

THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge Racecourse
by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on Saturday, 9 January 2021

Stewards: M. Santoro (A/Chairman), S. Callanan (HT) & M. Zarb (F) (Stewards), T. Vanderstok (MT), E. Scott, & B. Jarman (Cadet Stewards), D. Jonas, A. Deakin, K. Rayson, & E. Santoro (Deputy Stewards), Dr P. Horridge & Dr B. Agnew (Veterinary Surgeons).

TRACK: Good 4 (Track with some give in it)
Upgraded to a Good 3 at 2.29 pm retrospective to Race 4
(Track with good grass coverage and cushion)

RAIL: True

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
5	RUBY'S REWARD	C. Lions		Late notification - explanation accepted
8	TIBETAN (NZ)	J. Eaton		"

RACE 1: IRONGATE TWO-YEAR-OLD PLATE - 1000 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately one minute.

GARRIRE (R. Hurdle) - hampered on jumping away when tightened between UP THE LANE and FOUR WINDS. Had difficulty obtaining clear ground from the entrance to the straight until the vicinity of the 200 metres. Rider reported that after being hampered on jumping away the gelding was reluctant to stretch out in the early stages of the event. He added that the gelding had raced greenly during the event.

PAD THAI (B. Vorster) - laid in under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

FOUR WINDS (D. Tourneur) - shifted in on jumping away onto GARRIRE.

SAASMIT (J. Eaton) - shifted out on jumping away onto UP THE LANE. Rolled out slightly in the vicinity of the 600 metres onto UP THE LANE. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

UP THE LANE (J. Holder) - shifted its off hind plate in the parade ring and required farrier attention. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Inconvenienced on jumping away when tightened onto GARRIRE by SAASMIT. Momentarily inconvenienced when taken wider in the vicinity of the 600 metres. Laid in under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 2: RIVERSCAPE FOOD & WINE HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

OUTLAWS REVENGE (D. Tourneur) – jumped away awkwardly. Inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight. Stewards questioned the rider in relation to the instructions provided to him today. D. Tourneur explained that he had been given no firm instructions for the event. Trainer, Mr R. Balfour, confirmed that no firm instructions were provided.

BARACONI (J. Eaton) – slow to begin. Rider reported that the filly never travelled during the event and had not responded as she had anticipated when placed under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

STRUCK BY (P. Gatt) – slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

WAR CHEVAL (S. Fawke) – rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by S. Fawke and that he only used the whip on one occasion in the last 100 metres of the event.

EXALTED FIRE (S. Logan) – took charge of its rider en route to the barriers and broke through a perimeter fence. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was ruled unfit to start. Acting on this advice Stewards withdrew EXALTED FIRE at 1.05 pm. Trainer, Mr G. Young, was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its pre-race manners.

RACE 3: MURRAY & LEADER COMPUTERS - PROUDLY SA OWNED HANDICAP - 1800 Metres

VON COSTA GLASS (A. Lynch) – slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear ground from the vicinity of the 400 metres until inside the 200 metres.

STEALTHY LUCAS (A. Jordsjo) – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

ROSELLI STING (K. Crowther) – approaching the finish was momentarily inconvenienced when MEADOWS YOUNG BUCK rolled out. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

JACK'S A CRACKER (S. Logan) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MEADOWS YOUNG BUCK (J. Eaton) – dipped on jumping away. Raced keenly in the middle stages of the event. Laid out under pressure over the concluding 100 metres.

SOSTENIDO (NZ) (J. Opperman) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and passed fit to start. Obligated to alter course in the vicinity of the 100 metres when it improved onto the heels of STEALTHY LUCAS.

RACE 4: CARLTON DRAUGHT HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

LAKE'S FOLLY (J. Eaton) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

VIDUKA (A. Kelly) – raced wide without cover throughout the event. Inclined to shift about under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be exhibiting signs of the “thumps” and heat-stress. First aid administered.

CALL ME SHAMUS (J. Toeroek) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 4: CARLTON DRAUGHT HANDICAP - 1200 Metres (cont'd)

GOUGERS (S. Metcalfe) – disappointed in the vicinity of the 200 metres when attempting a tight run between LITTLE RICH BOY and SECOND SLIP (NZ) and was obliged to alter course to that gelding's outside to obtain clear ground. Inclined to lay out over the concluding stages of the event. Stewards questioned the rider in relation to her decision to attempt the run between LITTLE RICH BOY and SECOND SLIP (NZ) in the vicinity of the 200 metres rather than a run that was available to the inside of LITTLE RICH BOY. S. Metcalfe advised that she felt that at the time her horse wasn't going well enough to improve quickly enough to the inside of LITTLE RICH BOY and was she was concerned that that gelding may shift in towards the rail as it commenced to give ground. Stewards noted her explanation.

