

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Strathalbyn
Racecourse by the Strathalbyn Racing Club on
Wednesday, 29 December 2021



RACINGS A

Stewards: J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro (HT) & S. Callanan (F) (Stewards), K. Rayson, E. Santoro & J. Patton (Deputy Stewards), Dr B. Agnew (Veterinary Surgeon).

TRACK: Good 4

(Track with some give in it)

RAIL: True.

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
3	KIKUYU KING	T. Pannell	N. Callow	Dual engagement - explanation accepted
3	FIAMETTE	E. Boyd	R. Hurdle	Indisposed
4	ALWAYS SOMETIMES	J. Potter		Late declaration - explanation accepted
4	NISKIE LATANIE	E. Annells		Late declaration - explanation accepted

RACE 1: NORTHPOINT FLEURIEU COLTS, GELDINGS & ENTIRES BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 1100 Metres

BLUDOG (P. Gatt) - taken wider at the start by DEXTER DUTTON, which began very awkwardly and shifted out. Had difficulty obtaining clear running throughout in the straight.

CAPTAIN SOLO (NZ) (N. Callow) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

DEXTER DUTTON (J. Potter) - contacted a perimeter fence en route to the barriers. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and was passed fit to start. Began very awkwardly and shifted out taking BLUDOG wider at the start.

GENERAL MINT (B. Vorster) - near the 1000 metres raced in restricted room for a number of strides between DEXTER DUTTON and CAPTAIN SOLO (NZ), had to be restrained and then got its head up and raced ungenerously for a number of strides.

RACE 2: MIDDLETON TAVERN BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 2050 Metres

REX GOLIATH (K. Crowther) - raced keenly in the middle stages of the event.

PLYMPTON (J. Holder) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

AMMO LOCO (J. Maund) - inclined to lay in, in the early part of the straight.



RACE 2: MIDDLETON TAVERN BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 2050 Metres (cont'd)

BRIABELLA (S. Metcalfe) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Held up for clear running from near the 500 metres until near the entrance to the straight. Thereafter had difficulty obtaining clear running when racing behind DON'T DISMISS and to the inside of AMMO LOCO, and over the concluding stages attempted a run to the outside of DON'T DISMISS; however, was unable to establish a clear run and was not fully tested to the finish.

PELADERA (M. Vassallo) - fractious in the mounting yard, reared and dislodged its rider. M. Vassallo was examined by the First Care Medical personnel and passed fit to fulfil his engagement. Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

RACE 3: HYGAIN MAIDEN PLATE- 1600 Metres

CHROMIUM (E. Wong) - very awkward to begin, shifted in and hampered FIELD HUNTER, which was taken in onto MAGICAL RIDE, which in turn was taken in onto GRINZINGER HULK (NZ), resulting in these two horses being inconvenienced. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event, and extended its lead on the field despite the efforts of its rider.

KIKUYU KING (N. Callow) - near the 400 metres was inconvenienced by JOE'S CHOISIR, which shifted out to improve. Approaching the 200 metres was hampered by FIAMETTE, which improved to the inside of WHOSEZOU, which rolled in, and as a consequence FIAMETTE shifted in after being steadied. Eased down by its rider from inside the 200 metres. Rider explained that after the incident involving FIAMETTE near the 200 metres he did not ride his mount with his normal vigour to the line and added that in his view the gelding had run its race. Stewards reminded N. Callow of his obligations to ride his mounts with normal vigour to the line unless there was some circumstance that prevented him from doing so.

FIELD HUNTER (D. Tourneur) - hampered at the start by CHROMIUM, which began awkwardly and shifted in, and was taken in onto MAGICAL RIDE, which was taken in onto GRINZINGER HULK (NZ). Shortly after the crossing, near the 1400 metres, was awkwardly placed outside the heels of MAGICAL RIDE, which rolled out slightly.

GRINZINGER HULK (NZ) (E. Finnegan) - inconvenienced at the start.

