

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge
Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on
Wednesday, 7 February 2024



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Stewards Panel: S. Callanan (A/Chairman), P. Ryan (HT) & H. Matthews (F)
Deputy Stewards: L. Martin, K. Santoro, M. Arthur & M. Martin.
Veterinary Surgeons: Dr T. Koenig & Dr B. Webster

TRACK: Soft 5 (Track with a reasonable amount of give in it)
Upgraded to Good 4 at 11.45am (Track with some give in it)

RAIL: Out 9 metres 1000m to winning post, out 6 metres in the 1200m chute, true remainder.

WEATHER: Fine

RACE 1: NORTHPOINT MURRAYLANDS CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 900 Metres

ANDREW'S MEMORY (J. Maund) - shortly after the start was inconvenienced when tightened between HARLEEN and LADYMEANSBUSINESS. Near the 300m shifted out and inconvenienced LADYMEANSBUSINESS.

LADYMEANSBUSINESS (J. Eaton) - near the 300m was inconvenienced as ANDREW'S MEMORY shifted out. Commenced to lay out under pressure in the straight and inside the 300m rolled out and bumped VALLEY OF DARKNESS. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

THE CREED (J. Opperman) - slow into stride. Inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

LAILA'S A GEM (D. Caboche) - acting on confirmed advice from co-trainer, Mr G. Searle, that the mare was lame in the near foreleg and would be unsuitable to start Stewards declared LAILA'S A GEM a late scratching at 10.30am. Mr Searle was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

VALLEY OF DARKNESS (S. Logan) - inside the 300m bumped with LADYMEANSBUSINESS, which shifted out.

RACE 2: FRED VELLA TYRE & CRASH REPAIR FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 Metres

ARTISTIC GAL (S. Fawke) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

GALLIUM (T. Pannell) - at the entrance to the straight was momentarily inconvenienced when awkwardly placed on the heels of ARTISTIC GAL. A post-race veterinary examination revealed minor lacerations to both hind legs.

MOONLIGHT HALO (S. Payne) - inclined to shift about under pressure in the straight.

PONTY WELL (J. Toeroek) - rider could offer no explanation in relation to the mare's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed minor lacerations to both hind legs.

RUB OF THE GREEN (N. Seymour) - change of tactics - attempt to settle more forward - settled in the lead. Jumped away awkwardly, shifted out and contacted GINGIFER.

RACE 2: FRED VELLA TYRE & CRASH REPAIR FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 Metres
(cont'd)

DEVIL'S DEXTER (D. Tourneur) - jumped away awkwardly.

FLYING YANK (NZ) (J. Holder) - shortly after jumping away was hampered when bumped with GINGIFER. 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 100m and was fined \$100. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by J. Holder and noted that he used it on two occasions over the final 100m of the event.

GINGIFER (T. Voorham) - on jumping away bumped with RUB OF THE GREEN, which shifted out, and as a result was taken out and bumped with FLYING YANK (NZ).

RACE 3: SPORTSBET SAME RACE MULTI MAIDEN PLATE - 1600 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately one minute.

APACHE STATION (J. Doyle) - slow into stride.

HOLMES (T. Pannell) - approaching the 100m was tightened between UNDER THE CONE and THE PENSKE FILE, which was inclined to lay in and shifted in.

MILITARY ACTION (D. Caboche) - shortly after the start was restrained and shifted in, in an attempt to gain cover.

THE PENSKE FILE (T. Voorham) - raced wide and without cover throughout the event. Inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight, and approaching the 100m shifted in onto HOLMES, which was tightened for a number of strides onto UNDER THE CONE. Rider was reminded of her obligations under AR131(a) and advised to make a greater effort to keep her mounts straight.

WINNING AURA (K. Crowther) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

UNDER THE CONE (J. Toeroek) - approaching the 100m was tightened to the inside of HOLMES, which was taken in by THE PENSKE FILE

EXALTED BELLE (S. Fawke) - jumped away awkwardly.

Correct weight for this event was delayed to allow T. Pannell (HOLMES), placed third, and trainer, Mr A. Clarken, to view the vision in the straight and for J. Toeroek (UNDER THE CONE), placed second, and co-trainer, Mr R. Jolly, to view the vision in the straight. After doing so both T. Pannell and J. Toeroek lodged objections against THE PENSKE FILE (T. Voorham) being declared the winner on the grounds of alleged interference from the 150m. After considering the evidence, viewing the vision and acting on their own observations Stewards *dismissed* both protests.

RACE 4: MAGIC MILLIONS RACEDAY - 9TH MARCH BOOK NOW MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately six minutes.

MASTER OF CEREMONY (N. Seymour) - slow to begin.

THE BIG CHUNK (S. Payne) - jumped away awkwardly.

A SAMURAI MIND (L. Neindorf) - lost its off hind plate on entering the mounting yard and required farrier attention, proved difficult to reshoe. Acting under AR107(2), after confirmation with co-trainers, Mr D. Clarken and Ms O. MacGillivray, and the rider, Stewards permitted the near hind shoe to be removed and therefore the gelding to race unshod behind. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and was deemed suitable to start. Proved fractious in its barrier after being loaded. Co-trainer, Mr D. Clarken, was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding. Slow to begin. Difficulty in obtaining clear ground from the 400m until the 250m and approaching the 200m was momentarily steadied between I'M PAMPERED and SOLESUN.

RACE 4: MAGIC MILLIONS RACEDAY - 9TH MARCH BOOK NOW MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 Metres (cont'd)

AMERIGO (J. Holder) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted in. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

KALBARRI (J. Toeroek) - shortly after jumping away dipped. Near the 600m shifted out and bumped SOFTLY BLACK.

I'M PAMPERED (M. Collett) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Laid out under pressure in the straight.

SOFTLY BLACK (J. Eaton) - near the 600m bumped with KALBARRI, which shifted out.

TOOWANDA (S. Metcalfe) - on jumping away bumped with SHOCK REACTION (NZ), which shifted in.

SHOCK REACTION (NZ) (S. Fawke) - jumped away awkwardly, shifted in and bumped TOOWANDA.

RACE 5: SPORTSBET BET WITH MATES BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 2500 Metres

WARRANTYTE ROAD (H. Yuen) - raced wide and without cover from the 1200m.

JUGAN (J. Toeroek) - laid in under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

SESTAR (A. Livesey) - raced keenly in the early stages. Laid out under pressure in the straight.

ENRICO PALLAZZO (J. Potter) - slow to begin.

RACE 6: THOMAS FARMS BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 1000 Metres

TYDEUS (C. Munro) - shortly after the start rolled out onto CORK HARBOUR. At the entrance to the straight was awkwardly placed on the heels of DEVIL DAN (NZ) for a short distance. Was held up for clear running from near the 350m until the 100m.

CORK HARBOUR (B. Price) - dislodged its rider en route to the barriers and was quickly recaptured. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and was deemed suitable to start. B. Price was examined by the First Care Medical personnel and passed fit to fulfil his engagement. Required to be resaddled at the barriers. Slow to begin and shortly after was obliged to check when awkwardly placed on the heels of TYDEUS, which rolled out.

WARMINSTER (A. Livesey) - jumped away awkwardly.

RACE 7: CARLTON DRAUGHT BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres

HOBO BOB (S. Payne) - rider explained in relation to the gelding's performance that he was obliged to settle without cover and a pair further forward in the run then he would have liked as a result given the weight, this was a detriment to his mount's chances. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ABAN (NZ) (A. Lai) - rider explained in relation to the gelding's performance that the gelding was one-paced and when asked for an effort in the straight failed to respond as he would have liked and was disappointing to the finish. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ENTERPRISE JEWEL (C. Tootell) - slow into stride. Rider explained in relation to the mare's performance that it travelled well throughout the event; however, failed to let down and was disappointing to the finish. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ONE SKY ABOVE US (S. Fawke) - raced keenly in the early stages.

RACE 7: CARLTON DRAUGHT BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres (cont'd)

LORD OF DARKNESS (NZ) (Z. Lloyd) - held up for clear running from the 500m until near the 200m.

RUE BUNGAN (R. Milnes) - slow to begin. Held up for clear running from the entrance to the straight until near the 300m.

VERZENAY (C. Munro) - raced wide and without cover in the early stages and was allowed to stride forward by its rider to take up a position in the lead near the 1000m. Rider explained that her instructions were to obtain cover in the event; however, after jumping away and making an assessment of the field in the early stages she was wide and therefore she permitted her mount to stride forward to take up a position in the lead.

ARMAMENT (M. Collett) - slow to begin. Inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

LUCKY JACKSON (B. Price) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (20):

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

Race 1 - THE CREED, HARLEEN.

Race 2 - COMANCHE QUEEN, RUB OF THE GREEN.

Race 3 - WINNING AURA, EFFICACY.

Race 4 - MASTER OF CEREMONY, THE BIG CHUNK, I'M PAMPERED, SIESTA DREAM.

Race 5 - SANDASTAN, WARRANDYTE ROAD, EIGHT ON THE DOT (NZ).

Race 6 - DEVIL DAN (NZ), SHIKANIC, WARMINSTER.

Race 7 - OFCOURSE I WILL, VERZENAY, ARMAMENT, LUCKY JACKSON.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (7):

Race 1 - CLARENCE (winner)

Race 2 - DEVIL'S DEXTER (winner)

Race 3 - THE PENSKE FILE (winner)

Race 4 - A SAMURAI MIND (winner)

Race 5 - SANDASTAN (winner)

Race 6 - LITTLE RICH BOY (winner)

Race 7 - OFCOURSE I WILL (winner)

| SUMMARY | |
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| FINES | Race 2 - J. Holder (FLYING YANK (NZ)) - Fined \$100 - AR132(&)(a)(ii) - Whip offence [+4]. |
| SEVERE REPRIMANDS | Nil |
| REPRIMANDS | Nil |
| SUSPENSIONS | Nil |
| HORSE ACTIONS | Race 1 - LAILA'S A GEM - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lamé near foreleg. Race 4 - A SAMURAI MIND - Warned - Fractious in the barrier. |
| ADJOURNED INQUIRIES | Nil |
| MEDICAL CLEARANCE | Nil |