

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Australian Turf Club ROSEHILL GARDENS RACECOURSE

Saturday 23 September 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4) – at 2.47pm Good (3)

Rail: Out 3m entire circumference

Penetrometer: 4.74

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

(mkm)

#### Supplementary Reports:

##### **WARWICK FARM Barrier Trials: Monday, 14 August 2017**

**Condor Heroes** – trainer G Ryan pleaded guilty to a charge under AR178F for having failed to record the administration of phenylbutazone to the horse on or around 9 August 2017. The administration of phenylbutazone was discovered when Stewards conducted out of competition testing at the Warwick Farm barrier trials on 14 August 2017 and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory reporting the presence of phenylbutazone in the sample. In all the circumstances Mr Ryan was fined \$400.

##### **WARWICK FARM: Wednesday, 20 September 2017**

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

**Epic Rant** – co-trainer A Bott advised that he was satisfied with the post race condition of the colt and said it was the intention to continue on with the horse's preparation.

#### **RACE 1 – Nathan's Famous Hotdogs handicap 1300m**

**Bright Idea** – option available for rider to have the horse ridden with cover; settled outside leader. Shifted out at the start and made contact with *Charlie Chap*.

**Charlie Chap** – after being slow to begin, was steadied and taken back in across runners shortly after the start.

**Paret** – When questioned rider H Bowman stated that his instructions were to take up a position towards the rear of the field and from his wide barrier he rode his mount quietly in the early stages to comply. He said as he restrained his mount in order to obtain cover, **Paret** was inclined to race keenly and resented his attempt to bring it back to be racing behind *Beau Geste*. He said after eventually finding a position behind *Beau Geste* near the 1000m, **Paret** continued to race fiercely and refused to settle throughout the early and middle stages. H Bowman further added that he then followed *Beau Geste* into the straight before improving to that runner's outside near the 250m. H Bowman further stated that under pressure in the straight **Paret** raced greenly and hung out, and then near the 150m when the horse changed its lead leg it became awkward in its action and lost ground. H Bowman further added that he took some time to balance his mount before being able to apply full pressure from the 50m where **Paret** then found the line strongly. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. The racing manners of **Paret** were brought to the attention of stable representative C Duckworth who was informed that a warning would be paced on the racing manners of the colt.

**Beau Geste** – For some distance in the middle stages got its head up when being inclined to overrace and was steadied to avoid the heels of *Our Mantra*. Rider B Avdulla reported that it was the intention to have **Beau Geste** race in the lead today. He said however after beginning awkwardly the horse settled further back than the stable expected.

**Our Mantra** – A post race veterinary examination revealed the horse to have been galloped on on both hind legs.

**Molten** – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### **RACE 2 – Colin Stephen Quality (Group 3) 2400m**

**Darabad** – after being slow to begin was steadied and taken back in across runners shortly after the start.

**Admiral Jello** – Stewards considered an objection lodged by C Brown, the rider of **Admiral Jello**, against *Auvray* (G Schofield) being declared the winner, alleging interference near the 200m. After considering the evidence Stewards established that for two strides inside the 200m *Auvray* shifted in and crowded the running of **Admiral Jello**, however bearing in mind the manner in which both horses finished the race off, the Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that had the incident not occurred that **Admiral Jello** would have finished in advance of *Auvray* and accordingly the objection was dismissed. At a subsequent inquiry G Schofield, the rider of *Auvray*, was advised to exercise more care and to ensure he leaves sufficient racing room for runners to his inside.

**Dee I Cee** – on the home turn had to be steadied when crowded between *Auvray* and *Admiral Jello* (C Brown) which shifted out. C Brown was advised to exercise more care. Stewards found that C Brown had attempted to straighten his mount when it attempted to shift and the shift was only of a small quantum. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### **RACE 3 – TAB Highway Handicap 1500m**

**Catch The Culprit** – To be ridden quieter with cover; settled back. When questioned rider B Loy stated that whilst the intention was to ride the gelding quieter from its wide draw, when **Catch The Culprit** jumped awkwardly today he elected to go back and take up a position at the rear of the field. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have been galloped on on the off fore leg.

**Motime** – raced wide without cover throughout.

**Delivered** – slow to begin.

**Bella La Belle** – began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Rising King* which then shifted in and made contact with the hindquarter of *Bonsley*.

**Rising King** – overraced throughout the early and middle stages. Was inclined to lay out on the home turn and on straightening was hampered and taken wider when *Only Choice* shifted to the outside of *Motime* to obtain clear running.

**Only Choice** – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, C Brown advised that the gelding travelled well in the run but once shifted to the outside to improve in the straight failed to respond and was disappointing. He added that he could offer no excuse for today's poor performance. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer K Goldman reported that on pulling up he noticed an abnormality with the gelding's tongue and he undertook to report back on the progress of **Only Choice**.

#### **RACE 4 – Ranvet Handicap 2000m**

**Thewayweare** – to be ridden positively; led.

**Imanui** – slow to begin. Was badly held up for clear running in the early part of the straight before shifting a number of horses to the outside whereby it secured clear running approaching the 250m.

