

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Australian Turf Club ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE

Saturday 16 September 2017

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (3)  
Rail: +9m 1600m to WP; +7m remainder  
Penetrometer: 4.95

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

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#### **RACE 1: TAB Highway Handicap 1000m**

**She Knows** – The declaration of correct weight was delayed to enable J Ford, rider of 2<sup>nd</sup> placegetter **She Knows** and trainer Mr D Williams to view the patrol films of an incident near the 700m. When they were satisfied there were no grounds for objection and Stewards were similarly satisfied correct was declared. After being crossed by *Larlabrook* near the 700m, *Oakfield Time* shifted to that runner's outside, resulting in **She Knows** being taken wider and racing three deep without cover from that point.

**Heidsieck** – knuckled on jumping. When questioned regarding his riding over the final 200m and as to whether there was an opportunity to shift to the outside of *Oakfield Time* sooner than he did, B Shinn stated that he followed *Oakfield Time* into the straight and when he was of the view that runner would shift to the outside of the leader *Larlabrook* to improve he elected to remain on the back of *Oakfield Time* with a view to improving to that runner's inside. He said as his mount continued to make ground in the straight, when *Oakfield Time* did not shift out, inside the 100m he elected to come to the outside of *Oakfield Time*, however that runner then shifted out in advance of him, he became held up on the heels of *Oakfield Time* over the final 75m and could not be tested to the finish. After considering B Shinn's explanation and whilst noting his reasons for remaining behind *Oakfield Time*, Stewards advised B Shinn that his best option would have been to come to the outside of *Oakfield Time* sooner than he did to secure clear running.

**Undaoaf** – G Ryan (*Larlabrook*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of **Undaoaf**, which was checked and lost its running. G Ryan's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday, 20 September 2017 and to expire on Monday, 25 September 2017, on which day he may ride. Raced wide without cover for the majority of the event.

**Surprise Party** – leaving the 600m *Heidsieck* commenced to overrace and was steadied away from the heels of *Malachi Crunch*, resulting in *Heidsieck* shifting out and making contact with **Surprise Party**, which became unbalanced.

**Oakfield Time** – laid in under pressure in the straight.

**Malachi Crunch** – trainer Ms N Jarvis reported the gelding shifted its near-hind plate during the running of the event and sustained an abrasion to the leg.

### **RACE 2: Shoot Out Mile 1600m**

**Royal Navy** – made contact with *Shalmaneser* at the start. Rider T Clark stated that from his wide draw, when his mount commenced awkwardly, he elected to go back in accordance with his instructions to find cover. He said, with the strong early tempo, his mount never travelled well in the run and from the 900m he was obliged to commence to ride his mount forward to make ground. He added he was obliged to make further use of his mount making the home turn in order to improve to the outside of the weakening *Shalmaneser* and in the straight **Royal Navy** only ran on fairly. T Clark said in his opinion at this stage of the horse's career the step up in grade today may not have suited it. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Shalmaneser** – when questioned regarding his riding, A Hyeronimus stated his instructions were to attempt to take up a forward position on the gelding. He said, after jumping awkwardly, he rode his mount along in accordance with his instructions, but with the strong early tempo he was unable to cross runners to his inside. He added approaching the 1000m, when caught wide, he elected to again ride his mount forward with a view to pressuring the leaders, which may have then afforded him an opportunity to take up a position in behind *Prada Miss*, however when his mount did not respond to this tactic, he was obliged to remain racing three wide and without cover for the remainder of the event. A Hyeronimus said that from the 800m **Shalmaneser** was under pressure and was a beaten horse on the home turn. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying a poor post-race recovery. Trainer Mr R Litt confirmed the instructions issued to A Hyeronimus. Mr Litt was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Shalmaneser** racing again.

**Veladero** – ridden aggressively in the early stages to hold a prominent position. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, G Schofield stated, with the solid early tempo, he was obliged to make some use of his mount to take up a forward position. He said his mount failed to travel at any stage of the event. He added leaving the 600m he elected to give his mount some galloping room behind the leader *Embley*, but soon after straightening **Veladero** was under pressure and disappointed in its failure to finish the race off. G Schofield further stated the only explanation he could offer was that **Veladero** was unsuited by the strong early tempo. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr C Waller advised that the intention would be to trial **Veladero** prior to its next race start, however he indicated he would advise of the post-race condition of the gelding and confirm any plans for the gelding in the days subsequent.

