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Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Strathalbyn Racecourse by the Strathalbyn Racing Club on Wednesday, 23 March 2022

Stewards: M. Zarb (A/Chairman), S. Callanan (F) & G. Rudolph (HT) (Stewards), B. Jarman (M) (Cadet Steward), K. Rayson, L. Murch & H. Matthews (Deputy Stewards), Dr B. Agnew (Veterinary Surgeon).

TRACK: Soft 5 (Track with a reasonable amount of give in it)

RAIL: True.

WEATHER: Overcast.

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
2	MAKE IT DOUBLE	T. Voorham	P. Gatt	Late on course
4	RISING THUNDER	E. Finnegan	J. Potter	Dual engagement
7	RICHED	P. Gatt	K. Crowther	Explanation accepted

RACE 1: MIDDLETON TAVERN COLTS, GELDINGS & ENTIRES MAIDEN PLATE – 1200 Metres

DON'T TEST ME (S. Logan) – which is over 10 years of age, underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

FLEURIEU FLIPPER (E. Boyd) – bumped over the concluding stages of the event by WARRANDYTE ROAD on its outside. Crowded and checked shortly after passing the winning post between WARRANDYTE ROAD and BOOGIE NIGHTS which shifted out when insufficiently clear.

HONKY TONK RIO (J. Potter) – raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Was momentarily tightened and eased near the 400 metres between BOOGIE NIGHTS and STRATISFACTION, which shifted in slightly.

THIRTY TWO GUNS (D. Caboche) – slow to begin.

TOMMY TOMATO (C. Murray) – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

BOOGIE NIGHTS (H. Yuen) – jumped away awkwardly. Shifted out shortly after passing the winning post when insufficiently clear of FLEURIEU FLIPPER and WARRANDYTE ROAD, resulting in both horses having to be checked. Rider was severely reprimanded under AR131(a) and advised to take greater care when shifting ground. Lost its off hind plate during the event.

SIXFOOTONE (M. Collett) – rider reported that the colt raced greenly for the majority of the event.

WARRANDYTE ROAD (B. Vorster) – raced wide for the majority of the event. Shifted in over the concluding stages of the event and bumped FLEURIEU FLIPPER. Checked shortly after passing the winning post away from the heels of FLEURIEU FLIPPER which suffered interference from BOOGIE NIGHTS on its inside.

RACE 2: ELDERS REAL ESTATE GOOLWA MAIDEN PLATE – 2050 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately four minutes due to the late scratching of ARASSEM and the refitting of gear on SPRINGSUN.

ALWAYS SOMETIMES (J. Potter) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start after the horse which drew the barrier on its inside became fractious and got cast in the gates. Raced keenly in the middle stages of the event. Near the 700 metres shifted out slightly and momentarily tightened TABLE OF DREAMS onto BALLROOM DANCER.

ARASSEM (J. Opperman) – difficult to load, became fractious in the barrier, dislodged its rider and became cast. A subsequent veterinary examination found abrasions to the off hind coronet and blood from the gelding's right nostril and as such was ruled unfit to start. Acting on this advice Stewards withdrew ARASSEM at 2.17 pm. Trainer, Mrs S. Murphy, was advised that the gelding must perform to the Stewards' satisfaction in an Official Barrier Trial prior to a future race start.

ITALIAN REDWOOD (NZ) (D. Tourneur) – raced wide in the early stages of the event. Worked forward to sit outside the leader near the 1200 metres. Rider explained that his instructions were to place the horse in a position where comfortable and as the horse is a genuine stayer, connections were happy for the horse to roll forward from the wide gate.

TABLE OF DREAMS (B. Vorster) – tightened near the 700 meters between BALLROOM DANCER and ALWAYS SOMETIMES, which shifted out slightly. Rider reported that shortly after the 700 metres his mount was under pressure and commenced to make respiratory noises. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

BALLROOM DANCER (B. Price) – fractious in the gates. Trainer, Mr D. Koch, was advised that a warning had been placed on the mare in relation to its barrier behaviour.

FIVEOHWON (NZ) (A. Jordsjo) - late scratching by order of the Stewards at 12.17 pm acting on confirmed advice from Trainer, Mr K. Post representing Trainer, Mr W. Walters, that due to a float breakdown they would not arrive on course by the prescribed time.

SPRINGSUN (M. Collett) – after being loaded into the barrier, the filly's cross-nose band became loose, resulting in the horse having to be removed from its barrier to have its cross-nose band refitted. Raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Raced wide without cover throughout the event. Rider reported that the horse hung out throughout the event.

