

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Australian Turf Club WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE

Wednesday, 20 September 2017

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (4); upgrade to Good (3) at 1pm retrospective to include Race 1.  
Rail: +5m 1000m-W/P, +3m Remainder, 1400m Chute +5m  
Penetrometer: 4.74

**STEWARDS:** T J Vassallo (Chairman), P C Dingwall, R W Livingstone, T A McDonald and cadets F J Dale.

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#### Supplementary Reports:

##### **ROYAL RANDWICK: Saturday, 16 September 2017**

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

**Veladero** – trainer Mr C Waller advised that he was satisfied with the post race condition of the gelding and confirmed that **Veladero** will barrier trial prior to its next start.

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

**Chocante** – trainer Mr S Marsh advised that he was satisfied with the post race condition of **Chocante** and that it had trotted up soundly the following day. He said it was his intention to continue on with the horse's preparation.

##### **NEWCASTLE: Friday, 15 September 2017**

##### **RACE 6 – Australian Bloodstock Cameron Handicap (Group 3) 1500m**

**Kingsguard** – co-trainer Mr M Hawkes advised **Kingsguard** will now be spelled. On this assurance, no action was taken.

##### **KEMBLA GRANGE: Sunday, 17 September 2017**

##### **RACE 3 – Sublime Point Maiden Handicap 1000m**

**Rispetta** – shifted in behind runners shortly after the start. Commenced to race keenly in the early stages. Got its head up when being restrained from the heels of Sylvie near the 800m after becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of that horse. When closing the race off strongly, was inclined to lay in over the final 200m. The rider changed the whip over to the right hand near the 100m.

##### **RACE 1 – All Too Hard@Vinery Plate 1100m**

**November Man** – prior to the declaration of correct weight, the connections of the colt viewed the Stewards' official patrol films to ascertain whether there were grounds for an objection. When connections were satisfied there were insufficient grounds for an objection and the Stewards were similarly satisfied, correct weight was declared. **November Man** began awkwardly. Was held up rounding the home turn. Passing the 100m, was steadied when awkwardly positioned on the heels of **Star Of Africa** (H Bowman), which shifted out slightly. H Bowman was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

**Vacate** – on jumping, was buffeted between **Star Of Africa**, which shifted in, and **Invincible Gangsta**, which began awkwardly and shifted out. In this incident, **Invincible Gangsta** became unbalanced and shifted in abruptly. **Vacate** lost its off hind plate in running.

**Military Academy** – stumbled on jumping. Near the 600m, when endeavouring to maintain his position to the outside of the heels of **My Zebrinka**, **Military Academy** made contact with **Star Of Africa** on several occasions when **Star Of Africa** shifted in slightly.

**My Zebrinka** – overraced in the early stages. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, App A Adkins stated that his mount was somewhat stirred up in its preliminary. He said that he was able to take up a position outside the leader, *Epic Rant*, whereby his mount raced a little keenly. He further added that when the eventual winner, *Star Of Africa*, improved to his outside near the 500m, his mount commenced to lose concentration and commenced to shift ground and was reluctant to hold its position before weakening over the final 100m. App Adkins advised that in his opinion, the horse may be better suited with either blinkers or winkers, a view he expressed to the connections following the race. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Star Of Africa** – raced wide and without cover.

**Invisible Gangsta** – had difficulty obtaining completely clear running until approaching the 200m.

**Epic Rant** – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the colt, B Avdulla stated that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages after establishing a comfortable lead. He said that his mount, when placed under pressure prior to straightening, failed to respond to his urgings and was most disappointing. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Co-trainer A Bott stated that the colt, which was resuming from a lengthy spell, would derive benefit from today's run and it would be the stable's intention to step **Epic Rant** up in distance at its next start. Mr Bott undertook to report back to the Stewards on the colt's progress in the days subsequent.

#### **RACE 2 – Tab.com.au Plate 1100m**

**Ikara Miss** – slow to begin. **Ikara Miss** raced greenly throughout.

**Memento** – bumped at the start by *Touch Of Mink*, which shifted out.

**Touch Of Mink** – shortly after the start, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of *Broadlea*, which shifted out slightly.

**Ridicule** – raced keenly in the middle stages. In the straight, *Ridicule* laid in obliging the rider to change his whip over to the right hand near the 200m.