### **RACE 3: Schweppes Heritage Stakes (Listed) 1100m**

**Malahat** – Stewards were advised by trainer Mr J Cummings that the colt had shown signs of some abnormalities when a blood profile was taken following acceptances being declared on Wednesday, 13 September 2017. Subsequent blood tests showed an improving profile and **Malahat** was cleared to start by the stable veterinarian. **Malahat** underwent an additional veterinary examination on arrival on course by the official Racing NSW veterinarian, who confirmed the colt was suitable to race.

**Marsupial** – slow to begin. Raced keenly in the middle stages and refused to settle. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Goodfella** – after being slightly slow to begin, failed to muster speed despite being ridden along. Raced wide without cover throughout. Laid out making the home turn and just prior to straightening was taken wider when *Albumin* was shifted out to clear running.

**The Mighty Fed** – began awkwardly and then was steadied when crowded for room between *Malahat* and *Lightz*, which was taken out by *Albumin*. Near the 200m raced in restricted room to the inside of *Single Bullet* for a short distance.

**Albumin** – overraced in the early stages when being restrained to obtain cover.

**Viridine** – overraced in the middle stages.

**Lightz** – laid out under pressure in the straight.

**Single Bullet** – near the 350m was disappointed for a run between *Malahat* and *Lightz*. The gelding was then held up on the back of *Malahat* for some distance before shifting to the inside of that runner near the 250m to secure clear running, whereby the gelding finished the race off strongly.

#### **RACE 4: Bill Ritchie Handicap (Group 3) 1400m**

**Havana Cooler** – slow to begin.

**Pajaro** – after being slow to begin was crowded for room between *New Tipperary*, which shifted in, and *Tom Melbourne*.

**New Tipperary** – slow to begin.

**Tom Melbourne** – nearing the 1100m had to be steadied when placed in restricted room between *Comin' Through* and *Burning Passion*, which shifted out. **Tom Melbourne** raced keenly in the middle stages.

**No Doubt** – raced keenly in the early stages and near the 1100m had to be restrained from the heels of *Burning Passion*.

#### **RACE 5: McGrath Estate Agents Tea Rose Stakes (Group 2) 1400m**

**Champagne Cuddles** – shifted its near-fore plate en route to the barriers, which necessitated it being refitted. The filly then underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to start.

**Pandemonium** – reared as the start was effected and lost ground (2L). A post-race veterinary examination revealed a healing wound on the off-hind cannon.

**One More Honey** – slow to begin.

**Smooth Landing** – slow to begin.

**Sweet Deal** – slow to begin.

**Tulip** – near the 900m, when being crossed by *Acqume* (C Reith), had to be steadied to avoid that runner's heels when it shifted in when no clear. C Reith was reprimanded and told to

ensure he is sufficiently clear when shifting ground. In assessing penalty, Stewards took into account that **Tulip** had been inclined to overrace in the lead up to this incident.

**I Am Excited** – raced wide without cover throughout.

**Alizee** – held up until near the 250m.

**Acqume** – Rider C Reith stated that, with the mare stepping up in grade and distance today and when left running in front, it was inclined to race keenly and was left without a finishing effort. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly was displaying respiratory distress and coughing. Trainer Mr B Widdup was advised a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination, would be required prior to **Acqume** racing again.

**One More Honey**- when questioned regarding his riding rounding the home turn and in the straight, B Shinn stated he was under no specific instructions, other than to have his mount where comfortable. He said making the home turn, as he followed *Tulip* into the race, he elected to shift off to the outside of that runner in order to follow the favourite *Champagne Cuddles*. He added on straightening, when *Tulip* then shifted out in advance of him, he was disappointed for this run and consequently was held up on the back of that runner for some distance. B Shinn further stated that when *Tulip* continued to shift out he positioned his mount to the inside of that runner and on the back of *Acqume*, which was commencing to give ground. He said, whilst he contemplated going to the inside of *Acqume*, as he felt the ground towards the rail was inferior and he had observed H Bowman, rider of *Tulip*, angle his mount back towards the inside, he felt the option to go there in the circumstances was not his horse's best interests and for this reason he elected to remain on the back of *Acqume*. He added he was then held up on the heels of *Acqume* before shifting back to that runner's outside and again becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of *Tulip* before securing clear running to the inside of that runner near the 200m. After considering B Shinn's explanation and the reasons for his decision near the top of the straight and near the 200m, Stewards advised him he had made an error of judgement in not going immediately to the inside of *Acqume* near the 200m, whereby he would have secured clear and uninterrupted running to the finish. B Shinn was advised that at all times he must ride his mounts so as to leave no room for query and to avail himself of opportunities when they present.