RACE 3: MILANG CARAVAN PARK FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 Metres

ARCTIC FLORA (E. Annells) – steadied near the 400 metres away from the heels of PORTO RAFTI, which shifted out slightly.

ASHADY AMBER (B. Vorster) – which had not raced in almost one year, underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Fractious in the barriers. Trainer, Mr D. O'Leary, was advised that a warning had been placed on the mare in relation to its barrier behaviour. Near the 600 metres had to be steadied and taken wider on the track away from the heels of COMEON SCRUFF, which shifted out. Rider reported that the horse did not take a breath throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

COMEON SCRUFF (A. Jordsjo) – shifted out near the 600 metres when awkwardly placed on the heels of SEE YOU LATER NOW, resulting in ASHADY AMBER being steadied and taken wider on the track. Rider was reprimanded under AR131(a) and advised to take greater care when shifting ground.

CROSS CREEK (J. Doyle) – hampered near the 600 metres when awkwardly placed on the heels of ASHADY AMBER. Raced wide from the 800 metres.

SEE YOU LATER NOW (S. Logan) – when questioned in relation to the mare racing more forward than at its most recent starts, rider explained that the mare jumped away better and travelled nice in the early stages and therefore she allowed her mount to stride forward.

PORTO RAFTI (J. Opperman) – shifted out near the 400 metres and hampered ARCTIC FLORA.

RACE 4: HIGH STREET TRADING CO BENCHMARK 54 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres

HURRICANE MAX (R. Hurdle) – which raced within the past seven days, underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

LIME SPIDER (K. Crowther) – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

I'M BULLETPROOF (M. Collett) – raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

DAVEEDO (M. Vassallo) – rider was reminded of his obligations under AR132(6)(b) in relation to the use of his whip in an action that raises his arm above shoulder height.

CITY BEATS (S. Callow) – when questioned in relation to the tactics adopted in today's event, rider explained that she was instructed to lead or be on pace; however, the gelding did not begin as well as expected and combined with the fast pace of the race, raced further back than anticipated. She added that she tried to obtain cover; however, the gelding failed to travel throughout the event, raced flat and proved disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination found the gelding to be lame in the off hind leg.

YOUNG LARS (J. Opperman) – laid in, in the straight.

BALEKA (NZ) (A. Jordsjo) – tailed the field by a considerable distance throughout the event and finished a distance last. Trainer, Mr K. Post representing Trainer, Mr W. Walters was advised a warning would be placed on the competiveness of the mare and a restriction of only being permitted to start at a country race meeting would be placed on the mare until she proves more competitive. In determining the penalty Stewards were mindful of the fact that the mare travelled over 5 hours to the meeting, including over an hour on the side of the road due to transport difficulties.

LITTLEBITFUNNY (A. Lindsay) – fractious in the barriers and was slow to begin.

RACE 5: GOOLWA CENTRAL MEATS BENCHMARK 54 HANDICAP - 1350 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately four minutes owing to OUR ELLIE ROSE (NZ) having to be reshod behind the barriers.

GENERAL MINT (J. Potter) – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

EQUUS D'ORO (E. Wong) – bumped a rail en route to the start, underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

SAWTELL (NZ) (R. Hurdle) – tailed the field in the early and middle stages of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

OUR ELLIE ROSE (NZ) (K. Crowther) - which raced within the past seven days, underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Lost its near hind plate en route to the start and was required to be re-shod. Proved difficult to be re-shod therefore the off hind plate was also removed and the horse raced bare foot on both hind legs. Underwent a further pre-race veterinary examination prior to being placed in the barriers and was passed fit to start. Approaching the 350 metres had to be eased slightly when tightened between EQUUS D'ORO and SABAKU, which shifted out.

OREGON TRAIL (S. Callow) – attempted to buck in the early stages of the event. Trainer, Mr K. Healy, was advised that the gelding must perform to the Stewards' satisfaction in an Official Barrier Trial prior to a future race start.

SPACE EQUITY (D. Caboche) – had to be steadied near the 350 metres away from the heels of OUR ELLIE ROSE (NZ), which lost ground.

RACE 6: FLEURIEU MILK BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 2050 Metres

DOES IT (NZ) (H. Yuen) – when questioned in relation to the tactics adopted in today's event, rider explained that she was instructed to settle in a midfield position; however, after beginning well and an apparent lack of pace, she was able to work forward to the lead without doing any work. Rider was reprimanded under AR131(b) for failing to ride her mount out to the finish.