**Nai'a** – when questioned regarding the performance of the filly, which was having its first race start today, rider H Bowman stated that he had hoped to be able to find a position with cover today, however after *Ridicule*, which was drawn to his inside, and who he thought would lead, did not show sufficient intent to lead, he allowed his mount to stride forward and cross that runner and ultimately assume the lead passing the 800m where his mount travelled well. He added that when *Memento* improved to his outside near the 600m, his mount came under pressure and was a beaten horse shortly before straightening. He further added that his mount raced greenly with him when placed under pressure in the straight and was disappointing in the manner in which the filly ran to the line. Having regard to the circumstances today, H Bowman stated **Nai'a** may derive benefit from the run. Trainer Mr J Cummings said that although a forward showing was expected by the stable today, the performance was nonetheless disappointing, however Mr Cummings did indicate that **Nai'a** may be best ridden with cover, which the stable will endeavour to do at the filly's next start. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

#### **RACE 3 – Schweppes Handicap 1400m**

**Wild About Her** – slow to begin. When questioned, K McEvoy stated that as notified to the Stewards, the intention was to have the filly settle more forward today, however after his mount began only fairly, he was obliged to settle further back than anticipated. He said that his mount was not suited by the slow early tempo of the race and was obliged to race wide and without cover throughout. Near the 600m, when he placed his mount under pressure to improve into the race, the filly failed to respond to his urgings and was only one paced in the run to the line. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Lord Elliott** – slow to begin.

**Kaonic** – from its wide gate, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages and dipped passing the 1350m. **Kaonic**, over the concluding stages, had to be steadied away from the heels of *Sparky Lad* (B Avdulla), which shifted out abruptly under pressure. As a result, **Kaonic** could not be fully tested in the run to the winning post. B Avdulla was advised to exercise more care.

**Destiny's Hero** – from a wide barrier, shifted behind runners and then overraced in the early and middle stages.

**Major Rossi** – approaching the 800m, was steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Dunatun*, which shifted out slightly to relieve the pressure to *Improvise*. *Sparky Lad*, which was following *Major Rossi*, had to be shifted in away from the heels of that runner.

**Sparky lad** - held up approaching and rounding the home turn.

**Dunatun** – lost its off fore plate during the running of the race.

#### **RACE 4 – TAB Rewards Handicap 2200m**

**Eerised** – began awkwardly and was bumped by *Manhattan Son*, which was carried in by *Anthony's Best*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. Raced wide and without cover for the majority of the race.

**Exoteric** – slow to begin.

**Manhattan Son** – for a short distance shortly after the start, got its head up when inclined to overrace. Passing the 800m, when endeavouring to improve into a position to the outside of *Eerised*, was disappointed for that run when *Dream Folk* improved to its outside and shifted in slightly.

**Social Element** – approaching the 200m, when placed under full pressure, commenced to lay out obliging its rider to stop and straighten his mount and shortly after this, his mount then laid inwards and proved somewhat difficult to ride out to the end of the race.

**Salesman** — when questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, App C MacFarlane stated that after being able to obtain the lead shortly after the start, her mount then commenced to race keenly and refused to settle until after obtaining cover behind *Social Element* passing the 1200m. She added that her mount was under pressure as far out as the 600m and failed to respond to her urgings. She further added that in her opinion, the gelding did not run out today's journey of 2200m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer S Murray-Leslie advised that **Salesman** will now be spelled.

#### **RACE 5 – #Theraces Handicap 1200m**

**Bella Success** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Regimen** – slow to begin. Near the 50m, laid in and bumped *Fujiwhara*.

**Red Hearts** – slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, which was resuming from a spell, rider B Shinn stated that with the slow early tempo of the race, his mount overraced and refused to settle. He said as a result of this, his mount was left without a finishing effort over the final 200m and was most disappointing. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Kopite** – from a wide barrier shifted in and behind runners shortly after the start.

#### **RACE 6 – McGrath Estate Agents Handicap 1100m**

**Tycoon Mar** – began awkwardly.

**Cosmic Cameo** – began awkwardly.

**Realised Potential** – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Fanning** – when questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, C Reith stated that his mount travelled well in the early stages, however, when *Realised Potential* commenced to go forward of him approaching the 600m, his mount became under pressure and when asked for an effort on straightening, his mount failed to respond to his urgings and was most disappointing. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have a poor post race recovery.

