

STEWARDS' REPORT

Australian Turf Club ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE

Saturday 19 August 2017

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: +3m
Penetrometer: 4.89

STEWARDS: M F Van Gestel (Chairman), P C Dingwall, R W Livingstone, T J Carlton and cadets C K McIntosh and T D North

Supplementary Reports:

CANTERBURY PARK – Wednesday 16 August 2017

Race 3: *tab.com.au* Handicap 1550m

No Pushover – passing the 700m was disappointed for running between Naheema and Up 'N' Rolling, which shifted in slightly.

Satirical Magic – near the 600m was bumped and carried out by Lunar Spin which, after improving quickly to the outside of Dream Lane, was taken wider when that horse was shifted out to improve. *Satirical Magic* then raced wide and without cover thereafter.

Race 6: Smithfield RSL Club Rosebud (Listed) 1100m

Diamond Tathagata – trainer Mr M Newnham advised on Wednesday, 16 August 2016 the colt was found to have an abscess in its off-fore foot. Mr Newnham undertook to submit a veterinary clearance prior to *Diamond Tathagata* racing again.

RACE 1: 2GB Silver Shadow Stakes (Group 2) 1200m

Alizee – prior to the declaration of correct weight Stewards viewed the official patrol films to ascertain if there were grounds for objection against the winner *Formality* due to *Formality* shifting out and brushing *Alizee* near the 25m. When Stewards were satisfied there were not sufficient grounds, bearing in mind the margin of a long head, correct weight was declared. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Villa Carlotta – began awkwardly.

Champagne Cuddles – near the 1100m was eased to avoid the heels of *Alizee* when its rider T Angland elected to remain racing one off to follow that runner. When being shifted to the outside of *Alizee* to commence its run making the home turn was inclined to lay out. Continued to lay out under pressure in the straight.

RACE 2: Randwick Mayor's Cup 2400m

Auvray – shifted its off-fore plate in the tie-up stalls, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer and cleared to start. Made contact with *Zero To Ten* at the start.

Zero To Ten – made contact with *Auvray* at the start. When questioned regarding the gelding leading today, rider K O'Hara stated she was under no specific instructions other than to ride her mount where comfortable. She said as the start was effected her mount jumped best and quickly established a small lead on the field. She added she then sat quietly on the gelding in order to have her mount positioned where comfortable, but with the slow early tempo, when wide in the early stages, she elected to allow **Zero To Ten** to stride forward, where it then raced in the lead.

Four Carat – slow to begin. Raced in restricted room for some distance near the 600m when *More Moet* was inclined to lay in. **Four Carat** was then steadied and shifted out across the heels of *More Moet* leaving the 550m to improve into clear running.

Get On The Grange – when questioned regarding the performance, rider B Shinn stated that he was caught three wide without cover throughout the early stages, which resulted in him having to make use of his mount to go forward and cross *Vassal* approaching the 1600m to race outside the leader *Zero To Ten*. He said in the back straight **Get On The Grange** raced into a strong head wind without cover and this may have also contributed to the gelding's disappointing run today, along with the fact that at its last start at Randwick on 5 August 2017 it also had a tough run when it raced three wide without cover. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Sayed – when questioned regarding his riding out of the gelding over the final 200m, H Bowman stated that, after his mount obtained the lead approaching the 300m, he felt it was giving its best with his vigorous hands and heels riding. He said inside the 200m he noticed *Auvray* had commenced to improve to his inside, however as he felt his mount was continuing to give its best, he maintained his vigorous hands and heels riding. He added near the 100m, when *Auvray* commenced to challenge his mount, he felt **Sayed** respond to that challenge, whereby he then felt it appropriate to pull the whip over the final 75m. After considering H Bowman's explanation and viewing the available patrol films, Stewards were satisfied that H Bowman had ridden his mount out over the final 200m in accordance with the rules.

RACE 3: Harvey Norman TAB Highway Plate 1600m

Chadana – slow to begin. For some distance near the 600m was held up and unable to improve.

Bonnie Sare – after being slow to begin, was hampered when *Al Cubana* shifted out.

Vee Eight – raced wide in the early stages.

Last Try Wins – inclined to race keenly in the run. When questioned regarding his riding in the middle stages and particularly the reason his mount raced wide without cover when in the opinion of the Stewards there was an opportunity to shift in and race on the back of *Kingia*, G Schofield stated after making the first turn he was aware that *Gid Up Strop*, which was positioned to his inside, was racing ungenerously and had become awkward on heels. He said for this reason he elected not to shift in and at the same time was content to race wide as his mount is a horse that takes some time to respond to riding and he was intending on having his mount improve into the event from the 200. G Schofield said for this reason he remained racing wide, but then near the 600m when the winner *My Tagoson* was able to improve to his inside he shifted off, which resulted in his mount having to cover additional ground rounding

the home turn. Whilst the Stewards considered the explanation offered by G Schofield, he was advised that wherever possible he should avoid covering unnecessary ground.

Kingia – raced wide without cover for the majority of the event.

Time's Up – raced wide without cover throughout.

Arrestar – when questioned regarding his riding, T Angland stated his mount was able to take up a comfortable position on the rail in the early stages, where it followed *Force Of Magic*. He said near the 600m, when that runner did not improve into the event, he elected to commence to start to shift off, whereby he then shifted to the outside of *Force Of Magic* and then *Mister Marmalade* in an attempt to obtain clear running. He added on straightening he attempted to take a narrow run between *Chadana* and *Kingia*, however when *Chadana* was held tight to the inside of *Last Try Wins*, he was unable to establish that run when crowded for room. As a consequence he was obliged to check his mount near the 300m, whereby he then shifted to the outside of *Chadana* and then *Gid Up Strop* to obtain clear running. T Angland further stated, once into clear running near the 150m, **Arrestar** found the line strongly.

RACE 4: Broccolini Handicap 1400m

More To Gain – Stewards considered an application from co-trainer Ms A Turner to withdraw the gelding on the basis that the track conditions in her opinion had become somewhat firmer throughout the day due to the high winds. She said, after walking the track prior to making the application, whilst conceding there was good grass cover on the track, she felt having regard to the fact that **More To Gain** had previously jarred up on tracks of this nature, she felt it was in the best interests of the gelding to make application to withdraw. After considering Ms Turner's submissions, Stewards acceded to the request and advised her that in situations where the track is rated as a Good (2) or better, she would be expect to withdraw the gelding. **More To Gain** was a late withdrawal at 1.15pm.

Petrossian – dislodged its rider R Murray during the preliminary. The gelding was quickly recaptured and cleared to start by Racing NSW veterinary officers. R Murray was also cleared to ride. From its wide barrier was taken back at the start. Raced wide without cover from the 900m and was inclined to overrace.

Life Less Ordinary – began awkwardly. Over the final 200m was inclined to lay out.

Embley – slow to begin. Raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages and was inclined to overrace. When questioned regarding the performance, rider K McEvoy stated his mount raced keenly in the run and was left without cover. He added in his view **Embley** was not suited by the manner in which today's race was run in that it developed into a sprint home and in his opinion was now looking for addition ground. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Muraqaba – slow to begin. Co-trainer Mr E Cummings was fined the sum of \$200 under AR124 for failing to have the gelding in the enclosure by the prescribed time.

Ebenos – on straightening made contact with *Embley* when disappointed for a run between *Inz'N'out* and that runner.

Mogador – inclined to lay out under pressure in the straight.

Comin' Through – rider M Walker stated it was not his instruction to lead, but after his mount commenced well today and when caught wide in the early stages, he elected to stride forward to the front rather than risk being caught three wide throughout the event.

Inz'N'out – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near-foreleg and displaying a poor post-race recovery. Trainer Mr G Ryan was advised he must submit a veterinary clearance prior to **Inz'N'out** racing again.

RACE 5: Alpha Flight Services Up and Coming Stakes (Group 3) 1300m

Eshtiraak – reared after being placed in the barriers, underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to start. Crowded for room shortly after the start between *Calculated* and *Ace High*, both of which shifted ground.

Gold Standard – slow to begin. Rider T Berry was fined the sum of \$200 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using the whip on nine occasions prior to the 100m.