RACE 6: FLEURIEU MILK BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 2050 Metres (cont'd)

BADONKIDONK (K. Crowther) – shifted in on jumping away and tightened BOILING POINT in onto REINVIGORATE (NZ) and DARKEN UP (NZ), resulting in both horses being tightened and having to be checked. Raced wide throughout the event.

REINVIGORATE (NZ) (C. Rawiller) – tightened and checked at the start between DARKEN UP (NZ) and BOILING POINT, which was taken in by BADONKIDONK.

BOILING POINT (D. Caboche) – taken in shortly after the start by BADONKIDONK on its outside and as a result tightened REINVIGORATE (NZ) and DARKEN UP (NZ).

KOBE PRINCESS (J. Potter) – shifted out at the start away from AMMO LOCO and in doing so tightened DARKEN UP (NZ) and REINVIGORATE (NZ).

ARMAMENT (A. Lindsay) – rider was reprimanded under AR132(6)(c) for using her whip when her horse is out of contention.

DARKEN UP (NZ) (A. Jordsjo) – tightened and checked at the start between REINVIGORATE (NZ) and KOBE PRINCESS, which shifted out and away from AMMO LOCO.

SHEZOURCASH (E. Wong) – raced wide from the 600 metres.

RACE 7: NORTHPOINT FLEURIEU CLASS 2 HANDICAP – 1200 Metres

LOMAX (E. Boyd) - jumped away awkwardly, reared and lost ground at the start. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

FOX GEM (M. Collett) - Trainer, Mr J. Macmillan, advised Stewards prior to the event of a change of tactics in that he would instruct his rider to attempt to take up a forward position in the event if possible. Horse settled midfield. Fractious in the barriers. Trainer, Mr J. Macmillan was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its barrier behaviour. Rider reported that the gelding felt uncomfortable in today's track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ELEMENTAE (E. Wong) – slow to begin (3 lengths) . Trainer, Mr B. Campbell, was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its starting manners.

CAPTAIN BRIDGES (C. Murray) – shifted out in the straight when placed under pressure and near the 50 metres tightened RICHED, which was hanging in and had to be steadied. Rider was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

GO BALLISTIC (J. Opperman) – shifted out at the start resulting in WILLIAM'S QUEST being tightened onto BEERZ WITH CLINT and steadied.

MALINONG CLUB (S. Logan) – rider reported that the horse failed to handle today's track conditions.

RICHED (K. Crowther) – hung in in the straight and near the 50 metres had to be steadied away from the heels of CAPTAIN BRIDGES, which shifted out.

WILLIAM'S QUEST (N. Yuen) – crowded and steadied at the start between BEERZ WITH CLINT and GO BALLISTIC which shifted out.

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (6):
Blood samples were taken from the following horses for, but not limited to, TCO_2 purposes:

Race 3 – AMBER HAZE, PRINCESS EMMELINE, RUE VIVIENNE
Race 5 – SAWTELL (NZ)
Race 7 – LOMAX, ELEMENTAE

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (7):

Race 1 – SIXFOOTONE (winner)
Race 2 – BALLROOM DANCER (winner)
Race 3 – SEE YOU LATER NOW (winner)
Race 4 – YOUNG LARS (winner)
Race 5 – MR RANGER (winner)
Race 6 – BRIABELLA (winner)
Race 7 – YE HELLA (winner)

SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 1 – H. Yuen (BOOGIE NIGHTS) – AR131(a) – Careless riding.
REPRIMANDS	T. Voorham – AR128(1) – Failed to arrive on course by the prescribed time. Race 3 - A. Jordsjo (COMEON SCRUFF) – AR131(a) – Careless riding. Race 6 - H. Yuen (DOES IT (NZ)) – AR131(b) - Failure to ride her mount out to the finish. Race 6 – A. Lindsay (ARMAMENT) – AR132(6)(c) – Use of whip when horse is out of contention.
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 2 – ARASSEM – Suspended – Must perform satisfactory in Official Barrier Trial prior to a future race start – Fractious in the barrier. Race 2 - BALLROOM DANCER – Warned – Fractious in the gates. Race 3 - ASHADY AMBER – Warned - Fractious in the barrier. Race 5 – OREGON TRAIL – Suspended - Must perform satisfactory in Official Barrier Trial prior to a future race start – Bucked during the event. Race 7 - FOX GEM – Warned – Fractious in the barriers. Race 7- ELEMENTAE – Warned – Slow to begin (3 lengths)
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil