

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Mount Gambier
Racecourse by the Mount Gambier Racing Club on
Friday, 31 March 2023



RACINGSA

Stewards: M. Zarb (A/Chairman) & A. Hayles (HT) (Stewards), H. Matthews & L. Murch (Cadet Stewards), D. Holland (F) (Deputy Steward), Dr D. Goulding (Veterinary Surgeon)

TRACK: Soft 6 (Moist but not a badly affected track)
Downgraded to a Soft 7 at 12:57pm retrospective to Race 1

(Rain affected track that will chop out)

RAIL: True

WEATHER: Showers

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
4	STRAIGHT BACK	C. Puls		Emergency - notified

RACE 1: THOMAS FOODS INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 1550 Metres

SOOBMERGED (D. Tourneur) - when questioned in relation to the gelding's performance in today's event, rider was unable to offer an explanation and other than SOOBMERGED failed to respond when placed under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ANRUSHKA (J. Maund) - raced keen in the early stages of the event. Hung out from the 800m. Rider advised the mare got its tongue over the bit during the event.

HASTA LA PRINCE (J. Opperman) - rider reported the gelding failed to handle today's track conditions and proved disappointing.

RACE 2: TAB MAIDEN PLATE - 1800 Metres

HIS ZEDNESS (NZ) (R. Houston) - raced keen in the early and middle stages of the event. Laid in, in the straight when placed under pressure.

RACE 3: O'SULLIVANS LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT / DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

LOAD AND GO (L. Williams) - began awkwardly. Laid in under pressure over the concluding stages of the event.

SAREEM D'ORO (H. Grace) - raced three wide without cover for the majority of the event.



RACE 4: SE WEDDINGS & EVENTS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately three minutes due to several horses proving difficult to load.

LOCH GORMAN (E. Wong) - near the 1000m raced tight on the inside of POP 'N' PARK (NZ), which was taken in by FINE THINGS.

DELCREDERE (H. Grace) - slow to begin.

FINE THINGS (S. Metcalfe) - shifted in near the 1000m and tightened POP 'N' PARK (NZ) in onto LOCH GORMAN, both of which eased slightly. Rider was reprimanded under AR131(a) and advised, in future, to take greater care when shifting ground.

LUCY'S A GIRL (D. Tourneur) - difficult to load. Trainer, Mr P. Lafferty was advised the mare was now required to load without delay in an Official Barrier Trial or Approval to Race jump-out prior to a future race. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

MEIKA TATE (NZ) (K. Walters) - held up for clear racing room between the 400m and 200m, initially behind POP 'N' PARK (NZ) and later behind AKEED'S GIRL.

SCANDALOUS SCARLET (NZ) (R. Houston) - slow to begin.

AKEED'S GIRL (J. Opperman) - raced wide without cover for the majority of the event.

MR MERCEDES (J. Maund) - difficult to load. Trainer, Mr R. Nicholson was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its barrier manners. Began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

POP 'N' PARK (NZ) (J. Eaton) - raced tight near the 1000m and had to be eased when tightened between LOCH GORMAN and FINE THINGS, which shifted in. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 5: GAMBIER EARTH MOVERS VOLCANO HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

ONE MORE JACK (E. Wong) - hampered slightly at the start by CHILL WITH TEEJAY on its inside. Rider reported the gelding felt sore after the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ORNAMENTAL LADY (J. Eaton) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted out. Rider reported the mare failed to handle today's track condition and proved disappointing.

CHILL WITH TEEJAY (T. Voorham) - jumped away awkwardly, shifted out and hampered ONE MORE JACK.

MARACOURT (D. Tourneur) - slow to begin. Approaching the 200m had to be steadied when held up behind UNLIMITED ABILITY, which was weakening.

RACE 6: CARLTON DRAUGHT BLUE LAKE HANDICAP - 1550 Metres

DOTHRAKI (NZ) (R. Houston) - raced keen near the 1000m, got its head up and lost ground.

WESTBROOK PARK (H. Grace) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MAGNETISM (K. Crowther) - rider reported the gelding hung out for the majority of the event and proved difficult to ride rounding the home turn and in the straight. Trainer, Mr T. Dabernig was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its racing manners. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.



RACE 7: SCOTT GROUP OF COMPANIES MOUNT GAMBIER GOLD CUP – 2050 Metres

FAROOQ (J. Opperman) – Stewards received a request from Trainer, Ms S. Murphy that the gelding be withdrawn due to the track downgrade. Stewards accepted this request and declared FAROOQ a late scratching at 2:40pm.

CLEVER MAN (Z. Lloyd) – shifted in late across the heels of LORD GOLDBERG to improve.

EXTRA ELUSIVE (GB) (H. Grace) – bounded at the start and lost ground.

THRILL KILL (J. Maund) – raced very keen in the early stages of the event and became awkwardly placed on the heels of JACK KNOWS BEST (NZ) when the paced eased near the 1500m.

BOSSY BRITCHES (D. Tourneur) – rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) for using his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was fined \$200. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by D. Tourneur and noted that he used it on three occasions over the concluding 100 metres of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a laceration to the mare's right hind hip.

LORD GOLDBERG (R. Houston) – raced wide for the majority of the event and without cover from the 1000m. Shifted out abruptly and had to be straightened near the 150m and again near the 100m.

BLACK SYRAH (J. Eaton) – raced wide rounding the first turn near the 1700m. Raced keen and got its head up near the 1000m.

RACE 8: WIN TELEVISION BENCHMARK 54 HANDICAP – 1400 Metres

MY PRINCE CHARMING (T. Madden) – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

SWISS TIME (H. Yuen) – slow to begin.

OUR ELLIE ROSE (NZ) (R. Houston) – fractious in its barrier. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was deemed unsuitable to race. Acting on this advice OUR ELLIE ROSE (NZ) was declared a late scratching by order of Stewards at 5.12pm. Trainer, Mr W. Walters was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its barrier manners.

ARDANZA (J. Eaton) – raced wide without cover for the majority of the event.

LAST DREAM (NZ) (C. Puls) – slow to begin.

MONTRE (J. Maund) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was deemed suitable to race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (2):

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

Race 7 - EXTRA ELUSIVE (GB), THRILL KILL

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (5):

Race 1 - DALE'S ROCKET (winner)
Race 2 - LOOKING SUAVE (NZ) (winner)
Race 4 - FINE THINGS (winner)
Race 6 - DOTHRAKI (NZ) (winner)
Race 7 - CLEVER MAN (winner)



REPRIMANDS FOR WHIP USE

Stewards reprimanded the following riders under AR132(7)(a)(ii) for using the whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 meters. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of whip use.

		Prior to 100m	Final 100m
Race 3	L. Williams (LOAD AND GO)	+2	2
Race 5	J. Eaton (ORNAMENTAL LADY)	+3	3
Race 7	S. Metcalfe (MASTER OF ZERPRISE)	+2	4

SUMMARY

FINES	Race 7 - D. Tourneur (BOSSY BRITCHES) - Fined \$200 - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - Whip offence [+5]
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 4 - S. Metcalfe (FINE THINGS) - AR131(a) - Careless riding
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 4 - LUCY'S A GIRL - Suspended - Must load without delay in either an Official Barrier Trial or Approval to Race jump-out prior to a future race - Difficult to load Race 4 - MR MERCEDES - Warned - Difficult to load Race 6 - MAGNETISM - Warned - Hung out Race 8 - OUR ELLIE ROSE (NZ) - Warned - Fractious in its barrier
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil