

**THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED**  
**STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Report on Race Meeting held at Oakbank Racecourse**  
**by the Oakbank Racing Club on Monday, 17 April 2017**

**Stewards:** J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro, C. Deakin (F) & S. Callanan (HT) (Stewards), D. Southgate, D. Jonas, N. Henry, R. Dinning & E. Hoolihan (Deputy Stewards), Dr P. Horridge, Dr. B. Agnew & Dr H. Lewis (Veterinary Surgeons).

**TRACK:** Good 4 (*Downgraded to a Soft 5 at 10.05 am*)

**WEATHER:** Fine

**RAIL:** True

**RIDER CHANGES:**

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
1	JOLIE ROSE	J. Holder		Late declaration – explanation accepted.
3	URBAN EXPLORER (NZ)	M. Kelly		“
3	TREMEC (NZ)	A. Lynch		“
3	DISTILLATION	R. Cully		“
6	STREET OUTLAW	P. Hamblin	M. Kelly	Dual engagement – explanation accepted
8	MULDER	M. Neilson	S. Cahill	Indisposed
9	KNIGHTOF THEREALM	“	D. Thornton	“
9	JUST RANGER	B. Claridge	C. Lindop	Notified – explanation accepted.

**RACE 1: THE ADVERTISER TWO-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE – 1050 metres**

**MIGHTY MICK** (A. Jordsjo) – laid in, in the vicinity of the 200 metres, shifted in onto FAITH IN GRACE, resulting in that horse having to be checked. Rider immediately corrected her mount.

**FAITH IN GRACE** (R. Hurdle) – slow to begin. Had to be checked near the 200 metres to avoid the heels of MIGHTY MICK, which laid in and shifted in.

**NOUVELLOKOVA** (P. Gatt) – lost its near hind plate during the event.

Correct weight was delayed to allow R. Hurdle (FAITH IN GRACE) to view the official vision in the straight.

**RACE 2: HEAT OF THE JERICHO CUP – 3600 metres**

**BAYANOVA (NZ)** (J. Kah) – rider reported that the mare raced keenly throughout the event.

**CAROUN (IRE)** (E. Boyd) – rider reported that over the final 200 metres of the event the gelding felt uncomfortable in its action, and on pulling up she became concerned with its action, particularly in its off foreleg. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**PURE TANGO** (T. Pannell) – rider reported that he had become concerned with the mare's action when leading on its near fore after passing the 600 metres on the first occasion but stated that once the mare changed stride and led with its off fore it felt more comfortable in its action and for that reason he persisted with his riding; however, the mare continued to change stride and when leading on the near fore continued to feel very awkward and uncomfortable in its action. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a superficial digital flexor tendon injury to the near foreleg. First aid administered. Trainer, Mr T. Doudle, was advised that a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness was required prior to a future trial or race.

## **RACE 2: HEAT OF THE JERICHO CUP – 3600 metres (cont'd)**

**ZABROCK (NZ)** (S. Fawke) – slow into stride. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

## **RACE 3: SOMERLED CLASSIC HURDLE - 3600 metres**

All runners underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and were passed fit to start.

**NOW AND ZEN** (J. Allen) – struck the twelfth hurdle, knuckled severely on landing and unbalanced its rider, and thereafter contacted the fourteenth hurdle and landed awkwardly.

**O'CEIRINS SECRET (NZ)** (B. Small) – contacted the tenth hurdle and landed awkwardly. Was eased out of the event rounding the home turn and did not jump the last two hurdles.

All runners underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no visible abnormalities.

## **RACE 4: WEBSTER HYDE HEATH HANDICAP – 1400 metres**

**LETSAVA WIN (NZ)** (E. Finnegan) – rolled in slightly approaching the 1100 metres, had its hindquarters contacted and turned by PAWNEE PASS.

**IMPULSE DIAVOLO** (B. Griffiths) – laid in from in the vicinity of the 600 metres.

**AKBAR MAHAL** (Z. Spain) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**THE ENGINEER** (J. Kah) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed a lower than expected heart rate.

**BILLET DOUX** (P. Gatt) – rolled out in the vicinity of the 1100 metres taking PAWNEE PASS wider.

**PAWNEE PASS** (D. Thornton) – in the vicinity of the 1100 metres became awkward between BILLET DOUX, which rolled out, and LETSAVA WIN (NZ), which rolled in slightly, shifted out and contacted the hindquarters of LETSAVA WIN (NZ).

**THE GEE TRAIN** (T. Pannell) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

## **RACE 5: CODEWARE HANDICAP - 1400 metres**

**MARCO POLO** (D. Caboche) – rider reported that the gelding dipped on a number of occasions in the underfoot conditions between the 600 metres and the 400 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**SILENT ICE** (A. Jordsjo) – inconvenienced near the 1300 metres. Laid in, in the straight.

**SAGANO** (R. Hurdle) – rider reported the gelding appeared to lose its hindquarters in the vicinity of the 400 metres. Stumbled near the 400 metres in the underfoot conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**EXALTED GEM** (J. Maund) – required to be resaddled on arrival at the barriers. In the vicinity of the 1300 metres shifted in taking PUJOLS in onto SILENT ICE, resulting in both these runners being inconvenienced. Rider reprimanded for shifting ground when insufficiently clear.

**PUJOLS** (C. Lindop) – inconvenienced in the vicinity of the 1300 metres when taken in.

**WILLANDER MISS** (B. Griffiths) – rider reported that the mare was off the bridle from in the vicinity of the 700 metres. Lost its near hind plate during the running of the event

## **RACE 6: THOMAS FOODS INTERNATIONAL GREAT EASTERN STEEPLECHASE - 4950 metres**

All runners underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and were passed fit to start.

**NO SONG NO SUPPER** (R. Cully) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be exhibiting signs of mild heat stress. First aid administered.

**DORMELLO MO (FR)** (S. Pateman) – eased out of the event after jumping the twentieth steeple. Made the eighteenth steeple awkwardly, knuckled slightly on landing unbalancing its rider. Rider explained that after landing awkwardly after the eighteenth steeple the horse appeared to lose its confidence and did not travel as comfortably as it did leading up to that steeple. As a consequence, he considered his options and decided to ease the horse out of the event after jumping the twentieth steeple. After considering S. Pateman's explanation, having regard for the vision and the context of the race, the Jumps Review Panel and the Stewards advised Trainer, Mr S. Ryan, that the horse was required to trial to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel and the Stewards prior to a future jumps start. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**NISHIAZABU** (P. Hamblin) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be fatigued and exhibiting signs of the thumps. First aid administered.

**SPYING ON YOU (NZ)** (T. Ryan) – jumped the twenty-fourth steeple awkwardly.

**STREET OUTLAW** (M. Kelly) – jumped the ninth steeple awkwardly. Eased out of the event after jumping the sixteenth steeple. Lost its near fore plate during the running of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**UNDERGROUND FIGHTER** (D. Horner (Jnr)) – rider pleaded guilty to a charge under LR29.12(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than ten occasions prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded. Rider also found guilty of a charge under LR29.12(a)(i) in that he used his whip in consecutive strides in the straight and was reprimanded.

All runners were examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon post-race.

## **RACE 7: ARKABA HOTEL HANDICAP - 1400 metres**

**OLIVIA'S GOLD** (J. Holder) – began awkwardly, shifted out and contacted LUCKY FLIPPER. Rider explained that his instructions were to lead at all costs and attempt to improve to the outside of the course in the straight if possible. He stated that the mare jumped well and found the lead comfortably, and whilst he was able to maintain a position three off the fence down the back straight, in the vicinity of the 600 metres the mare commenced to lay in to the extent that he was unable to maintain that position off the fence, and was obliged to race closer to the rail. He added that thereafter he was unable to attempt to improve to the outside as he considered that any such attempt, having regard for the manner in which the horse was laying in, would be a disadvantage, but stated that in any event the horse did not finish the race off as expected. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the off hind leg. Trainer, Mr D. Shepherd, was advised that a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness was required prior to a future trial or race.

**LUCKY FLIPPER** (J. Potter) – contacted at the start.

## **RACE 8: NEUTROG HANDICAP – 1050 metres**

**MULDER** (S. Cahill) – raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Near the 150 metres was obliged to alter course to the inside of LIFE'S REWARD to gain clear ground.

**LIFE'S REWARD** (D. Caboche) – laid out in the straight.

**SHOW BENDER** (P. Gatt) – shifted out to improve near the 500 metres and crossed the running of FAIRY NYMPH, which had to be momentarily steadied. Rider reprimanded for being insufficiently clear.

**YULONG XIONG BA** (J. Allen) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the colt to have tied up in the shoulders and hindquarters.

### **RACE 8: NEUTROG HANDICAP – 1050 metres (cont'd)**

**VICTOR VICTOR** (J. Toeroek) – rider reported that the gelding did not handle the downhill run between the 600 metres and the 400 metres and dipped on a number of occasions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**SAVE ME NED** (E. Finnegan) – rider reported that the filly hung out late in the event.

**FAIRY NYMPH** (Z. Spain) – began awkwardly. Momentarily steadied near the 500 metres.

### **RACE 9: CHANNEL 7 COUNTRY CUP – 1900 metres**

**KNIGHTOFTHEREALM** (D. Thornton) – disappointed for clear running approaching the 200 metres when racing between the heels of SATURDAY SORCERER and GOLDEN BUCKLEBOO, and was obliged to alter course to the inside of GOLDEN BUCKLEBOO to obtain clear ground. Shortly thereafter was taken in by GOLDEN BUCKLEBOO, which shifted in under pressure.

**SASSY JO** (Z. Spain) – rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**GOLDEN BUCKLEBOO** (P. Gatt) – raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Shifted in under pressure inside the 200 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**MORE THAN A ROSE** (J. Maund) – had to be momentarily steadied inside the 500 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a lower than expected heart rate.

**JUST RANGER** (C. Lindop) – inside the 500 metres shifted out to improve and tightened MORE THAN A ROSE momentarily, resulting in that horse having to be steadied. Rider reprimanded and advised to take greater care when shifting ground in future.

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**GENERAL:**

Apprentice B. Griffith's minimum riding weight was incorrectly published as being 54 kg when it was in fact 35.5 kg.

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**RIDER TESTING:**

All thirty-one (31) riders were breathalysed prior to taking their first ride of the day. All returned negative.

Twelve (12) riders provided urine samples – J. Allen, R. Clark, R. Cully, E. Finnegan, B. Griffiths, P. Hamblin, D. Horner (Jnr), J. Kah, B. McLean, S. Pateman, M. Kelly and T. Ryan.

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**PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (17):**

Blood samples were taken from the following horses for, but not limited to, TCO<sub>2</sub> purposes:

Race 2 – PRIZE, BAYANOVA (NZ), CAROUN (IRE), SPUR ON GOLD.

Race 3 – ANGELOLOGY (NZ), URBAN EXPLORER (NZ), NOW AND ZEN, TREMEC (NZ),  
DISTILLATION, O'CEIRINS SECRET (NZ).

Race 6 – LORD OF THE SONG, NO SONG NO SUPPER, DORMELLO MO (FR), NISHIAZABU,  
SPYING ON YOU (NZ), STREET OUTLAW, UNDERGROUND FIGHTER.

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**POST-RACE BLOOD SAMPLE (1)**

Race 8 - LIFE'S REWARD (second)

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**ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (10):**

Race 1 – MY BAD (winner)  
Race 2 – SPUR ON GOLD (winner)  
Race 3 – ANGELOLOGY (NZ) (winner)  
Race 4 – CAYMAN NITES (winner)  
Race 5 – SACRED SEAL (winner)

Race 6 – SPYING ON YOU (NZ) (winner)  
Race 6 – UNDERGROUND FIGHTER (second)  
Race 7 – HAVE ANOTHER GLASS (winner)  
Race 8 – MULDER (winner)  
Race 9 – KNIGHT OF THE REALM (winner)

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<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>FINES</b>	Nil
<b>SEVERE REPRIMANDS</b>	Nil
<b>REPRIMANDS</b>	Race 5 – J. Maund (EXALTED GEM) – AR137(a) – Careless riding. Race 6 – D. Horner (Jnr) (UNDERGROUND FIGHTER) – LR29.12(a)(ii)[+6] – Whip offence. Race 6 – D. Horner (Jnr) (UNDERGROUND FIGHTER) – LR29.12(a)(i) – Whip offence. Race 8 – P. Gatt (SHOW BENDER) – AR137(a) – Careless riding. Race 9 – Z. Spain (SASSY JO) – AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+1] – Whip offence. Race 9 – C. Lindop (JUST RANGER) – AR137(a) – Careless riding.
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	Nil
<b>HORSE ACTIONS</b>	Race 2 – PURE TANGO – Not to race – Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to a future trial or race – Superficial digital flexor tendon injury near foreleg. Race 6 – DORMELLO MO (FR) - Suspended jumps races - Required to perform to Stewards' satisfaction in Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future jumps start. Race 7 – OLIVIA'S GOLD – Not to race – Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to a future trial or race – Lameness off hind leg.
<b>ADJOURNED INQUIRIES</b>	Nil
<b>MEDICAL CLEARANCE</b>	M. Neilson