#### **RACE 6: Colgate Optic White Stakes (Group 1) 1600m**

**Winx** – slow to begin.

**Heavens Above** – slow to begin. Inside the 200m was awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Mackintosh* and had to be steadied and shifted to that runner's outside.

**McCreery** - from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

**Foxplay** – shortly after the start became unbalanced when bumped by *Mackintosh*, which shifted out.

**Red Excitement** – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### **RACE 7: Bowermans Office Furniture Shorts (Group 2) 1100m**

**Eckstein** – reared as the start was effected and then was crowded between *Takedown* and *Redzel*. Inclined to overrace in the early stages and approaching the 900m was steadied from

the heels of *Takedown*. Approaching the 800m **Eckstein**, which continued to overrace, had to be steadied when crowded between *After All That* and *Fell Swoop* which, after being steadied to avoid the heels of *Redzel*, shifted in.

**Chautauqua** – slow to begin.

**Redzel** – near the 800m was inconvenienced and shifted to the outside of *Ball Of Muscle* (G Schofield), which shifted in when not clear. G Schofield was advised to ensure he is two lengths clear when shifting ground.

**English** – near the 800m was eased to avoid the heels of *Redzel* when that runner shifted out. Raced wide without cover throughout. When questioned regarding the mare being ridden more forward, B Shinn stated his mount commenced best and, whilst he had intended to take up a rearward position with the anticipated fast tempo, he took advantage of his mount's good start. He said that when the early stages of the event were not run as quickly as he would have anticipated, **English** was caught wide without cover, particularly when *Fell Swoop* and *Takedown* held their position to his inside. He added consequently **English** travelled wide and without cover for the majority of the event.

**Fell Swoop** – for some distance approaching the 600m raced in restricted room between *Takedown* and *English* (B Shinn), which shifted in when not sufficiently clear. B Shinn was reprimanded and advised to ensure he is two lengths clear when shifting ground.

**Ball Of Muscle** – the Club's Veterinary Officer reported that whilst in the sampling stall the gelding was found to have a trace of blood present in its off-side nostril. Trainer Mr J Pride was advised that **Ball Of Muscle** must satisfactorily gallop over 1000m or barrier trial in the presence of Stewards prior to racing again.

#### **RACE 8: Kingston Town Stakes (Group 3) 2000m**

**Dee I Cee** – slow to begin.

**Kinema** - from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Near the 1200m commenced to race fiercely and was checked from the heels of *Dee I Cee*. **Kinema** then continued to overrace in the middle stages.

**Allergic** - from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start.

**Antonio Giuseppe** – caught wide in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding lost its off-fore plate in running.

**Libran** – held up for clear running in the early part of the straight.

**Chocante** – when questioned regarding his riding of the gelding, B Shinn stated, after travelling comfortably behind the leaders, with the race run at a moderate tempo in the middle stages of the event, he felt as **Chocante** is a staying type that it was in its best interests to shift off near the 600m to make the race a staying test. He said, after initially responding to his efforts to improve around the leaders, **Chocante** was under pressure from the 300m and was disappointing in its finishing effort. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Harper's Choice** – rider A Hyeronimus stated his mount failed to respond to pressure early in the straight, weakened over the concluding stages and was not genuine in the run to the line.

**RACE 9: tab.com.au Handicap 1200m**

**Pumpkin Pie** – slow to begin. For some distance in the early part of the straight raced in restricted room between *Isorich* and *Rose Of Carolina*, which was inclined to lay out.

**Isorich** – slow to begin.

**Missile Coda** – began awkwardly. Raced wide without cover throughout. Over the final 100m raced in restricted room between *Love's A Fantasy* and *I Thought So* (C Brown), which shifted in. C Brown was advised to ensure he leave sufficient room for runners to his inside when shifting ground. As a consequence **Missile Coda** was not ridden out to the finish of the race.

**Last Witness** – despite being ridden along in the early stages failed to muster speed. Overraced in the middle stages.

**Echo Effect** - from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Overraced in the middle stages. Near the 600m was checked away from the heels of *Rose Of Carolina* and then was held up on the heels of that runner for some distance making the home turn. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Dagny** – near the 1000m was steadied when placed in restricted room between *Pumpkin Pie* and *Love's A Fantasy*, which was taken out by *Rose Of Carolina*, which was racing keenly and shifted out slightly.

