

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge
Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on
Wednesday, 10 November 2021



RACINGS A

Stewards: G. Rudolph (A/Chairman), & S. Callanan (HT) (Stewards), E. Scott (F) & B. Jarman (Cadet Stewards), J. Hittmann & L. Murch (Deputy Stewards), Dr P. Horridge (Veterinary Surgeon).

TRACK: Good 4 (Track with some give in it)
Upgraded to Good 3 at 2:37pm, retrospective to include Race 3
(Track with good grass coverage and cushion)

RAIL: Out 3 metres 850 metres to the winning post, true remainder.

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
2	VIRTUE	E. Finnegan	K. Crowther	Indisposed
7	RUBBLE	E. Finnegan	C. Jones	Indisposed

RACE 1: DAVEY PUMPS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 Metres

KEETTOM (E. Annells) - over-raced in the early and middle stages. Steadied when tightened for room at the 400 metres between THE TRANCE FACTOR and VERVET BLUU when SOLSYSTEM hung out and shifted out. In the incident, bumped VERVET BLUU at the entrance to the straight. Rider reported that her mount was somewhat disappointing thereafter and did not respond, when placed under pressure in the straight.

SOLSYSTEM (T. Pannell) - hung out severely from the 600 metres resulting in VERVET BLUU and KEETTOM having to be steadied at the entrance to the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. Trainer, Mr J. Stephens, was advised that the gelding would now be required to complete an Official Barrier Trial to the Stewards' satisfaction prior to a future race start. Mr J. Stephens added that SOLSYSTEM may be spelled. Passing the 350 metres made contact with THE TRANCE FACTOR and became unbalanced.

SELLIX (G. Lo) - knuckled over badly on jumping away resulting in its rider becoming badly unbalanced. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

VERVET BLUU (J. Potter) - had to be steadied and alter course at the entrance of the straight to the inside of the heels of SOLSYSTEM, which hung out. Bumped KEETTOM at the entrance to the straight.

RACE 2: COONARA & MAGILL GRAIN CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1000 Metres

SHELLSHOCKED (E. Wong) - raced greenly in the middle stages. Laid in under pressure in the straight and bumped BEERZ WITH CLINT on two occasions near the 400 metres and the 200 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.



RACE 2: COONARA & MAGILL GRAIN CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1000 Metres (cont'd)

BEERZ WITH CLINT (J. Maund) - slow to begin. In the straight was bumped by SHELLSHOCKED on two occasions at the 400 metres and again near the 200 metres, when SHELLSHOCKED laid in. Passing the 100 metres had to be steadied away from the heels of FRENCH FIELDS which shifted out when not quite clear.

VIRTUE (NZ) (K. Crowther) - held up for clear running from the entrance to the straight until near the 200 metres.

FRENCH FIELDS (B. Vorster) - prior to the declaration of correct weight, the rider requested to view the start as to whether the mare had been afforded a fair start. When it was established that the mare reared on jumping, began awkwardly and lost ground, Stewards declared FRENCH FIELDS a runner. Laid out in the straight. Shifted out under pressure approaching the 100 metres when not clear of BEERZ WITH CLINT, which had to be steadied. Rider severely reprimanded under AR131(a). A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

GRIMESY (M. Aitken) - over-raced in the middle stages. Near the 500 metres, had to be steadied off the heels of SQUEAKY GATE.

ZEGRESTO (J. Opperman) - when questioned in regard to his riding out of the mare to the finish, the rider stated that he was getting close to the heels of the winner, SARAH'S JULE and for this reason he was reluctant to improve into a run where there was insufficient room.

SARAH'S JULE (A. Jordsjo) - laid out at the entrance to the straight.

General:

Immediately following the race and prior to the declaration of correct weight, Starter Mr S.Pearson, contacted Stewards to request that the start of the race be reviewed, relative to the barrier gate of GRIMESY opening prematurely. After reviewing all official video footage of the start and interviewing the Starter, the trainer of GRIMESY, Mr S. Cahill and rider, M. Aitken, it was established that just prior to the start being effected, GRIMESY had contacted the front of its barrier stall and consequently, its gate opened marginally before the rest of the field. Having regard for the manner in which GRIMESY then jumped and its position in running relative to its established racing pattern, the Stewards determined that GRIMESY had not obtained an unfair advantage. As a result, the provisions of AR204(2) were not invoked and GRIMESY was declared a runner.

Subsequently, Ms K. Byrnes, trainer of third placegetter, SQUEAKY GATE, lodged a protest against GRIMESY being declared a starter and the second placegetter, on the grounds that it had obtained an unfair advantage at the start. Under the provision of AR219(3)(e), the Stewards considered the protest. After considering all the evidence and taking submissions from connections, Stewards dismissed the protest and correct weight was declared, on the basis that in the opinion of Stewards, GRIMESY had not obtained an unfair advantage in the circumstances.

RACE 3: AAP / DAB WATER TECHNOLOGY MAIDEN PLATE - 1800 Metres

BOSSPAN (T. Pannell) - over raced in the middle stages.

GUNFIREINTHECITY(C. Lions) - change of tactics: To be ridden further back in the field. Settled back.

GWAIHIR (J. Toeroek) - bumped on jumping.

MAVEN MISSILE (A. Jordsjo) - slow to begin.

SUPERB TIME (J. Opperman) - raced wide without cover throughout. Laid in from the entrance to the straight, until near the 300 metres.

STRATISFACTION (T. Voorham) - jumped awkwardly.

VANITY STAR (B. Vorster) - jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping GWAIHIR.

QUEBECOIS (J. Holder) - held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight. Laid out over the concluding stages.



RACE 3: AAP / DAB WATER TECHNOLOGY MAIDEN PLATE - 1800 Metres (cont'd)

SMART VISION (J. Maund) - laid out over the concluding stages.

