

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Australian Turf Club CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (3)  
Rail: +3m  
Penetrometer: 4.59

**STEWARDS:** R W Livingstone (Chairman), P C Dingwall, T J Vassallo, J J E Earl and cadets C K McIntosh, F J Dale and R T Debels.

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#### Supplementary Reports:

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**ROYAL RANDWICK: Saturday, 14 October 2017**

#### RACE 8 – The TAB Everest 1200m

*Fell Swoop* – trainer Mr M Dale advised that the gelding would now be spelled.

#### RACE 10 – Sydney Harbour Exclusive Sprint 1000m

*Fifteen Sunflowers* – when questioned regarding his riding of **Fifteen Sunflowers** in the straight, J Collett advised that from his wide barrier, he shifted back towards the rail in the early stages, which appeared to be the place where a number of favoured horses had made ground on this particular day. He added that rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight, he placed **Fifteen Sunflowers** under pressure, however when that horse, in his view, was not making ground and not travelling well, notwithstanding his earlier thoughts, he felt that perhaps the horse was not stretching out racing inside horses and for this reason he shifted wider on the track whereby once he secured clear running near the 150m, **Fifteen Sunflowers** closed the race off well.

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#### RACE 1 – Schweppes Plate 1250m

**Kookabaa** – the declaration of correct weight was delayed to allow G Schofield, rider of fourth placegetter **Kookabaa**, to view the patrol film. When he was satisfied there were not sufficient grounds to lodge an objection and the Stewards similarly agreed, correct weight was declared. It was established that near the 200m, **Kookabaa** was briefly tightened for room by *Epic Rant*, which shifted in before being corrected by its rider.

**Poetic Charmer** – slow to begin.

**The Drake** – raced keenly and got its head up in the early and middle stages. **The Drake** raced greenly in the straight.

#### RACE 2 – All Too Hard@Vinery Handicap 1100m

**November Man** – this morning, the Cummings stable notified the Stewards that following trackwork, **November Man** was coughing. **November Man** subsequently underwent a veterinary examination including an endoscopic examination and was cleared to start. **November Man** also underwent a further veterinary examination by Racing NSW's veterinarian on arrival on course who confirmed the finding that the horse was fit to start.

**Swaffham Bulbeck** – began awkwardly and then was crowded for room by *Kettering*, which also began awkwardly and shifted in. **Swaffham Bulbeck** hung out rounding the home turn.

**Kettering** – near the 900m, which was racing keenly, was restrained away from the heels of *Highly Influential*, which shifted in before being corrected by its rider. On the first turn, **Kettering** was briefly tightened for room between *November Man* and *Highly Influential* which was taken in by *Madonnica*. Near the 100m, **Kettering** was struck over the nose by the whip of C Brown (*Swaffham Bulbeck*).

**Epidemic** – raced wide and without cover throughout. In the early part of the straight, **Epidemic** and *Highly Influential* bumped on two occasions due to both horses shifting ground. When questioned, G Schofield advised that his instructions had been to try and ride the horse with cover. He added that on jumping, when he observed *Kettering* and *Swaffham Bulbeck*, which were drawn directly to his inside, had both missed the start, he tried to ride forward and sit outside the early leader *November Man* and with *Madonnica* and *Highly Influential* pushing forward to his outside, he felt the position on pace with cover would be available. He added, however, when *Kettering* improved quickly to his inside, he was left racing wide and approaching the first turn, he then elected to improve his position in the hope of settling outside the leader *Madonnica*. He further added, however, when the rider of *Highly Influential* continued to hold his spot, as he was of the view that he would have been obligated to do too much work on his horse rounding the first turn, he elected to restrain and ultimately **Epidemic** raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Highly Influential** – a post race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was having its first start, revealed no abnormalities.

#### **RACE 3 – McGrath Estate Agents Qld Handicap 1550m**

**Princess Posh** – bumped with *Zafina* at the start. **Princess Posh** raced keenly until nearing the 900m.

**Sisken** – shortly after the start, made contact with *Princess Posh*. G Schofield advised that his instructions were to have the mare race on the pace. He added that whilst **Sisken** began only fairly, he endeavoured to comply with his instructions soon after the start, however when a number of runners drawn to his inside showed speed and as he felt he would be caught wide, he elected to restrain and subsequently raced further back than they had intended.

**Foxy Housewife** – near the 900m, was carried wider by *I Am Serious* and subsequently raced wide and without cover for the remainder of the race. After passing the winning post, rider C Brown was dislodged from **Foxy Housewife** and suffered a harmless fall. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Think Like A Bird** – laid out after the 500m. **Think Like A Bird** was briefly held up rounding the home turn.

**Zafina** – App R Hunt could offer no explanation for the performance of the mare, which weakened noticeably after travelling well in the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr M Dale advised that **Zafina**, which was backing up, had pleased since its win at Moruya on Sunday, 15 October 2017. He added that whilst **Zafina** was up in grade today, he expected the mare to perform well. Mr Dale was asked to furnish a veterinary clearance prior to **Zafina** racing again. He added that at this stage, the plan is to assess the mare on return to his stables at which time a decision will be made on its immediate future racing plans. The matter was adjourned pending this advice.

#### **RACE 4 – McGrath Estate Agents NSW Handicap 1550m**

**Cannon Run** – was slow to begin and then was taken back in across runners after the start.

**Law Of The Land** – made contact with *Kilmacurragh* at the start. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Kilmacurragh** – near the 1400m, laid out towards the heels of *Dalmatia Prince* and was steadied. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Calypso Bay** – passing the 1200m, made contact with the running rail and became unbalanced. Rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight, **Calypso Bay** and *Cannon Run* were carried wider by *Kilmacurragh*. B Avdulla could offer no explanation for the performance of the horse which failed to run on after travelling well. A post race veterinary examination revealed no

abnormalities. Trainer Mr K Lees could offer no explanation for the performance of **Calypso Bay**. The post race condition and plans of **Calypso Bay** will be followed up with Mr Lees in the days subsequent.

#### **RACE 5 – Tab.com.au Handicap 1250m**

**Ruthless Agent** – the declaration of correct weight was delayed to enable the connections of the second placegetter, **Ruthless Agent**, to view the photo finish. When they were satisfied that the numbers as semaphored were correct and the Stewards similarly agreed, correct weight was declared.

**Cedarwood** – shifted in at the start and made contact with *The Cheetah*. On straightening, **Cedarwood** was steadied when disappointed for a run between *Radical Impact* and *Gitan*. T Clark advised that whilst he was obliged to steady shortly after straightening when disappointed for a run, **Cedarwood** was nonetheless disappointing thereafter when it failed to finish the race off. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Stable representative Mr C Duckworth indicated that the gelding will be better suited over slightly longer distances and would now step up to 1400m at its next race start. The post race condition of **Cedarwood** will be followed up with Mr Waller in the days subsequent.

**Gitan** – began awkwardly and became unbalanced after making contact with the hindquarters of *I'm Rockin'*. **Gitan** raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Cordoned** – slow to begin. **Cordoned** was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight and shortly after straightening, was disappointed for a run between *Gitan* and *Star Of Africa*.

**The Cheetah** – when questioned, B Avdulla advised that whilst **The Cheetah** raced a little keenly, it travelled well thereafter. He added that when asked for an effort in the straight, **The Cheetah** was most disappointing in that it failed to finish its race off. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. The post race condition and future racing plans will be followed up with the Hawkes stable in the days subsequent.

**Radical Impact** – near the 100m, **Radical Impact**, which was weakening, was steadied when crowded from room between *Eminent Duke* and *Gitan* (K Latham), which shifted in, and after initially causing crowding to **Radical Impact**, was then taken in by *Star Of Africa* (B Shinn), which shifted in when not clear. B Shinn and K Latham were reprimanded and advised to exercise more care.

**Arrodissement** – a post race veterinary examination revealed **Arrodissement** to have lost its near fore plate during the running of the race.

#### **RACE 6 – McGrath Estate Agents Act Handicap 1900m**

**Dream Folk** – the start of this race was delayed after the earmuffs on **Dream Folk**, which were a notified gear to be removed at the barriers, had to be removed after trainer Mr G Hickman presented that horse to race with the earmuffs underneath the blinkers. Mr Hickman was fined \$100 under AR140A. **Dream Folk** was slow to begin.

**Baysa** – began awkwardly. Approaching the winning post, **Baysa** was unable to be ridden out when steadied to avoid the heels of *Braces*, which shifted out under pressure.

**Welcome Art** – began awkwardly.

**Macquarie Magic** – slow to begin.

**Living Choice** - slow to begin. Was steadied and taken back in and across runners after the start from its wide barrier.

**Braces** – raced wide and without cover throughout. A post race veterinary examination revealed **Braces** to have aggravated an old injury to its nearside hip.

**Karavali** – on straightening, was carried wider by *Baysa*, which shifted out to improve.

**Tenorino** – raced greenly in the straight and was inclined to lay out.

#### **RACE 7 – #Theraces Handicap 1250m**

**Feelin The Love** – was slow to begin. **Feelin The Love**, on straightening, was disappointed for a run to the outside of *Osborne Bulls* and then was obliged to shift back to the inside to obtain clear running. **Feelin The Love** was then awkwardly placed on the heels of the weakening *Fujiwhara* approaching the 100m and had to be directed to that horse's outside to continue to improve.

**In Times Of War** – began awkwardly, shifted in and hampered *Crooked Blaze*, which had been slow to begin. **In Times Of War**, when held up for clear running, was disappointed for a run to the inside of *Slow Burn* on straightening. **In Times Of War** was then held up for some distance on the back of that horse until approaching the 100m where **In Times Of War** closed its race off well.