Cuba – from its wide barrier steadied and shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Toga Picta – when questioned, M Walker stated, from its wide draw, he was instructed to ride the colt near the rail. He said he was able to take up a position back in the field close to the rail in the early stages. He added he followed *Eshtiraak* in the run and, after being slightly held up making the home turn, he improved to the inside of *Eshtiraak* near the 500m, whereby his mount commenced to make ground. M Walker further stated he was then unable to secure clear running in the straight when *Calculated* commenced to give ground and for this reason he was obliged to steady his mount near the 250m and shifted to the outside of *Eshtiraak* to obtain clear running. He said under pressure in the straight over the final 200m **Toga Picta** was inclined to lay out, which resulted in him having to change the whip to his non-preferred left hand, whereby he rode his mount out to the best of his ability to the finish and he was of the view that **Toga Picta** closed the race off well. Trainer Mr J Cummings confirmed the instructions issued. He said today's instructions were issued on the basis that in race 4 the first three placegetters made ground along the rail and he thought this was the colt's best chance of winning the event, having regard to the fact it was first up over an unsuitably short distance. After considering the evidence, Stewards found that jockey M Walker was riding to instructions and he took the available opportunity to secure clear running in the straight after improving along the fence making the home turn. Mr Cummings was advised that, whilst accepting his logic for issuing today's instructions, he must nonetheless issue instructions that are not so binding that they remove any initiative the jockey may have to exercise during the running of the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be coughing. Trainer Mr J Cummings was advised a veterinary clearance would be required, including the results of an endoscopic examination, prior to **Toga Picta** racing again.

Calculated – rider K McEvoy stated that his mount was a little fractious in the barrier, however then overraced badly in the run and as a consequence was left without a finishing effort. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to have a small amount of blood in its near-side nostril. Trainer Mr C Waller stated that **Calculated** had pleased leading into today's race and he agreed with the assessment of K McEvoy in relation to its failure to finish the race off. Mr Waller was advised **Calculated** would be required to barrier trial or gallop 1000m before the Stewards prior to racing again.

Dracarys – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt shifted its near-fore plate during running and on return to the enclosure it was noted the colt had suffered a puncture wound to that hoof. Co-trainer Mr Paul Snowden advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Dracarys** racing again.

RACE 6: Bob Ingham Warwick Stakes (Group 2) 1400m

Inference – raced wide without cover throughout.

Winx – rider H Bowman stated that **Winx**, which has a history of being fractious in the barriers, today was again today fractious and as a consequence was assisted by the barrier attendant, who held the mare's head to the side of the stall, as is the usual practice. He said just prior to the start being effected the barrier attendant straightened **Winx** in preparation for the start, however as the starter released the field the mare simultaneously became fractious and attempted to rear. As a result the attendant was required to further assist **Winx** in settling and consequently this resulted in the mare missing the start by 4 lengths.

RACE 7: Sydney Markets Toy Show Quality (Group 3) 1300m

Shazee Lee – the mare, which had been fractious in the barriers, began awkwardly. Rider J Ford stated that the mare, which was racing first up today, was fractious pre-race and in the barriers. He said **Shazee Lee** raced fiercely in the run and refused to settle as he attempted to obtain cover on the back of *Hetty Heights* throughout the early and middle stages. He added as a consequence his mount was left without a finishing effort. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Zanbagh – began awkwardly.

Hetty Heights – slow to begin and then shortly after the start was hampered when crowded by *Moroccan Ruby*, which shifted out.

Euro Angel – slow to begin. Near the 600m made contact with the running rail and became unbalanced. When questioned regarding his riding in the straight, B Avdulla stated on straightening he contemplated improving into a very narrow run between *Rocket Commander* and *Imposing Lass*. He said, given his position on the track in that he was racing two lengths behind *Imposing Lass*, he felt he did not have sufficient leverage to improve into that run and therefore he elected to shift to racing behind *Imposing Lass* with a view to come to that runner's outside. He added that when *Imposing Lass* did not improve into the race as expected and *Beatniks* to his outside held its position, he continued to shift out and as a consequence was held up on the heels of *Imposing Lass* for some distance inside the 300m. B Avdulla further stated that near the 200m, when *Imposing Lass* then shifted out, he shifted back to the inside of that runner, whereby he secured clear running inside the 200m. He said he added over the concluding stages he raced in restricted room between *Imposing Lass* and *Rocket Commander* when *Rocket Commander* shifted out slightly.