**Roman Son** – slow to begin.

**Zaunkonig** – began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with *Quick Defence*, which in turn made contact with *Alward* which became unbalanced.

**Alward** – began awkwardly and became unbalanced shortly after the start when bumped by *Quick Defence*.

**Up 'N' Rolling** – When questioned rider K McEvoy stated that after following *Zaunkonig* into the straight he was held up on the back of that runner initially and then behind the eventual winner *Alward*. He said inside the 300m he was able to place his mount under pressure and when *Alward* quickened at that stage he was then able to shift to the outside of that runner and manoeuvre *Quick Defence* out whereby he secured comfortable racing room near the 150m.

#### **RACE 5 – Schweppes Shannon Stakes (Group 2) 1500m**

**Mighty Lucky** – slow to begin.

**Euro Angel** – When questioned rider B Avdulla stated that his mount, after being slow to begin, raced keenly in the run, particularly in the early stages, but it was most disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding in the straight. He said whilst he did not have clear running over the concluding stages his mount still was disappointing. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer M Hawkes advised that **Euro Angel** would now be transferred to the Melbourne stable and he undertook to follow up on the post race condition of **Euro Angel** in the days subsequent.

**Dawn Wall** – When questioned rider C Brown stated that the mare had performed well first up on a firmer surface and whilst today it travelled comfortably in the run it was not able to quicken under pressure in the straight. He added that the only explanation he could offer was that more give in the ground today may not have suited **Dawn Wall**. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

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

#### **RACE 6 – James Boag's Premium Gloaming Stakes (Group 3) 1800m**

**Ace High** – to be ridden forward and possibly lead; led.

**Sanctioned** – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace.

**Coulthard** – began awkwardly.

**Sully** – slow to begin and then was bumped shortly after by *Augustus*. Was held up for clear running in the early part of the straight and was obliged to shift out across heels to obtain clear running at the 250m.

**Colesberg** – from its wide barrier shifted back in behind runners shortly after the start. From the 900m when taken wider by *Thy Kingdom Come* raced wide without cover.

**Thy Kingdom Come** – began awkwardly and made contact with *Augustus*. From its wide barrier shifted back in behind runners shortly after the start. Rider B Shinn could offer no real excuse for the disappointing performance other than he did note the colt had its tongue over the bit behind the barriers. He added that his mount failed to respond when under pressure from the 300m and weakened noticeably in the run to the post. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**All Day** – from its wide barrier shifted back in behind runners shortly after the start. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted in the race, rider T Berry stated that after following *Astoria* in the early stages he allowed himself some distance between that runner as his mount had worked keenly in its preliminary. He said near the 1300m when *Augustus* shifted off the rail, his mount began to overrace and became awkwardly placed on the heels of that runner and shifted three wide. He said when he was unable to resume that position back behind *Augustus*, he allowed his mount to stride forward and take up a position outside the leader *Ace High*.

**Astoria** – rider J Parr stated that his mount travelled well with cover in the run but when placed under pressure in the straight was somewhat one paced. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer J Cummings advised Stewards that in his opinion **Astoria** did not appreciate

the eight day backup and he would now experiment with the addition of blinkers before its next race start. Mr Cummings undertook to report back to the Stewards on the post race condition of **Astoria**.

#### **RACE 7 – De Bortoli Wines Golden Rose (Group 1) 1400m**

**Pariah** – to be ridden quieter; settled worse than midfield. Co-trainer Peter Snowden advised that **Pariah** would now be spelled. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Merchant Navy** – slow to begin. Shortly after the start raced in restricted room when *The Mission* shifted in. J Parr (*Menari*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that near the 1200m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of *Gold Standard*, which was taken in on to *Diamond Tathagata*, which in turn was crowded across the running of **Merchant Navy** which was severely checked and lost its rightful running. In the incident **Merchant Navy** shifted in and made contact with *Dracarys* which became unbalanced. *Chauffeur*, which was following, was hampered. J Parr's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 24 September 2017 and to expire on Friday 13 October 2017 on which day he may ride. Rider M Zahra stated that his mount, after having to be checked near the 1200m, travelled comfortably in the run but did not quicken when asked for an effort in the straight. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer C Maher will be asked to report back on the post race condition of the colt

**Shogun Son** – slow to begin and then was crowded for room between *Perast* and *Chauffeur* both of which shifted ground. B Shinn (*Pariah*) was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that near the 1000m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of *Chauffeur* which was crowded and taken in onto **Shogun Son** which was checked and made contact with the running rail. B Shinn's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 2 October 2017 and to expire on Friday 20 October 2017 on which day he may ride. Rider C Reith advised that whilst his mount suffered interference near the 1000m, in his view the primary reason for **Shogun Son** failing to finish the race off is that it had come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer K Schweida advised that **Shogun Son** would now be spelled.