**Osborne Bulls** – began awkwardly.

**Conarchie** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Chavish** – for a short distance passing the 100m, raced in restricted room between *Lady Jivago* and *Passage Of Time*. **Chavish** was briefly held up approaching and rounding the home turn. Approaching the 150m, **Chavish** was shifted to the outside of *Passage Of Time* to continue into clear running.

**Rosa Carolina** – App A Adkins (*Fujiwhara*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 1000m, he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of *Passage Of Time*, which was crowded across the running of **Rosa Carolina** which was checked and lost its running and was taken in onto *Osborne Bulls* and *Crooked Blaze*, which were both badly buffeted for room. App Adkins' permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday, 22 October 2017 and to expire on Sunday, 29 October 2017 on which day he may ride. *Feelin The Love* and *Chavish*, which were travelling behind, were hampered as a result. Near the 700m, **Rosa Carolina**, which was racing ungenerously, was steadied when crowded for room between *Osborne Bulls*, which shifted out slightly, and *Lady Jivago* (App B McDougall). App McDougall was reprimanded and advised to exercise more care.

#### **RACE 8 – McGrath Estate Agents VIC Handicap 1100m**

**Dixie Chick** – got its head up at the start and was steadied and taken back in across runners from the wide barrier after the start. When questioned regarding the performance of **Dixie Chick**, B Shinn advised that the mare, which was racing with blinkers on today, raced keenly throughout, never travelled comfortably, however when clear in the straight, was most disappointing in its failure to finish its race off. A post race veterinary examination revealed a speedy cut to the off hind cannon, a dislodged tooth and a minor laceration to its gum. Trainer Mr D Pfeffer advised that he was disappointed with the performance today particularly considering that the mare had trialled well recently on two occasions and has been consistent throughout its preparation. He was unable to offer any legitimate excuse for the performance which was below expectations and he undertook to have **Dixie Chick** vetted in the morning and he will furnish the Stewards with the results. The Stewards deemed the performance to be unacceptable and advised Mr Pfeffer that prior to **Dixie Chick** being permitted to race again, it must perform satisfactorily at a barrier trial.

**Reigning Meteor** – slow to begin and steadied and taken back in across runners from the wide barrier after the start.

**Niccobelle** – began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with *Fanning*. A short distance later, *Fanning* was hampered when *Eccellere* shifted in. Near the 700m, **Niccobelle**, which was inclined to overrace, was steadied away from the heels of *Best Guess*.

**Showmaster** – was slow to begin.

**Good Time Charlie** – was steadied and taken back in across runners from the wide barrier after the start.

**Cohesion** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Peter John** – raced wide and without cover throughout. **Peter John** was hampered and carried wider near the 700m by *Cohesion*, which was taken out by *Niccobelle*.

**Dynamic Bid** – near the 100m, **Dynamic Bid**, which was giving ground, was tightened for room between *Best Guess* (App L Magorrian) and *Artemis Rose*, which, after shifting out initially, was taken out slightly by *Eccellere*. App Magorrian was advised to exercise more care.

## GENERAL:

### Summary of whip use

The Stewards noted the following rider exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii):

<b>Race 7</b>	App B McDougall ( <b>Lady Jivago</b> )	6 strikes
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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: The Drake, Unforgotten, Poetic Charmer.

Race 2: Highly Influential, Kettering, November Man, Swaffham Bulbeck.

Race 3: Princess Posh, I Am Serious, Think Like A Bird, Zafina, Shield Wall.

Race 4: Kilmacurragh, Hirokin, Dalmatia Prince.

Race 5: Gitan, Star Of Africa, Arrondissement, Ruthless Agent.

Race 6: Tenorino, Karavali, Macquarie Magic, Baysa, Welcome Art, Lead Choreographer.

Race 7: Osborne Bulls, In Times Of War.

Race 8: Artemis Rose, Dynamic Bid, Dixie Chick.

SUMMARY	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 6: G Hickman (Dream Folk)</b> – \$100 [AR140A] – incorrect gear.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 5: K Latham (Gitan)</b> – careless riding [AR137(a)]. <b>Race 5: B Shinn (Star Of Africa)</b> – careless riding [AR137(a)]. <b>Race 7: App B McDougall (Lady Jivago)</b> – careless riding [AR137(a)].
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 7: App A Adkins (Fujiwhara)</b> – 22.10.17 to 29.10.17 – careless riding [AR137(a)].
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 8: Dixie Chick</b> (trainer D Pfeiffer) – poor performance.
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 3: Zafina</b> (M Dale) – poor performance.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	<b>Race 3: C Brown (Foxy Housewife)</b> – after the winning post, no injuries.
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	<b>Race 7: Crooked Blaze</b> – to be ridden more forward; settled off the pace.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	<b>Race 3: Zafina</b> (trainer M Dale) – poor performance. <b>Race 5: Cedarwood</b> (trainer C Waller) – poor performance. <b>Race 5: The Cheetah</b> (Hawkes stable) – poor performance. <b>Race 8: Dixie Chick</b> (trainer D Pfeiffer) – poor performance