**Sir Plush** – when questioned regarding his riding, J Collett stated he was issued with no specific instructions other than to endeavour to find cover from his wide draw. He said, after his mount commenced well, he was obliged to come back to obtain a position on the back of *I Thought So* in order to obtain cover. He added **Sir Plush** overraced throughout the event and in the straight was inclined to lay out under pressure. Trainer Mr B Baker confirmed the nature of the instructions in that it was imperative to find cover. He added today's circumstances from the wide draw resulted in **Sir Plush** having to go back further. He said it is the intention to ride the gelding in future in a manner that is consistent with how it was ridden today.

**Ziggy Willie** – for some distance near the 600m had to be steadied away from the heels of *Love's A Fantasy*.

**I Thought So** – raced wide without cover throughout.

**Love's A Fantasy** – rider App. J Innes Jr stated his mount raced in restricted room throughout the event and, after having difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight, could not be tested over the concluding stages when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Improvement*.

**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.

<b>Race 1</b>	App. L Magorrian ( <b>Undaoaf</b> )	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
<b>Race 2</b>	C Brown ( <b>Gold Horizon</b> )	8 strikes prior to the 100m.
<b>Race 3</b>	J Parr ( <b>Albumin</b> )	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
<b>Race 4</b>	M Walker ( <b>Comin' Through</b> )	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
<b>Race 5</b>	T Angland ( <b>Champagne Cuddles</b> ) M Walker ( <b>Cellargirl</b> )	7 strikes prior to the 100m. 6 strikes prior to the 100m.
<b>Race 9</b>	App. L Magorrian ( <b>Isorich</b> )	8 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Race 1: Larlabrook (2), Heidsieck, Oakfield Time, Malachi Crunch, She Knows.

Race 2: Embley (2), Veladero, Shalmaneser, Reiby The Red, Darci's Affair.

Race 3: Single Bullet, Goodfella, Albumin.

Race 4: Havana Cooler, Pajaro, Comin' Through (2), Tom Melbourne.

Race 5: Tulip, Champagne Cuddles, Alizee (2), I am Excited, Sweet Deal, Cellargirl.

Race 6: Happy Clapper (2), Red Excitement, Mackintosh, Winx (2), Ecuador, McCreery, Heavens Above, Foxplay (2).

Race 7: Chautauqua, Takedown, Fell Swoop, English, Ball Of Muscle (2), After All That, Nieta.

Race 8: Life Less Ordinary, Harper's Choice, Who Shot Thebarman, Chocante, Allergic, Megablast, Antonio Giuseppe.

Race 9: Ziggy Willie, Echo Effect, I Thought So, Pumpkin Pie, Improvement.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 5:</b> C Reith ( <b>Acqume</b> ) – careless riding (AR137(a)). <b>Race 7:</b> B Shinn ( <b>English</b> ) – careless riding (AR137(a)).
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 1:</b> G Ryan ( <b>Larlabrook</b> ) – careless riding (AR137(a)), suspended from 20/9/17 to 25/9/17,
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 7:</b> <b>Ball Of Muscle</b> (trainer J Pride) – blood present in off-side nostril.
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 2:</b> <b>Shalmaneser</b> (trainer R Litt) – poor post-race recovery. <b>Race 5:</b> <b>Acqume</b> (trainer B Widdup) including endoscopic examination – respiratory distress and coughing.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Tactics Notified:</b>	<b>Race 2:</b> <b>Prada Miss</b> – to be ridden more forward; settled outside leader. <b>Race 3:</b> <b>Goodfella</b> – to be ridden more forward; settled back. <b>Albumin</b> – to be ridden quieter with cover; settled back. <b>Malahat</b> – to be ridden forward; led. <b>Race 5:</b> <b>Tulip</b> – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace. <b>Race 6:</b> <b>Mackintosh</b> – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace. <b>Race 8:</b> <b>Life Less Ordinary</b> – to be ridden more forward; settled

	midfield. <b>Race 9: Echo Effect</b> – to be ridden with cover; settled back. <b>Improvement</b> – to be ridden more forward; settled outside lead. <b>Last Witness</b> – to be ridden more forward; settled midfield.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	<b>Race 2: Veladero</b> (trainer C Waller) – poor performance.