# Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

# Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on Wednesday, 27 September 2023



# <u>Stewards Panel:</u> P. Ryan (A/Chairman), M. Zarb (HT) & L. Murch (F) <u>Deputy Stewards:</u> K. Santoro, M. Arthur & C. Benson. Veterinary Surgeons: Dr T. Koenig.

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TRACK: Good 4

(Track with some give in it)

RAIL: True

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
1	TALL LETTER	S. Metcalfe		Emergency - notified
9	EM BRYAN	M. Collett		"

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# RACE 1: BRIDGES EVENT CENTRE / CARLTON DRAUGHT MAIDEN PLATE - 1600 Metres

CANOWICAKTE (NZ) (J. Holder) – began awkwardly. Rider explained that after beginning awkwardly he was obliged to settle further back in the field than he had intended, and raced greenly when placed under pressure in the straight. He added that he was satisfied with the performance of CANOWICAKTE today. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MILITARY ACTION (J. Doyle) - over-raced in the early stages.

RUE BUNGAN (R. Milnes) – began awkwardly. Held up for clear running from near the 400m until near the 100m.

ULTRON (NZ) (C. Murray) - rider reported that the gelding laid out for the majority of the event.

DARK'N'STORMY (E. Finnegan) – rider reported that the mare did not feel comfortable in its action after straightening. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. Trainer, Mr K. Knowles, was advised that a warning had been placed on the mare in relation to its poor performance.

FRUSCIANTE (S. Logan) - rider reported that the mare hung out for the majority of the event.

NIGHT CRUISER (D. Caboche) - over-raced in the early and middle stages of the event.

## RACE 2: BLEASDALE WINE STABLES - GOLD CUP BOOK NOW FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1000 Metres

AU NATUREL (R. Hurdle) - began extremely awkwardly and lost considerable ground as a result.

PRESTO DENARO (K. Crowther) - began awkwardly and was slow into stride. Held up for clear running from near the 400m until passing the 200m.

#### RACE 3: KOOKABURRA HOMES FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1000 Metres

AGRESSIVE BEE (J. Potter) - when racing keenly near the 600m shifted out and brushed SUGAR JAR and was hampered as a result. Approaching the 300m had to be steadied when tightened for room between PINE LEAF and REVOLUTION BELLE, which was taken out by AVIATRESS.

CHUCKAMICKY (S. Fawke) - rider reported that the mare raced greenly throughout the event, and near the 300m shifted out and hampered KATINA JOY.

FIRST MAID (T. Pannell) - held up for clear running from near the 600m until near the 400m. Near the 500m had to be eased when awkwardly placed near the heels of AGGRESSIVE BEE.

KATINA JOY (L. Neindorf) - near the 300m was hampered when taken out by CHUCKAMICKY.

REVOLUTION BELLE (S. Logan) – near the 300m was hampered and taken out by AVIATRESS, which was taken out by KATINA JOY.

SUGAR JAR (R. Hurdle) – following the declaration of acceptances Trainer, Mr G. Young, made a gear application to add blinkers to the mare's race gear. Stewards acceded to this request and acting under AR206(2) fined Mr Young \$200. Near the 600m became unbalanced when contacted by AGGRESSIVE BEE, which shifted out when over-racing. Rider reported that after this incident the mare did not feel comfortable in its action, and for this reason he did not ride it out in his usual manner in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than expected recovery.

AVIATRESS (J. Toeroek) – near the 300m raced tightly between REVOLUTION BELLE and KATINA JOY, which was taken out by CHUCKAMICKY, which shifted out when racing greenly under pressure.

INTACTO (J. Doyle) – began very awkwardly and lost considerable ground as a result. Over-raced in the early stages of the event. Near the 600m, when over-racing, had to be checked to avoid the heels of AVIATRESS. Approaching the 100m, when improving, had to be steadied and shifted to the inside of CHUCKAMICKY when awkwardly placed near the heels of that mare.

PINE LEAF (C. Reynolds) - slow to begin.

#### RACE 4: SPRY CIVIL CONSTRUCTION COLTS, GELDINGS & ENTIRES MAIDEN PLATE - 1000 Metres

HIT THE SLOPES (B. Price) – raced greenly under pressure in the straight. Near the 300m had to be checked to avoid the heels of PANDARUS, which shifted out when insufficiently clear.

KEMI (M. Collett) - held up from the 500m until the 400m. Near the 200m, when improving, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of INNER SANCTUM, which shifted out under pressure.

PANDARUS (C. Jones) – near the 300m shifted out when insufficiently clear of HIT THE SLOPES, resulting in that gelding having to be checked to avoid the heels of PANDARUS. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence midnight Saturday, 30 September 2023 to conclude midnight Friday, 6 October 2023, a period of three meetings.

WIRREALPA (D. Caboche) – on jumping away was bumped by SIOUX WARRIOR, shifted in abruptly, made heavy contact with the running rail and became unbalanced for a short distance.

SIOUX WARRIOR (J. Holder) - shifted in at the start making contact with WIRREALPA.

TWO PERCENT ICE (F. Atkinson) – near the 600m, for a short distance, raced tight between KAHALA BAY, which had a tendency to lay out, and FRESH AIR FRED, which shifted in slightly. Rider reported that the gelding raced greenly throughout the event.



## RACE 5: CARLTON DRAUGHT COLTS, GELDINGS & ENTIRES MAIDEN PLATE - 1000 Metres

BANDICOOT (S. Payne) – rider could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance in today's event. He explained that when placed under pressure BANDICOOT did not respond to his riding as anticipated and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than expected recovery.

BATTLE ROYALE (J. Lorensini) - commenced to give ground passing the 200m, shifted out and brushed FUN FOREVER.

GOPHER FRANK (B. Price) - slow to begin.

FUN FOREVER (A. Lai) - slow to begin. Held up for clear running from near the 300m until approaching the 200m. Passing the 200m was hampered when brushed by BATTLE ROYALE, which shifted out when tiring.

SIR PANAMA (R. Hurdle) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and found to have mucous in both nostrils, and therefore deemed unsuitable to start. Acting on this advice Stewards declare SIR PANAMA a late scratching at 2.35pm. Trainer, Mr J. O'Connor, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

#### RACE 6: FRED VELLA TYRE & CRASH REPAIR THREE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 Metres

ABSOLUTELY STOKED (J. Holder) – hampered shortly after the start and had to be eased to avoid the heels of BONA FIDE STAR, which shifted out slightly.

SANPAGO (R. Hurdle) – began extremely awkwardly. Passing the 1100m changed stride, became unbalanced and lost considerable ground as a result. Rider explained that after this incident the gelding did not feel comfortable in its action. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near hind leg (2/5). Trainer, Mr J. Hyam, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

THE STALKER (K. Crowther) - held up for clear running from near the 200m until passing the 100m.

SEEKING STARDOM (T. Voorham) – rider reported that her intention was to ride the filly further forward; however, it did not muster early speed as she had anticipated and as a result settle further back.

SIESTA DREAM (S. Logan) – hampered at the start. Rider reported that the filly raced very greenly throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ARTFUL TAWNY (J. Potter) – co-trainer, Mr D. Koch, was questioned in regards to the gelding's improved performance from its previous first start at Balaklava on 13 September 2023. Mr Koch explained that the gelding had suffered interference at the start of that race and settled further back than he had anticipated. He added that since that race ARTFUL TAWNY had worked well and with the application of winkers for the first time today and race experience the stable expected an improved performance. Stewards noted Mr Koch's explanation.

#### RACE 7: NORTHPOINT MURRAYLANDS RATING 0 - 58 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

EMINENCIA (J. Holder) - began awkwardly and was then hampered when bumped by ARMAMENT, which shifted out.

SEND IT (D. Tourneur) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the near foreleg (3/5). Trainer, Ms K. Byrnes, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

ARMAMENT (S. Fawke) - slow to begin and then shifted out contacting EMINENCIA.

MR WHITACRE (S. Logan) - laid out in the early and middle stages of the event.

SUNNY GREEN (B. Wong) - slow to begin.

## RACE 8: DUTTON'S EASY TO DO BUSINESS WITH!! RATING 0 - 58 HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately two minutes.