COTILLION (J. Opperman) – laid in under pressure in the straight. Stewards questioned the rider in relation to the instructions provided to him in the event, particularly in the straight. J. Opperman advised that he had been instructed to only put the mare under hard pressure from approaching the 200 metres as it only has a short sprint. He explained that from the entrance to the straight he had difficulty obtaining clear ground when racing behind CIRCUS DANCER and then VIDUKA, and was only able to improve from in the vicinity of the 150 metres when able to get to the outside of that gelding. He added that the mare had finished the event off well. Stewards confirmed the instructions provided to J. Opperman with trainer, Mr M. Hickmott.

CIRCUS DANCER (D. Tourneur) – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the off foreleg. Trainer, Mr G. Young, was advised that a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness was required prior to a future trial or race start.

RACE 5: RIDLEYS PLUMBING AND EARTHMOVING HANDICAP - 1000 Metres

LI'L KONTRA (J. Holder) – had difficulty obtaining clear ground from the entrance to the straight until approaching the 200 metres, and then again had difficulty over the concluding 50 metres.

OAMARU OWL (B. Vorster) – jumped away awkwardly.

ARROW LANE (S. Fawke) – inclined to shift about under pressure in the straight. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by S. Fawke and noted that he used it on four occasions in the last 100 metres of the event.

EXALTED MAXINE (S. Logan) – hung out throughout the event.

BOLT I AM (M. Collett) – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RUBY'S REWARD (C. Lions) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 6: WEDDINGS @ BRIDGES EVENT CENTRE HANDICAP - 1000 Metres

MY PRINCE CHARMING (A. Lynch) – had difficulty obtaining clear ground for a short distance at the entrance to the straight.

DESERT SPIRIT (D. Tourneur) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding had jarred up in both forelegs.

ALL IN WAR (B. Vorster) – obliged to alter course in the vicinity of the 300 metres to obtain clear ground.

RACE 6: WEDDINGS @ BRIDGES EVENT CENTRE HANDICAP - 1000 Metres (cont'd)

STORM VOYAGER (T. Pannell) – rider explained that the mare had never travelled throughout the event and did not respond when placed under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

NIC'S SECRET (K. Crowther) – shifted out on jumping away onto FEARLESS VISION.

FEARLESS VISION (E. Boyd) – slow to begin and then shortly after was inconvenienced when contacted by NIC'S SECRET. Rider reported that after being inconvenienced on jumping away the filly did not muster early speed despite her efforts. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ZEGRESTO (J. Opperman) – jumped away awkwardly.

FABULOUS FLIPPER (M. Collett) – raced wide without cover throughout the event. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

SUMMER SHOW (S. So) – when questioned in relation to the tactics adopted in this race rider explained that she had walked the track prior to the event and had formed the opinion that the ground was better a number of horses off of the running rail, and for this reason she had elected to race wide. Laid out over the concluding 200 metres of the event.

RACE 7: MAGIC MILLIONS HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

DEXTER YOU DEVIL (J. Opperman) – jumped away awkwardly and was slow to begin.

NASEEB (D. Tourneur) – raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Laid in under pressure in the straight and in the vicinity of the 400 metres shifted in and contacted COSMIC AWARD. Approaching the finish had to be steadied when it shifted in slightly at the same time as JESTER HALO shifted out and away from HEARTY LASS.

JESTER HALO (C. Puls) – raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Shifted out slightly away from HEARTY LASS onto NASEEB approaching the finish. Rider was reminded of her obligations when her mounts shift ground.

BORRIS IN OSSORY (S. Logan) – laid out under pressure in the straight.

HEARTY LASS (T. Pannell) – jumped away awkwardly.

COSMIC AWARD (S. Metcalfe) – inconvenienced when contacted in the vicinity of the 400 metres. In the vicinity of the 200 metres was obliged to alter course to the outside of runners to obtain clear ground.

DONE BY ME (K. Crowther) – approaching the 600 metres dipped for no apparent reason. Rider reported that her mount had travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event; however, had hit a softer section of the track in the vicinity of the 600 metres dipped and lost ground. She added that the horse had not responded to her riding from this point of the event and had been disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

WOULDA THOUGHT SO (M. Collett) – jumped away awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

RACE 8: FIBRETRACK HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

TIBETAN (NZ) (J. Eaton) – shifted in slightly in the vicinity of the 1200 metres onto BIG DARRYL. In the vicinity of the 150 metres shifted in and away from ISSARA onto ICECRUSHER.

RACE 8: FIBRETRACK HANDICAP - 1400 Metres (cont'd)

LATEST BENTLEY (A. Kelly) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

TIGNANELLO (NZ) (K. Crowther) - momentarily inconvenienced rounding the home turn when taken wider by LA RICHELLE.

BIG DARRYL (A. Lynch) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted out contacting LA RICHELLE. Inconvenienced in the vicinity of the 1200 metres when tightened between ANNIKA, which shifted out slightly at the same time as TIBETAN (NZ) shifted in.