**Dissolute** – when questioned regarding his riding from the 600m, H Bowman stated he attempted to improve to the outside of the heels of *Cosmic Cameo*, however was disappointed for this run when *Chalk*, which was positioned to his outside, maintained its line after the 600m. He said that as a result, he remained racing for a short distance behind *Cosmic Cameo* during which time *Tycoon Mar*, which had been positioned behind him, improved quickly to his inside approaching the home turn. He said that when, soon after he checked to ascertain if he could improve to the inside of *Fanning*, he was not clear of *Tycoon Mar* to shift in which ultimately resulted in **Dissolute** being held up rounding the home turn.

#### **RACE 7 – Australian Turf Club Handicap 1600m**

**Lead Choreographer** – slow to begin.

**Raise The Limit** – bumped on jumping by *Coys*, which began awkwardly and shifted out.

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

**Humility** – after being crossed by *Braces* approaching the 1400m, commenced to overrace and was awkwardly positioned on the heels of that runner. When that runner continued to cross to the rail and his mount continued to overrace, near the 1300m, **Humility** had to be steadied when *Ardanza* (App A Adkins) shifted in when not clear. App Adkins was reprimanded for careless riding. When the tempo slackened passing the 1000m, **Humility** had to be checked away from the heels of *Husswick*. **Humility** was held up approaching the 200m until passing the 100m where it shifted to the outside of the heels of *Know How* to improve into clear running.

**Ardanza** – trainer Ms W Roche was fined \$100 under AR140B for presenting the mare to the enclosure without earmuffs and winkers, which were part of the horse's approved gear. When winkers were able to be fitted, but there were no earmuffs available, **Ardanza** was permitted to race without the earmuffs.

**Husswick** – for some distance approaching and rounding the home turn, was held up inside the heels of *Lead Choreographer* and **Husswick** was unable to obtain clearing running until after the 200m.

#### **RACE 8 – TAB Handicap 1400m**

**The Avenger** – the start was delayed after *The Avenger* arrived behind the barriers and had to have its saddle refitted. A post race veterinary examination revealed **The Avenger** had lost its off hind plate.

**Regent** – slow to begin. Held up approaching the home turn.

**Dorf Star** – slow to begin. Near the 1100m, **Dorf Star** got its head up when being restrained. Passing the 800m, when racing fiercely, had to be steadied from the heels of *Art Nouveau*.

**What Could Be** – slow to begin.

**Art Nouveau** – began awkwardly.

**Cannon Run** – from the outside, was shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

**Our Anniversaire** – raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Red Knot** – when questioned regarding his riding from the 500m, App L Magorrian stated when the leader, *Chapelco*, commenced to improve into the race, his mount commenced to lay out and shifted ground out which allowed *The Avenger*, which was racing behind *Chapelco*, to shift out off the heels of that runner into clear running.

**Rockafella** – a post race veterinary examination of **Rockafella**, which raced wide and without cover throughout, revealed no abnormalities.

## GENERAL:

### Summary of whip use

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

<b>Race 4</b>	G Schofield ( <b>Exoteric</b> )	8 strikes
<b>Race 5</b>	C Brown ( <b>O'Reilly Cyrus</b> )	6 strikes

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: My Zebrinka, Invincible Gangsta.

Race 2: Ikara Miss, Readycatgo, Ridicule.

Race 3: Chosen Assassin (2).

Race 4: Exoteric, Social Element (2), Manhattan Son, Eerised.

Race 5: O'Reilly Cyrus, Bella Success, Fujiwhara.

Race 6: Cosmic Cameo, Tycoon Mar, Chalk (2).

Race 7: Braces, Husswick, Know How, Carluca.

Race 8: Dorf Star, What Could Be, Our Anniversaire, Regent (2).

SUMMARY	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 7: W Roche (Ardanza)</b> – \$100 [AR140B] – incorrect gear.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 7: App A Adkins (Ardanza)</b> – careless riding [AR137(a)].
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	Nil
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	<b>Race 2: Memento</b> – option to be ridden further forward; settled outside the leader. <b>Race 3: Wild About Her</b> – to be ridden more forward as notified last start; settled midfield. <b>Race 4: Exoteric</b> – to be ridden more forward; settled off pace.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	<b>Race 1: Epic Rant</b> (co-trainer A Bott) – poor performance.