Rocket Commander – over the final stages could not be tested when placed close to the heels of *Sweet Redemption*, which shifted out slightly.

RACE 8: Suttons Show County Quality (Group 3) 1200m

Spectroscope – slow to begin. Near the 800m was eased away from the heels of *Invader* (T Berry), which shifted in when not clear. T Berry was advised to exercise more care. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

The Virginian – slow to begin.

Omei Sword – rider K McEvoy stated that on jumping his mount knuckled over badly, resulting in him almost being dislodged and losing ground. He said as a result the mare settled at the tail of the field, whereby it travelled satisfactorily throughout the early and middle stages. He added under pressure in the straight **Omei Sword** was able to finish the race off reasonably well. K McEvoy further stated that in his view the incident at the start had a significant bearing on the mare's finishing position today and also **Omei Sword** may not have appreciated the firmer surface. A post-race veterinary examination revealed an abrasion to the near-side lower lip. Trainer Mr C Waller undertook to report back on the post-race condition of the mare subsequent to the race.

RACE 9: Primo Handicap 1000m

Last Witness – slow to begin.

Pro Consul – **Pro Consul** and *Gibraltar Girl* were both slow to begin and then were steadied when crowded for room between *Top Striker* and *Super Too*, which shifted out.

Art D'Amour – near the 600m was steadied to avoid the heels of *Top Striker* (H Bowman), which shifted in when not clear. H Bowman was reprimanded. Near the 200m, when improving between *Wide Acclaim* and *Top Striker*, made contact with *Wide Acclaim*.

Top Striker – rider H Bowman stated with the fast early tempo he was obliged to make use of his mount to hold its position throughout the early and middle stages and as a consequence it was left without finishing effort. He added in his view **Top Striker** would be better suited by being able to be stepped up in distance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying a poor post-race recovery.

Sangiovese – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare bled for the first time from both nostrils. Trainer Mr B Baker was advised **Sangiovese** would now incur the mandatory three month ban from racing under AR53A.

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	T Angland (Champagne Cuddles)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 4	M Murphy (Muraqaba)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	A Hyeronimus (Sweet Redemption) T Berry (Rocket Commander)	7 strikes prior to the 100m. 7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 8	T Angland (That's A Good Idea)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Race 1: One More Honey, Villa Carlotta, Alizee, Champagne Cuddles.
 Race 2: Auvray (2), Get On The Grane, Four Carat, More Moet, Zero To Ten, Sayed.
 Race 3: Gid Up Strop, Zardabba, Time's Up, Al Cubana, Kingia, Chadana, Last Try Wins.
 Race 4: Life Less Ordinary, Comin' Through, Embley, More To Gain, Francesco, Mogador.
 Race 5: Trapeze Artiest, Eshtiraak, Toga Picta, Sanctioned, Calculated.
 Race 6: Eucador, Antonio Giuseppe, Inference, Harper's Choice, Winx (2), Foxplay.
 Race 7: Zanbagh, Euro Angel (2), Imposing Lass, Hetty Heights.
 Race 8: Deploy (2), Omei Sword, Invader, The Virginian (2).
 Race 9: Top Striker, Super Too (2), Last Witness.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 4: Co-trainer E Cummings (Muraqaba) \$200 – late into enclosure (AR124). Race 5: T Berry (Gold Standard) \$200 – use of the whip (AR137A(5)(a)(ii)).
Reprimands:	Race 9: H Bowman (Top Striker) – careless riding (AR137(a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Race 5: Calculated (trainer C Waller) – blood in near-side nostril. Race 9: Sangiovese (trainer B Baker) – bled from both nostrils, 3 month ban (AR53A).
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 5: Calculated (trainer C Waller) – blood in near-side nostril.
Certificates:	Supplementary: Diamond Tathagata (trainer M Newnham) – abscess off-fore foot. Race 4: Inz'N'out (trainer G Ryan) – lame near fore-leg and displaying poor post-race recovery. Race 5: Dracarys (team Snowden) – puncture wound to near-fore hoof. Toga Picta (trainer J Cummings) including endoscopic examination – coughing.
Fall/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Tactics:	Race 2: Vassal – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace. Race 4: Embley – option to be ridden more forward; settled on pace.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Change of Gear	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 8: Omei Sword (trainer C Waller) – knuckled over badly on jumping.