ICECRUSHER (S. Metcalfe) - in the vicinity of the 150 metres shifted in and away from TIBETAN (NZ) onto BUBBLES MCGINTY.

LA RICHELLE (M. Aitken) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted in contacting BIG DARRYL. Shifted out rounding the home turn onto TIGNANELLO (NZ). Laid out under pressure in the straight.

SIBERIAN ROUTE (B. Vorster) - rider reported that the gelding had never travelled in the event and was under pressure at the entrance to the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near foreleg. Co-trainer, Mr T. McEvoy, was advised that a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness was required prior to a future trail or race.

CROWN HARMONIUM (S. Fawke) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

ANNIKA (P. Gatt) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event and in the vicinity of the 1200 metres shifted out onto BIG DARRYL. In the vicinity of the 150 metres rolled out slightly onto BUBBLES MCGINTY. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

AUSSIE SOJOURN (D. Tourneur) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

ISSARA (S. So) - raced wide without cover throughout the event. Inclined to shift about under pressure in the straight.

BUBBLES MCGINTY (J. Toeroek) - in the vicinity of the 150 metres had to be steadied when tightened between ICECRUSHER, which shifted in and away from TIBETAN (NZ), and ANNIKA, which rolled out slightly.

SISTER DEE (J. Holder) - in the vicinity of the 400 metres became awkwardly placed for a short distance on the heels of BIG DARRYL.

RACE 9: BUTCHER'S BIG DAY OUT - 16 JAN HANDICAP - 1600 Metres

TEE TRAIN (S. Cahill) - inside the 400 metres was disappointed when attempting a tight run between THE PUGILIST and MOTELL, which rolled in slightly. Shortly after shifted out slightly onto LOVE FROM LUCY.

THE PUGILIST (T. Pannell) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted in contacting GETOUTTHEWAY. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

GETOUTTHEWAY (S. Metcalfe) - contacted on jumping away.

BAJAN (M. Collett) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted out contacting LOVE FROM LUCY.

DIAMOND TYCOON (J. Holder) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 9: BUTCHER'S BIG DAY OUT - 16 JAN HANDICAP - 1600 Metres (cont'd)

DREAMED (J. Opperman) - slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear ground from the entrance to the straight until the vicinity of the 300 metres. Stewards questioned the rider in relation to his riding of the mare over the concluding 100 metres. J. Opperman explained that the horse had never travelled in the event and had come to the end of its race by that stage, and for this reason he had elected not to ride it out. After considering his explanation Stewards reprimanded J. Opperman under AR131(b) and advised him in future he would be expected to ride his mounts to the finish of the race.

MOTELL (K. Zechner) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

RECOGNISE (B. Vorster) - jumped away awkwardly.

LOVE FROM LUCY (S. Fawke) - contacted on jumping away. Momentarily inconvenienced in the vicinity of the 300 metres when TEE TRAIN shifted out slightly.

FLYING PIERRO (J. Toeroek) - co-trainer, Mr R. Jolly, made a submission to Stewards that the gelding be declared a late scratching due to the track upgrade. Stewards acceded to the request and withdrew FLYING PIERRO at 2.47 pm.

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (14):

Blood samples were taken from the following horses for, but not limited to, TCO₂ purposes:

Race 3 - HERE COMES LENNI (NZ), VON COSTA GLASS, JACK'S A CRACKER, MAGNETIC EDGE.
 Race 7 - DEXTER YOU DEVIL, JESTER HALO, BORRIS IN OSSORY, HEARTY LASS, DONE BY ME.
 Race 8 - LATEST BENTLEY, BIG DARRYL.
 Race 9 - BAJAN, DIAMOND TYCOON, MOTELL.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (9):

Race 1 - SAASMIT (winner)
 Race 2 - OUTLAWS REVENGE (winner)
 Race 3 - VON COSTA GLASS (winner)
 Race 4 - SECOND SLIP (NZ) (winner)
 Race 5 - CAN'TFORGETYOU (winner)
 Race 6 - FABULOUS FLIPPER (winner)
 Race 7 - RENEGADE (winner)
 Race 8 - LA RICHESSE (winner)
 Race 9 - UNLACED (NZ) (winner)

SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 2 - S. Fawke (WAR CHEVAL) - AR132(7)(a)(ii)[+2] - Whip offence. Race 5 - S. Fawke (ARROW LANE) - AR132(7)(a)(ii)[+1] - Whip offence.

SUMMARY (cont'd)

SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 2 - EXALTED FIRE - Warned - Pre-race manners. Race 4 - CIRCUS DANCER - Not to race - Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to a future trial or race start - Lameness off foreleg. Race 8 - SIBERIAN ROUTE - Not to race - Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to a future trial or race start - Lameness near foreleg.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil