THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on Wednesday, 30 August 2017

Stewards: J. Petzer (Chairman), J. Adams (M), A. Hayles (HT) & C. Deakin (F) (Stewards), K. Lemay-Robins & T. Vanderstok (Cadet Stewards), D. Southgate & N. Hawkins (Deputy Stewards)

Dr P. Horridge (Veterinary Surgeon).

TRACK: Good 4

WEATHER: Fine

RAIL: Out 3 metres from 840 metres to Winning Post, out 3 metres from Winning post to 1500 metres, true remainder. Sectional 604 metres.

RIDER CHANGES:

| Race | Horse | Rider | Replaced By | Reason |
|------|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2 | MISS LABELLE | D. Tourneur | J. Maund | Indisposed. |
| 3 | KASMARLAINE | " | J. Potter | " |
| 4 | HOYLAKE (NZ) | S. Jackson | J. Lynch | Not available. |
| 5 | KURKOVA | D. Tourneur | J. Maund | Indisposed. |
| 6 | AUTMED | " | " | " |
| 8 | FLYIN' FOR ME | ű | D. Thornton | 33 |

RACE 1: JEN'S KITCHEN / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1606 metres

CADWIL KID (A. Doyle) – slow to begin. Raced greenly rounding the home turn.

GUN ROOSTER (J. Toeroek) – momentarily held up for clear running near the entrance to the straight.

SO BELAFONTE (M. Neilson) – rider explained that he was able to obtain the run of the race but could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance other than it may be better suited racing over more ground. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RIVER TOUCH (K. Bishop) - hung out throughout in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 2: CARLTON DRAUGHT / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 904 metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately two minutes owing to a number of horses proving difficult to load.

CEALLACH (R. Clark) – slow to begin. Shifted out slightly at the entrance to the straight. Inside the 100 metres became awkward and had to be steadied when inside the heels of BON AIRE, which rolled in.

PERSEVERANCE (M. Neilson) – shifted in slightly at the entrance to the straight.

BON AIRE (J. Toeroek) - buffeted at the entrance to the straight between PERSEVERANCE and CEALLACH, which both shifted ground slightly. Rolled in inside the 100 metres when racing greenly.

JOLLMAC (V. Wong) - awkward and slow to begin. Shifted in abruptly shortly after the start and thereafter raced greenly for the remainder of the event. Held up for clear running from rounding the home turn until in the vicinity of the 300 metres and was obliged to shift out to obtain clear running.

MADRA RUA (E. Finnegan) – slow to begin.

RACE 2: CARLTON DRAUGHT / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 904 metres (cont'd)

MISS LABELLE (J. Maund) – became awkward on the heels of NOUVELLOKOVA for a short distance approaching the 600 metres. Raced greenly in the straight and shifted in inside the 200 metres.

ZAVILLA (D. Thornton) – laid out rounding the home turn. Thereafter shifted out and became awkward on the heels of BRIMARVI GOLD for a number of strides. Inside the 200 metres raced greenly, rolled out and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed inside the heels of NOUVELLOKOVA, which shifted in and away from MISS LABELLE.

NOUVELLOKOVA (C. Lindop) – approaching the 600 metres became awkward on the heels of BRIMARVI GOLD for a short distance. Inside the 200 metres, when racing greenly, shifted in and away from MISS LABELLE onto ZAVILLA.

RACE 3: SAMBEC SHEDS / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1406 metres

PINT'S PUNCH (K. Bishop) – raced greenly in the event and shifted ground both ways in the straight.

MELI MELO (S. Fawke) – awkward to begin.

NICK'S NIGHT OUT (R. Clark) – in the vicinity of the 500 metres became extremely awkward in its action and unbalanced. Rider explained that the horse became very awkward in its action for a stride or two and in her opinion it may be owing to her horse's heels being clipped by MAKIN' THE GRADE, which was following.

SCOPE (NZ) (E. Finnegan) – raced wide without cover in the early stages of the event.

LA LA LUCHIE (C. Lindop) – rider explained that as this horse was equipped with blinkers for the first time she expected that it might settle more forward than at its previous start but could offer no explanation for the filly's performance other than it felt awkward racing down the hill inside the 800 metres, weakened in the straight and was disappointing and failed to finish the event off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

NOGGIN (P. Gatt) – re-saddled at the barriers.

RACE 4: NTI HIGHWEIGHT BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP - 2412 metres

CELTIC PRINCE (NZ) (D. Meyler) – shifted in approaching the 2200 metres. Held up for clear running from inside the 600 metres until approaching the 400 metres.

MAPPING (B. Small) – contacted at the start. Rider reported that the gelding was off the bridle turning for home and was disappointing in its performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

SPUR ON GOLD (R. Blackmore) - slow to begin.

CARSON (NZ) (D. Horner (Jnr)) – Stewards granted permission for D. Horner (Jnr) to ride the gelding 1 ½ kgs over the allotted weight.

WESTERN HEIR (C. Douglas) – approaching the 2200 metres was obliged to be steadied when racing in restricted room inside CELTIC PRINCE (NZ), which shifted in when taken in by LETSAVA WIN (NZ).

CANONIC (A. Roustoby) – began awkwardly, shifted out and contacted MAPPING.

LETSAVA WIN (NZ) (P. Hamblin) – raced keenly approaching the 2200 metres, became awkward on heels, shifted in taking CELTIC PRINCE (NZ) in.

RACE 5: TRANS AUSTRALIAN LIVESTOCK BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP - 904 metres

OOSTERMAN (K. Crowther) – trainer failed to produce Thoroughbred Identification Card. The gelding was permitted to start as it was able to be identified from records held by the Stewards.

FEDERAL COURT (J. Bowditch) – shifted out to improve inside the 200 metres and contacted SUPER RULES.

AHEAD OF TIME (V. Wong) – laid in, in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

SUPER RULES (J. Toeroek) – laid in, in the straight and was contacted inside the 200 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

FRANCE'S BOY (P. Gatt) – slow into stride.

DESTINY'S LASS (J. Potter) – awkward and slow to begin.

RACE 6: PATERSON BULK TRANSPORT BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP - 1606 metres

RAISE A DREAM (V. Wong) – lost its off hind plate during the event.

SANZIO (K. Bishop) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and passed fit to start. When questioned regarding her riding of the gelding in the straight, K. Bishop explained that the gelding travelled well on turning for home and she had committed herself and improved into a run to the inside of RED MENACE and shortly thereafter became conscious of the fact that AUTMED, which raced on the rail immediately in front, had commenced to weaken and commenced to give ground gradually. She stated that she had considered her options to improve to the outside of RED MENACE but was mindful of the position of EXALTED GEM to the outside, and, having regard for the manner in which her mount was travelling, elected not to restrain in an attempt to improve to the outside of RED MENACE as she considered this would have an impact on her horse's momentum. She stated thereafter approaching the 100 metres she was held up for clear running when AUTMED continued to weaken and was obliged to restrain her mount and shift out to improve her position, but thereafter was conscious of the heels of RED MENACE and was unable to fully ride her mount to the line. While Stewards noted her explanation. Stewards advised K. Bishop she should have considered an option to improve to the outside of RED MENACE at an earlier stage in the straight, but in any event over the concluding stages when shifting to the outside of AUTMED, should have considered her options in shifting wider on the track to improve her position to the outside of RED MENACE. K. Bishop was advised to ride her mounts in a manner that does not invite question by Stewards. Stewards noted that the gelding stumbled shortly after the entrance to the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

JESTWIN (J. Potter) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

AALI MIA (E. Finnegan) – shifted in at the start.

DAL ROMMEL (NZ) (S. Fawke) – inconvenienced at the start when awkwardly placed on the heels of AALI MIA, which shifted in.

RACE 7: NATIONAL JOCKEY TRUST BM 60 HANDICAP - 1206 metres

CHONDRA (V. Wong) – began awkwardly and shifted out. Held up for clear running from in the vicinity of the 200 metres and was unable to obtain clear ground for the remainder of the event and was untested to the line.

RACE 7: NATIONAL JOCKEY TRUST BM 60 HANDICAP - 1206 metres (cont'd)

DARK IMAGE (S. Cahill) – tightened at the start between SHE'S STARSTRUCK, which shifted in, and CHONDRA, which shifted out, and lost its position. Inside the 800 metres was tightened by SHE'S STARSTRUCK, which shifted in, and had to be checked. In the vicinity of the 300 metres was held up for clear running when racing behind SOCIAL LANE for a short distance and inside the 200 metres improved into a very tight run between SOCIAL LANE and the inside running rail and had to be checked and lost its position. Thereafter held up for clear running behind SOCIAL LANE until approaching the 100 metres where DARK IMAGE improved into a tight run to the inside of SOCIAL LANE and raced in restricted room for a short distance. As a consequence of racing in restricted room, S. Cahill was unable to fully test his mount to the line over the concluding stages of the event. Rider found guilty of a charge under AR91 for leaving the course without seeking permission from Stewards and was fined \$200.

BOLDACIOUS GIRL (R. Clark) – contacted at the start.

SHE'S STARSTRUCK (K. Crowther) – awkward to begin and shifted in at the start. Shifted in inside the 800 metres tightening DARK IMAGE, which had to be checked. An inquiry into this incident has been adjourned to a date and time to be fixed to allow S. Cahill to be present.

SOCIAL LANE (C. Lindop) – over-raced in the early stages of the event.

TRAFALGAR BELLE (D. Tootell) – began awkwardly, shifted out and contacted BOLDACIOUS GIRL. Over-raced in the early stages of the event.

RACE 8: JST TRANSPORT CLASS 2 HANDICAP - 1406 metres

HOLY TRILOGEY (J. Toeroek) – slow to begin.

LITTLEBITFUNNY (J. Holder) – reared as the gates were released and was slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

PAT THE WEAPON (T. Pannell) – began awkwardly. Near the 1200 metres contacted with ATLANTICA for several strides.

BELZELADY (R. Clark) – held up for clear running from in the vicinity of the 300 metres until near the 200 metres. In the vicinity of the 200 metres shifted out to improve into a tight run between AUGUSTA BELLE and ATLANTICA, and shortly thereafter shifted out onto ATLANTICA, tightening that horse onto FLYIN' FOR ME, which had shifted in. As a consequence, M. Neilson was obliged to check his mount and lost his position. Rider severely reprimanded for shifting ground when insufficiently clear. In determining this matter Stewards took into account the contribution by FLYIN' FOR ME shifting in at the same time, and the fact that R. Clark's mount was impacted on slightly by AUGUSTA BELLE, which had shifted out at the same time. Rider reported that the mare hung out throughout the event.

ATLANTICA (M. Neilson) – near the 1200 metres contacted with PAT THE WEAPON for several strides. In the vicinity of the 200 metres was tightened between BELZELADY, which shifted out, and FLYIN' FOR ME, which shifted in slightly, had to be checked and lost its position.

BALLAST (C. Lindop) – held up for clear running from near the 300 metres to near the 200 metres.

DAPPER ROSSA (K. Bishop) – which had not raced since September 2016 underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Laid in throughout the event.

FLYIN' FOR ME (D. Thornton) – shifted in slightly near the 200 metres.

AUGUSTA BELLE (D. Caboche) – shifted out slightly near the 200 metres.

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POST-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (4):

Race 1 – SO BELAFONTE (beaten fav.)

Race 3 – LA LA LUCHIE (unplaced)

Race 4 – CELTIC PRINCE (NZ) (winner)

Race 7 – INNESTON (winner)

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ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8):

Race 1 – DON'T RETREAT (winner)
Race 2 – BRIMARVI GOLD (winner)
Race 3 – MAKIN' THE GRADE (winner)
Race 4 – CELTIC PRINCE (NZ) (winner)
Race 8 – GRONKY (winner)

| SUMMARY | | | |
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| FINES | Race 7 – S. Cahill (DARK IMAGE) – Fined \$200 – AR91 – Leaving the course without permission. | | |
| SEVERE REPRIMANDS | Race 8 - R. Clark (BELZELADY) - AR137(a) - Careless riding. | | |
| REPRIMANDS | Nil | | |
| SUSPENSIONS | Nil | | |
| HORSE ACTIONS | Nil | | |
| ADJOURNED INQUIRIES | Race 7 – Vicinity of the 800 metres. An inquiry into this incident has been adjourned to a date and time to be fixed to allow S. Cahill to be present. | | |
| MEDICAL CLEARANCE | D. Tourneur | | |