Tom** would incur the mandatory three month ban, prior to trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

Circle Game – slow to begin. When questioned regarding his riding from approaching the 600m, rider B Loy stated he followed *Halberd* into the race, which he felt was one of the main chances in the event and, when that runner commenced to go forward, he was able to follow it into the race. He said, whilst he had considered shifting to the outside of *Halberd* near the 600m to endeavour to improve, the tempo quickened and for this reason he elected to remain racing behind that runner and followed it into the event. He added, after improving into the race in the early part of the straight, he felt his mount was a winning chance near the 100m, however in his view it did not run out a strong 1800m.

Bills A Goodie – slow to begin.

D'beak – leaving the 1600m improved up to the inside of *Maestro Tom* when that runner shifted back in towards the rail and as a consequence had to be checked to avoid the heels of *Maestro Tom*. Over the final 100m could not be fully tested when placed close to the heels of *Bills A Goodie*.

Allzin – leaving the 300m was obliged to shift out across runners to secure clear running and near the 150m made contact with *Backhouse Billy*.

Tipta Tantivy – laid out under pressure in the straight.

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

RACE 3: Open Markets & BMYG Handicap 2400m

Dream Folk – slow to begin.

Zatopaz – slow to begin. Hampered near the 1800m.

Embley – slow to begin. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider G Schofield stated his intention was to ride his mount with cover, but when caught wide in the early stages he was obliged to roll forward and race outside the leader, *Burning Energy*. He said when *Zatopaz* improved to his outside from the 800m his mount was placed under pressure and from this point failed to finish the race off. G Schofield added in his view **Embley** may not have run out a strong 2400m and further felt that it may have also come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination revealed gelding had shifted its near-hind plate. Trainer Mr B Baker advised that the gelding, when ridden in a forward position, did not see out the journey of today's race and will now be spelled.

Plymouth Road – raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Near the 1800m the gelding, which was racing keenly, was steadied to avoid the heels of *Embley* (G Schofield), which shifted in when not clear. G Schofield was advised to ensure he is sufficiently clear when shifting ground. *Zatopaz*, which trailing, was also hampered. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Vassal – held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight. Near the 200m briefly tightened by *Embley*, which shifted in prior to being corrected by its rider.

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

The Rumour File – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 4: Ingless Classic (Restricted Listed) 1200m

Nicci's Gold – the filly was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer on arrival on course and passed fit to start. Rider P Hammersley (*Junction*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 800m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of **Nicci's Gold**, which was checked, lost its running and was taken in onto *Ultramarine*, which was also crowded and became badly unbalanced. P Hammersley's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday, 20 February 2017 and to expire on Friday, 3 March 2017, on which day he may ride.

Monopoly - the filly was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer on arrival on course and passed fit to start. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages and was steadied away from *Nicci's Gold* near the 900m. *Bull Market*, which was trailing, was steadied as a result, shifted out and hampered *Sweet Bouquet*. Leaving the 800m was steadied to avoid the heels of *Nicci's Gold*.

Dunatun – the Official Veterinarian expressed some concern in respect to the action of the colt whilst parading in the enclosure. **Dunatun** was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and passed fit to start. After the 700m was left racing wide without cover.

Sweet Bouquet – the filly, which was fractious in the barriers, was slow to begin. Hampered near the 900m. After the 700m was left racing wide without cover. Hung out from the 600m.

Frolic – began awkwardly and was hampered when *Sweet Deal* shifted out. Rider T Berry was cautioned in respect of his celebratory gesture prior to the winning post.

San Marco – slow to begin. Held up for clear running in the early part of the straight. Near the 250m was shifted to the outside of *Ultramarine* when awkwardly placed close to the heels of that runner. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Let's Get Nauti Gal – ran out shortly after the start and became awkward on the heels of *Nicci's Gold*, which shifted in slightly.

Fire Stoker – ran in shortly after the start. Rider K O'Hara advised the colt was able to obtain the lead in the early stages, whereby it only set a moderate tempo. She added from as far out as the 500m **Fire Stoker** was under pressure and was most disappointing in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr N Olive advised the colt would now be spelled.

Sweet Deal – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

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

RACE 5: The Chi-X Southern Cross Stakes (Group 3) 1200m

Big Money – knuckled on jumping. Raced wide without cover throughout.

Impending – ran in after the start. Rider B Avdulla stated his mount travelled well in behind the lead, which he obtained without having to pressure his mount in the early stages. He added on straightening, when *Dothraki* and *Le Romain* commenced to improve, although he did not have clear racing room, his mount did not quicken as he would have liked and particularly over the final 200m did not finish the race of as he had expected. B Avdulla said in his view **Impending** would be suited by being stepped up in distance and also races best when able to improve to the outside of runners. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr J O'Shea advised that **Impending** had pleased leading into the race and concurred with the views of rider B Avdulla. He added that the intention would be to add blinkers to the colt's gear. The Stewards will follow up with Mr O'Shea on the progress of **Impending** in the days subsequent.

Aomen - a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr J Sylvester was advised **Aomen** would incur the mandatory three month ban, prior to trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

RACE 6: Trainer Connections Spring Stakes (Group 3) 1600m

Righteous Mate – the gelding, which was fractious in the barriers, began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Gauguin*.

Salsonic – began awkwardly. Stewards considered an objection lodged by App. A Adkins, rider of **Salsonic**, alleging interference near the 350m. After considering all the evidence, Stewards found that near the 350m *Gauguin* was steadied away from the heels of *Royal Navy* when that runner shifted out slightly and then was shifted out abruptly when not clear of **Salsonic**, which had to be steadied. After considering the manner in which **Salsonic** finished

the race off, the Stewards were of the view that, had the interference not occurred, **Salsonic** would have finished in front of *Gauguin* and amended the placings as follows:

1st *Invincible Gem*

2nd *Faraway Town*

3rd **Salsonic**

4th *Gauguin*

At a subsequent inquiry Stewards found *Gauguin* (G Schofield), after initially being taken out by *Royal Navy*, was directed to the outside of *Righteous Mate* to improve. G Schofield was reprimanded and advised to ensure he is sufficiently clear when shifting ground. In assessing penalty, Stewards took into account that *Gauguin* had overreacted and shifted quickly when he endeavoured to shift to the outside of *Righteous Mate*.

Faraway Town – slow to begin.

Nepean – slow to begin.

Gauguin – raced keenly in the early stages.

First Approval – near the 1200m had to be steadied to avoid the heels of *Gauguin*, which shifted in away from *Righteous Mate* despite the efforts of its rider G Schofield. Laid in making the home turn.

Royal Navy – rider C Brown stated from his wide draw, after his mount commenced well, he elected to make use of it to go forward rather than restraining and risk being caught wide. He added that when *Gauguin* improved to his inside and the favourite *Invincible Gem* continued their movement forward, he was obliged to make more use of his mount to take up a more forward position. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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

RACE 7: TAB Light Fingers Stakes (Group 2) 1200m

Miss Beneteau – the filly, which sustained minor abrasions to both hips in transit, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and passed fit to start. Began awkwardly, shifted in and was steadied away from the heels of *Gridelin*.

Tutu – slow to begin.

Moqueen – from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners.

Fabvier – from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners.

Zenalicious – from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners.

Samantha – App. J Innes Jr stated he had to make some use of his mount in the early stages to cross *Foxplay*, but it was never travelling comfortably, was inclined to race keenly for a short distance in the early stages and was a beaten horse a long way from home. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

French Fern – raced keenly as its rider J Ford endeavoured to obtain cover on the back of *Foxplay* in the middle stages. On straightening became unbalanced when bumped by *Spright*, which was shifted out around the heels of *Foxplay* to improve.

Gridelin – raced wide without cover throughout. Passing the 300m *Foxplay*, *Spright* and *French Fern* were all carried wider by **Gridelin**, which shifted out under pressure after *Foxplay* improved into a narrow run to its outside.

Spright – rider C Brown dropped his whip near the 100m.

Long Time Ago – rider T Berry stated on straightening his mount blundered and became unbalanced

Honesty Prevails – rider J Collett stated he was able to take up a forward position in the early stages, but was unable to hold off *Global Glamour* when that runner went forward to lead. He added his mount had come under pressure after leaving the 600m and, after blundering at the 500m, failed to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr R Worthington could offer no excuse for today's performance and indicated **Honesty Prevails** had impressed leading into today's race in its trackwork and trial. He said he would now have a full veterinary examination conducted of the filly, the results of which he will report to the Stewards. The inquiry was adjourned pending those results and Stewards will then consider whether **Honesty Prevails** needs to barrier trial prior to its next race start.

RACE 8: The Star Apollo Stakes (Group 2) 1400m

Winx – slow to begin.

Sacred Master – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be mildly lame in the off-fore leg and was coughing. Stable representative Mr L Prior was advised a veterinary clearance would be required, including the results of an endoscopic examination, prior to **Sacred Master** racing again.

Endless Drama – knuckled on jumping.

Lasqueti Spirit – began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Shiraz* and, despite being ridden along, failed to muster speed. Raced wide without cover throughout.

Dibayani – a post-race veterinary examination revealed that, although the gelding's recovery was within normal limits and it did not appear to be lame at the trot, however there were apparent hoof issues, including a defect in the hoof wall of the near-fore hoof, which will require farriery attention. Stable representative Mr R Roberts was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Dibayani** racing again.

RACE 9: Robrick Lodge Triscay Stakes (Group 3) 1200m

Zara Bay – slow to begin. Rider J Ford stated, as notified to the Stewards, his instructions were to be more forward today but, after being slow to begin, he was obliged to make some use of his mount to ride in accordance with his instructions. He added **Zara Bay** travelled reasonably well in the run, but when placed under pressure was inclined to lay out and was disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Dixie Blossoms – leaving the 600m had to be steadied when momentarily crowded between *Magic Of Dreams* and *Zestful*, which shifted out away from *Rocket Commander*.

Zestful – had difficulty in obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight before shifting to the inside of *Press Report* to obtain clear running near the 200m.

Shillelagh – rider B Avdulla stated he had to severely check his mount to avoid the fallen *Pearls* near the 800m and as a consequence his mount took some time to balance up and was never competitive in the race thereafter, although it did finish off reasonably considering the circumstances. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Queen Of Kariba – checked to avoid the fallen rider and *Pearls* near the 800m.

Pearls – Stewards opened an inquiry into the reason for rider J Doyle being dislodged from the mare when that runner fell near the 800m. After taking evidence from J Doyle and T Berry, rider of *Rocket Commander*, Stewards found that making the turn near the 800m *Rocket Commander*, which was inclined to race keenly, shifted out slightly despite the efforts of its rider T Berry and in doing so made contact with **Pearls**, resulting in that runner becoming unbalanced. A short distance later **Pearls** then fell, resulting in rider J Doyle being dislodged. After considering the evidence, Stewards found that there was no rider error that caused the incident to occur and it was considered an accident in the circumstances. **Pearls** was transported to the Randwick Equine Centre for specialist care.

RACE 10: Schweppes Handicap 1200m

Encostanati – as J Doyle was injured in a fall in race 9, K O'Hara was substituted as the rider of the gelding.

Grande Punto – the gelding, which kicked out and made contact with the outside fence prior to being loaded into the barriers, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and passed fit to start. From its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners. App. B McDougall explained his mount never travelled comfortably at any stage of the race and, despite being placed under pressure early in the straight, did not display its customary finishing effort. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Dupe 'Em – began awkwardly.

Pick Me Up – slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight. Trainer Mr T Martin reported **Pick Me Up** was found to be coughing post-race. An endoscopic examination performed on course by his stable veterinarian did not reveal any abnormalities.

Untamed Diamond – raced wide without cover throughout.

Hanwritten – raced wide without cover throughout.

Your Way - held up for clear running in the early part of the straight, before obtaining a narrow run near the 150m between *Hanwritten* and *Untamed Diamond*. In this incident **Your Way** shifted out and made contact with *Untamed Diamond*.

Meursault – App. N Heywood reported his mount travelled well, however when he asked the gelding for an effort passing the 400m, it did not respond to his riding and did not finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be coughing. Stable representative Mr B Jackson-Stops was asked to provide a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination, prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

GENERAL:

App. J Pracey-Holmes was fined the sum of \$50 under LR68 for failing to present a letter of authority.

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 1:	J Doyle (Cauthen's Power)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
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Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken

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

Race 1: Astronomos, Savvy Nature, Dylan's Rojo, Cauthen's Power, Hogmanay.

Race 2: Allzin, Halberd, Medieval (2), Kiss In The Dark, D'beak.

Race 3: Gold Ambition, Burning Energy, Dream Folk, Regal Monarch.

Race 4: Dunatun, Junction, San Marco, Nicci's Gold, Sweet Deal.

Race 5: Le Romain (2), Dothraki, Impending, Aomen, Big Money.

Race 6: Gauguin, Faraway Town (2).

Race 7: Global Glamour (2), Spright, Foxplay (2), French Fern, Honesty Prevails.

Race 8: Hartnell (2), Leebaz, Magic Hurricane, Winx (2), Lasqueti Spirit.

Race 9: Dixie Blossoms, Pearls, Nancy (2), Zara Bay.

Race 10: Bullrush, Dupe 'Em, Essay Raider, Barood, Hanwritten, Untamed Diamond.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: App. J Pracey-Holmes \$50 (LR68) – fail to present letter of authority.
Reprimands:	Race 2: App. A Adkins (Bills A Goodie) – careless riding (AR137(a)). Race 6: G Schofield (Gauguin) – careless riding (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Race 4: P Hammersley (Junction) – careless riding (AR137(a)), suspended from 20/2/17 to 3/3/17.
Bleeders:	Race 2: Maestro Tom (trainer T Evans) – 3 month ban. Race 5: Aomen (trainer J Sylvester) – 3 month ban.
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 8: Dibayani (co-trainers Hayes and Dabernig) – hoof issues. Sacred Master (trainer C Waller) – mildly lame off-foreleg and coughing. Race 10: Meursault (trainer J O'Shea) – coughing.
Fall/Injuries:	Race 9: J Doyle (Pearls).
Change of Tactics:	Race 1: Hogmanay – to be ridden more positive and try to lead; settled on pace. Race 3: Gold Ambition – to be ridden with cover; settled off pace. Race 5: Dothraki – to be ridden more forward; led.

	Race 9: Zara Bay – to be ridden more forward; settled off pace. Race 10: Bullrush – to be ridden with cover; settled midfield.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear:	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 5: Impending (trainer J O'Shea) – poor performance. Race 7: Honesty Prevails (trainer R Worthington) – poor performance.