**Perast** – slow to begin. When questioned regarding his riding A Hyeronimus stated that his instructions were to take up a forward position and anticipated the stablemate *The Mission* leading. He said that when his mount found the front in the early stages *The Mission* then improved to his inside which resulted in **Perast** being inclined to overrace outside *The Mission*. A Hyeronimus further stated that whilst he endeavoured to restrain his mount in the early stages, as he was aware of the good early tempo, he felt it was not in his mount's best interest to check the horse, whereby it would become unbalanced. Whilst the Stewards accepted that A Hyeronimus had made some effort in attempting to have his mount race further back behind *The Mission*, he was advised in similar circumstances he should make more effort so as to avoid setting too strong a tempo.

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

**Menari** – Near the 900m was steadied and crowded when *Formality* (K McEvoy) shifted in when not clear. K McEvoy was reprimanded. Lost its near fore plate in running. Trainer G Ryan advised that **Menari** had been galloped on on its off hind leg.

**Diamond Tathagata** – near the 1000m was steadied when crowded for room by *Gold Standard* (T Berry) which shifted in. T Berry was reprimanded.

#### **RACE 8 – Golden Pendant (Group 2) 1400m**

**Sweet Redemption** – knuckled on jumping.

**Omei Sword** – slow to begin.

**Zenalicious** – began awkwardly.

**Danish Twist** – after being slow to begin was steadied and taken back in across runners after the start. Was briefly crowded to the inside of *Bonny O'Reilly* near the 1000m.

**Bonny O'Reilly** – began awkwardly. When being steadied from the heels of *Denmagic* commenced to overrace and was checked to avoid the heels of that runner near the 1000m.

**Dixie Blossoms** – was steadied from the heels of *Bonny O'Reilly* near the 1000m.

**Daysee Doom** – raced wide without cover throughout.

**Magic Alibi** – When questioned regarding racing in a more forward position, J Ford stated that whilst he anticipated being handy on the mare, when it commenced well today he took the option of allowing the horse to stride forward which resulted in it racing more prominently than he had anticipated given the moderate early tempo.

#### **RACE 9 – TAB.com.au Handicap 1400m**

**Sir Plush** – to be ridden more forward; led. Trainer B Baker advised the Stewards earlier today that it was his intention to have **Sir Plush** lead as the horse was stepping up in distance in an event that lacked any genuine pace. He stated that whilst he was mindful of the advice he had provided to Stewards at its last start that **Sir Plush** would be ridden in a similar manner, when ridden conservatively at Randwick on 16 September 2017, he nonetheless felt today that if they were to endeavour to obtain cover the horse could potentially be caught wide and without cover which would be detrimental to its chances in this race. He said that on this basis from the wide barrier today it was considered in the horse's best interests to proceed forward.

**Lunar Rise** – to be ridden more forward; settled worse than midfield. After being slow to begin was crowded for room between *Screamarr* and *Souchez*, which was taken in by *Be Like Dad*. In the incident *Souchez* became unbalanced.

**Souchez** – blundered on jumping.

**Screamarr** – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

#### **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):

Race 1	G Schofield ( <b>Aonair</b> )	6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 4	T Angland ( <b>Zaunkonig</b> )	7 strikes prior to 100m
Race 6	T Angland ( <b>Ace High</b> )	6 strikes prior to 100m
Race 7	T Berry ( <b>Gold Standard</b> )	8 strikes prior to 100m
Race 9	T Berry ( <b>Hogmanay</b> )	7 strikes prior to 100m
	G Schofield ( <b>Zumbelina</b> )	8 strikes prior to 100m
	C Brown ( <b>Souchez</b> )	6 strikes prior to 100m

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

Race 1: Charlie Chap, Beau Geste(2), Paret, Our Mantra

Race 2: Broadside, Dee I Cee, Auvray(2), Admiral Jello(2), Darabad

Race 3: Bonsley, Rising King, Delivered

Race 4: Plot Twist, Alward(2), Zaunkonig, Up 'N' Rolling

Race 5: Washington Heights, Dark Eyes, Lubiton, Mighty Lucky

Race 6: Ace High(2), Sully, All Day, Coral Coast, Sanctioned

Race 7: The Mission, Menari(2), Pariah, Gold Standard, Trapeze Artist(2), Chauffeur, Merchant Navy, Formality, Champagne Cuddles(2)

Race 8: Dixie Blossoms(2), Sweet Redemption, Danish Twist, Berry Delicious, Omei Sword

Race 9: Souchez, Denpurr, Impavido, Hogmanay

SUMMARY	
<b>Fines:</b>	Supplementary: trainer G Ryan, \$400 – not record administration (AR178F)
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 7: T Berry – shifting in [AR 137(a)] Race 7: K McEvoy – shifting in [AR 137(a)]
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race 7: J Parr [AR 137(a)] from 24/9/17 to 13/10/17 on which day he may ride. Race 7: B Shinn [AR 137(a)] from 2/10/17 to 20/10/17 on which day he may ride.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 1: <i>Paret</i> – racing manners (trainer C Waller)
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	Nil
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	Race 3: <i>Only Choice</i> – K Goldman to report on progress. Race 5: <i>Euro Angel</i> – Hawkes stable to report on progress. Race 6: <i>Astoria</i> – trainer J Cummings to report on progress. Race 7: <i>Merchant Navy</i> – trainer C Maher to report on progress.