JOE'S CHOISIR (C. Jones) - approaching the 400 metres shifted out to improve and inconvenienced KIKUYU KING. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

A MIDNIGHT SHADOW (P. Gatt) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

FIAMETTE (R. Hurdle) - slow to begin.

MAGICAL RIDE (J. Holder) - taken in at the start. Near the 1400 metres rolled out slightly and inconvenienced FIELD HUNTER.

RACE 4: BREMERTON WINES MAIDEN PLATE- 1200 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately six minutes; initially owing to an interstate delay, and thereafter owing to a number of horses proving difficult to load and being fractious after being loaded.

CHRYSOS (B. Vorster) - obliged to be steadied over the concluding stages when racing outside the heels of MYSTIC STORM, which laid out and shifted out.

REDENZO BULLET (M. Vassallo) - dislodged its rider en route to the barriers. M. Vassallo was examined by the First Care Medical personnel and passed fit to fulfil his engagement. Slow to begin.



DE MENTHE (A. Chung) - raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages of the event.

BRAZEN EAGLE (J. Maund) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event.



RACE 4: BREMERTON WINES MAIDEN PLATE- 1200 Metres (cont'd)

LYSANDRA (E. Wong) - was fractious after being loaded in its barrier stall. Was removed from the barriers and underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. After being re-loaded into its barrier stall was again very fractious. Trainer, Mr A. Beswick, was advised that the mare would now be required to prove tractable in the barriers in an Official Barrier Trial prior to a future race start.

NISKIE LATANIE (E. Annells) - slow to begin. Over-raced in the early stages of the event. Raced wide without cover throughout the event. Rider reported that the mare was field shy and was inclined to hang out away from other runners.

THE MARKLE SPARKLE (S. Metcalfe) - approaching the 1000 metres shifted in and inconvenienced FAST AND FLEXIBLE.

APACHE FOX (D. Tourneur) - approaching the 200 metres attempted to improve into a position to the outside of MYSTIC STORM, which laid out and shifted out, however, was unable to do so owing to the position of CHRYSOS to its outside, and as a consequence was obliged to shift to the inside of MYSTIC STORM to obtain clear running.

FAST AND FLEXIBLE (K. Crowther) - inconvenienced near the 1000 metres by THE MARKLE SPARKLE which shifted in.

MYSTIC STORM (K. Zechner) - laid out in the straight and shifted out hampering APACHE FOX near the 200 metres. Thereafter, over the concluding stages, inconvenienced CHRYSOS, which had to be steadied away from its heels. Rider was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground.

MISS PEARLY KATE (R. Hurdle) - was fractious in its barrier after being loaded, had to be removed, underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

RACE 5: STRATHALBYN SMALL ENGINES FILLIES & MARES BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP- 1100 Metres

GOGOLF GURU (F. Atkinson) - held up for clear running from near the 400 metres until approaching the 200 metres.

SWEET DISTRACTION (G. Lo) - awkward to begin, shifted out and inconvenienced MAGIC DEE, which was taken out onto WITNESS GREATNESS, which was taken wider.

KUNGKA MARU (S. Callow) - raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages of the event. Over the concluding stages shifted ground inwards under riding. Rider was advised in future in similar circumstances she would be required to stop and straighten her mounts when they commence to shift ground.

ASHADY PAST (C. Lions) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

CHEH CHEH CHARLEE (J. Holder) - rider reported that the mare did not stretch out during the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MAGIC DEE (J. Potter) - inconvenienced at the start.

WITNESS GREATNESS (T. Pannell) - inconvenienced at the start.

Correct weight for this event was delayed to allow T. Voorham (SHOWUSYOURMOTOR) to view the vision in the straight.

RACE 6: FLEURIEU MILK COMPANY BENCHMARK 52 HANDICAP- 1200 Metres

WILD TYCOON (E. Annells) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.