PINCHBECK (S. Metcalfe) – rider could offer no explanation for the gelding's poor performance. She stated that when placed under pressure on straightening PINCHBECK did not respond to her riding and was very disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MONSEAGLE (L. Neindorf) - held up for clear running from near the 400m until passing the 200m.

TALES OF CONFLICT (J. Doyle) – difficult to load. Co-trainers, Mr G. Richards and Mr D. Moyle, were advised that the gelding would now be required to load without delay in either an Official Barrier Trial or Approval to Race Jump-out prior to a future race start. Raced keenly in the early stages. Held up for clear running from approaching the 400m until approaching the 100m.

IN THE DARKNESS (NZ) (J. Opperman) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

JUST JOKING (J. Holder) – held up from near the 350m until the 200m. Near the 100m had to be steadied when awkwardly placed near the heels of KUSHAN KHANIVALE, which shifted out slightly under pressure.

PRETTY RELIABLE (NZ) (T. Pannell) - slow to begin.

TWICE FORGOTTEN (D. Caboche) – Stewards permitted D. Caboche to ride the mare 0.5kg over its allocated weight of 54.0kg.

VICTORY TIME (J. Potter) – difficult to load. Co-trainers, Mr W. Francis and Mr W. Kent, were advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding.

DR COPPER (M. Collett) – held up from near the 500m until the 250m when unable to obtain clear running. Near the 350m was steadied when attempting a run to the inside of PINCHEBECK where there was insufficient room to improve.

#### RACE 9: THOMAS FARMS RATING 0 - 58 HANDICAP - 1800 Metres

ETEREA (T. Pannell) - had to be checked near the 100m and lost its position. An inquiry into this incident will be held at a time and date to be fixed.

YESUGEI (NZ) (A. Lindsay) – 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 100m and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence midnight Sunday, 1 October 2023 to conclude midnight Sunday, 8 October 2023, a period of four meetings. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by A. Lindsay and noted that she used it on one occasion over the final 100m of the event.

APPLIED (T. Voorham) - slow to begin.

JAYWICK (J. Potter) – fractious in the barriers after being loaded. Slow to begin and lost considerable ground. Held up for clear running from near the 500m until passing the 300m.

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#### GENERAL:



Stewards today resumed an inquiry into the reasons for THE PUBLIKIN, ridden by S. Metcalfe, falling and dislodging its rider shortly after the winning post at Balaklava on Wednesday, 19 April 2023 in the BTR Excavation Benchmark 56 Handicap. Stewards took evidence from rider, S. Metcalfe, in regards to the matter. It was established that shortly after passing the winning post THE PUBLIKIN blundered, knuckled and fell dislodging its rider. After considering that evidence, acting on their own observations and on viewing the film Stewards concluded the matter and took no further action. It was noted in arriving at this decision that THE PUBLIKIN has now been retired from racing.

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## ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (9):

Race 1 - RUE BUNGAN (winner) Race 2 - AERONOMIC (winner) Race 3 - AVIATRESS (winner) Race 4 - DEEPFLOAT DIVA (winner) Race 5 - FUN FOREVER (winner) Race 6 - ARTFUL TAWNY (winner) Race 7 - BELLALIQUE (winner) Race 8 - MAVETTE (winner) Race 9 - MICKLEWHITE (winner)

SUMMARY			
FINES	Race 3 – Mr G. Young – Fined \$200 - AR206(2) – Late gear application for SUGAR JAR.		
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil		
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SUSPENSIONS	Race 4 - C. Jones (PANDARUS) - AR131(a) - Careless riding from midnight 30/09/23 to midnight 06/10/23 - 3 meetings. Race 9 - A. Lindsay (YESUGEI (NZ)) - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - Whip offence [+9].		
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 1 - DARK'N'STORMY - Warned - Poor performance. Race 5 - SIR PANAMA - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Mucous in nostrils. Race 6 - SANPAGO - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lame near hind leg (2/5). Race 7 - SEND IT - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lame near foreleg (3/5). Race 8 - TALES OF CONFLICT - Suspended - Must load without delay in either an Official Barrier Trial or Approval to Race Jump-out prior to a future race start - Difficult to load. Race 8 - VICTORY TIME - Warned - Difficult to load.		
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Race 9 – into the reason ETEREA had to be checked near the 100m.		
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil		

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