RACE 4: PHILMAC BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres

GETOUTTHEWAY (R. Hurdle) - 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 R. Hurdle and noted that he used it on three occasions over the concluding 100 metres of the event. Rider explained he considered improving into a run to the inside of MAVETTE near the 600 metres, when that runner laid out, however when the run closed, he shifted to its outside to continue into clear running, when not clear of PUISSANCE DUSOLEIL. R Hurdle was reprimanded under AR131(a).

NOT ALONE (D. Caboche) - slow into stride and over-raced in the early stages.

MOSCOW MULE (A. Jordsjo) - jumped awkwardly.

PUISSANCE DUSOLEIL (S. Metcalfe) - bumped at the 1000 metres, when DESIDERO shifted out whilst over-racing. Steadied off the heels of GETOUTTHEWAY near the 600 metres.

MAVETTE (J. Maund) - laid out for some distance passing the 600 metres and in the early part of the straight until near the 200 metres.

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM (T. Pannell) - held up for clear running from the 400 metres until near the 200 metres.

DESIDERO (E. Annells) - over-raced in the middle stages and shifted out near the 1000 metres.

RACE 5: VINIDEX BENCHMARK 52 HANDICAP - 1000 Metres

AVID GENERAL (B. Price) - jumped awkwardly, reared and lost ground, resulting in its rider becoming unbalanced. Rider explained that the gelding did not travel thereafter and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

EXALTED GOLD (E. Annells) - hampered on jumping away. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

STRIKE THE NIGHT (K. Crowther) - jumped awkwardly and shifted out, hampering EXALTED GOLD. Rider explained that the mare travelled well until straightening, however when asked for an effort, did not let down when placed under pressure. She added that the only excuse she could offer was that the mare may not have handled the track conditions. Trainer's representative, Mr T. Stokes agreed that the mare did not appreciate the track conditions and would be better suited to a track with more give in it. Mr T. Stokes added the mare will be given a short let up.

OLIVE GROVE (E. Wong) - slow to begin.

TURF TAPPER (J. Potter) - rider explained that his mount after being held up from the 500 metres, laid in for some distance in the early part of the straight and near the 300 metres, had to be steadied away from the heels of AVID GENERAL, which was weakening. Rider explained that when he pulled the whip through to his right hand inside the 200 metres, the gelding finished off the race well.

SQUADRON LEADER (P. Gatt) - 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 P. Gatt and noted that he used it on seven occasions over the concluding 100 metres of the event.

LICORICE BULLET (F. Atkinson) - slow to begin.





RACE 6: THE NORMA GROUP BENCHMARK 54 HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

AUGUSTA ROCK (B. Price) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

BOOMER BEACH (T. Pannell) - at the request of trainer, Mr J. Stephens, was inspected by the club's veterinary officer after arriving on course and passed fit to start.

REINVIGORATE (NZ) (P. Gatt) - slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

BIG ACHEEVA (K. Crowther) - slow to begin.

MUFFLA (S. Metcalfe) - 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. Metcalfe and noted that she used it on three occasions over the concluding 100 metres of the event.

DEEVINE (J. Holder) - rider explained that he was under no specific instructions to lead, however after beginning well and with no apparent pace in the race, he elected to allow his mount to stride forward, rather than be trapped wide in the early stages. Trainer, Mr R. Balfour confirmed the instructions.

GRACIEBIRD (J. Toeroek) - held up for clear running from the 400 metres to the 200 metres.

ANJAH (J. Potter) - over-raced in the early stages.

WOULDA THOUGHT SO (S. Logan) - race wide without cover, throughout.

ZIP AKEED (B. Vorster) - raced keenly in the early stages.

RACE 7: TEAM POLY BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

EL MAGNIFICENCE (P. Gatt) - rider stated that the gelding was disappointing in the straight when placed under pressure and in his opinion raced like a tired horse.

LORD GODODDIN (GB) (J. Toeroek) - hampered on jumping away when RUBBLE shifted out.

RUBBLE (C. Jones) - shifted out at the start, hampering LORD GODODDIN.

FIVE POCKET (E. Wong) - crowded on jumping when tightened in between CANIDAE and SEVEN LETTERS which laid out.

A BIT RACEY (J. Holder) - rider reported the mare got its tongue over the bit and was making a respiratory noise. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

CANIDAE (S. Logan) - jumped awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with FIVE POCKET.

HARBOURING (T. Pannell) - jumped awkwardly. Laid in in the straight.

NANAMU (R. Hurdle) - inspected by the clubs veterinary officer behind the barriers and passed fit to start when found to have abrasions to the hind leg.

SEVEN LETTERS (B. Price) - jumped awkwardly and then laid out for a short distance. Commenced to over race for some distance in the early stages.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (7):

Race 1 - HUNTLEY LADY (winner)

Race 2 - SARAH'S JULE (winner)

Race 3 - VICTORY BANDIT (winner)

Race 4 - MOSOW MULE (winner)

Race 5 - DASKULYA (winner)

Race 6 - DEEVINE (winner)

Race 7 - MAGIC REWARD (winner)





SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 2 - B. Vorster (FRENCH FIELDS) - AR131(a) - careless riding
REPRIMANDS	Race 4 - R. Hurdle (GETOUTTHEWAY) - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - use of whip [+1] Race 4 - R. Hurdle (GETOUTTHEWAY) - AR131(a) - careless riding Race 5 - P. Gatt (SQUADRON LEADER) - AR132(7)(a)(ii)- use of whip [+1] Race 6 - S. Metcalfe (MUFFLA) - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - use of whip [+2]
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 1 - SOLSYSTEM - Suspended - Must complete an Official Barrier Trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to a future race start - Hung out.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	E. Finnegan