RACE 6: FLEURIEU MILK COMPANY BENCHMARK 52 HANDICAP- 1200 Metres (cont'd)

CONCONI (R. Hurdle) – awkward to begin and shifted out at the start. Approaching the 800 metres became tightened for galloping room between SAND CAT, which shifted in and away from GEANDGE as that horse shifted in, and STARLOVER, as that horse rolled out. As a consequence CONCONI contacted the hindquarters of SAND CAT and became unbalanced and lost its action behind.

BACK POCKET (J. Holder) – laid out in the straight.

SCOTCH ON THE ROCK (T. Pannell) – approaching the 800 metres became awkward on the heels of SAND CAT as that horse was hampered, and as a consequence was obliged to steady away from that horse's heels.

STARLOVER (M. Vassallo) – approaching the 800 metres rolled out and tightened CONCONI onto SAND CAT, resulting in that horse being hampered when contacting the hindquarters of SAND CAT.

GEANDGE (K. Crowther) – approaching the 800 metres shifted in slightly resulting in SAND CAT shifting in and away from this horse and being tightened onto CONCONI making contact with that horse which resulted in SAND CAT being hampered, having to be steadied and being unable to maintain its position as a consequence.

SAND CAT (C. Murray) – awkward to begin and contacted by CONCONI, which began awkwardly and shifted out. Approaching the 800 metres was hampered between GEANDGE which shifted in slightly and CONCONI which was tightened and taken out by STARLOVER to its inside, and as a consequence was unable to maintain its position in running. Laid out in the straight.

RACE 7: HAPPY NEW YEAR BENCHMARK 54 HANDICAP- 1600 Metres

MUSTARI (N. Callow) – shortly after passing the crossing near the 1400 metres was brushed by PIERRE BIZEL, which shifted out slightly, and was taken a little wider on the track. Rider reported that the gelding never travelled during the event, and whilst he was comfortable with his position in running the gelding failed to let down in the straight and was disappointing in its performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ALPHAEUS (S. Callow) – attempted to jump the crossing near the 1400 metres.

TONY'S REWARD (J. Potter) – near the 150 metres became held up for clear running for a number of strides and was obliged to shift to the inside of IGITUR to obtain clear running.

IGITUR (C. Lions) – rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that she used her 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 C. Lions and noted that she used it on eight occasions over the concluding 100 metres of the event.

STAR LYRIC (K. Crowther) – awkward to begin.

LEORBIT (J. Eaton) – inconvenienced at the entrance to the straight by OH GEORGIA, which shifted out slightly.

PIERRE BIZEL (K. Zechner) – after passing the crossing near the 1400 metres became awkwardly placed on the heels of TRANSFERENCE for a number of strides and was obliged to shift out slightly and brushed with MUSTARI, which was taken a little wider.

OH GEORGIA (E. Annells) – slow to begin. Near the entrance to the straight shifted out slightly and inconvenienced LEORBIT. Rider reported that the mare did not begin on terms and as a consequence she was unable to obtain a slightly more forward position towards midfield as intended.



RACE 8: GOOLWA HOTEL BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP- 1350 Metres

SUPER CRUNCH (D. Caboche) – awkward and slow to begin.

RACE 8: GOOLWA HOTEL BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP- 1350 Metres (cont'd)

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

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8):

Race 1 - EQUICHUNK (winner)
Race 2 - DON'T DISMISS (winner)
Race 3 - MAGICAL RIDE (winner)
Race 4 - INDY MAGIC (winner)
Race 5 - MISS LANGTRY (winner)
Race 6 - GEANDGE (winner)
Race 7 - STAR LYRIC (winner)
Race 8 - YURI ROYALE (winner)

SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 7 - C. Lions (IGITUR) - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - Whip offence [+1].
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 4 - LYSANDRA - Suspended - Must prove tractable in an Official Barrier Trial prior to a future race start - Fractious in the barrier.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil