

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge
Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on
Wednesday, 20 March 2024



Stewards Panel: P. Ryan (A/Chairman), M. Zarb (HT) & L. Murch (F)
Deputy Stewards: H. Matthews, K. Santoro & C. Benson.
Veterinary Surgeons: Dr B. Agnew.

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

RAIL: Out 3 metres entire, 1800m & 2000m chutes included.

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
3	OUR SWOOSH (NZ)	B. Wong		Emergency - notified
5	CHOSEN MISS	S. Payne	S. Fawke	Overweight
6	ALL CLUBS	T. Hutchinson	T. Johnstone	Explanation accepted

RACE 1: CARLTON DRAUGHT MAIDEN PLATE - 900 Metres

PENDING HEART (S. Payne) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

THE BIG CHUNK (J. Holder) - slow to begin. Hung out in the early and middle stages of the event. Raced greenly for the majority of the event.

VOLCANIC EXPRESS (S. Logan) - near the 100m obtained a neat run to the inside of WHO'S AFRAID before being taken in slightly by that mare. Laid in under pressure for the remainder of the event. Approaching the winning post laid in and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed near the heels of AGGRESSIVE BEE.

ELEANOR QUEEN (R. Milnes) - slow to begin.


EMME'S SECRET (C. Tootell) - near the 100m had to be steadied when tightened for room by VOLCANIC EXPRESS, which was initially taken in by WHO'S AFRAID, and then shifted in and away from that mare.

WHO'S AFRAID (D. Tourneur) - laid in over the concluding stages and near the 100m, when laying, shifted in onto VOLCANIC EXPRESS taking that gelding in onto EMME'S SECRET. Rider was reprimanded and advised to exercise greater care when his mounts shift ground in future.

Correct weight for this event was delayed to allow Mr D. Jolly, the trainer of VOLCANIC EXPRESS, to view the official vision.

RACE 2: THOMAS FARMS THREE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE - 1000 Metres

GOLD SPY (B. Price) - slow to begin. Laid out under pressure in the straight.



RACE 2: THOMAS FARMS THREE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE - 1000 Metres (cont'd)

I TELL YA WHAT (T. Pannell) - slow to begin.

MONTCELOT (J. Holder) - near the 700m was hampered and taken out off its course by SPIRIT OF CAMELOT (IRE), which shifted out prior to being straightened by its rider. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

HUNGRY GUEST (S. Fawke) - began awkwardly.

KOYU BEACH (J. Doyle) - near the 700m was hampered by MONTCELOT, which was taken out by SPIRIT OF CAMELOT (IRE).

MUMMA GAS (C. Jones) - slow to begin. Rider reported that the filly hung in under pressure in the straight and raced greenly.

SPIRIT OF CAMELOT (IRE) (J. Eaton) - slow to begin.

Following the running of this race S. Fawke was examined by the First Care Medical personnel and was passed fit to fulfil his remaining engagements.

RACE 3: FRED VELLA TYRE & CRASH REPAIR MAIDEN PLATE - 1600 Metres

FREE FALLIN' (B. Price) - slow to begin. Passing the 200m laid in and was obliged to be steadied to avoid the heels of WANNASCHMACK.

HOOD RAT (NZ) (T. Voorham) - began awkwardly. Rider reported that the gelding did not respond to her riding when placed under pressure and in her opinion was disappointing. She added that the gelding had pulled up in a normal manner. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

HUGOWEGO (S. Payne) - fractious in the barriers. Trainer, Ms N. Storr, was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding. Gave ground quickly over the concluding stages. Rider could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

URBAN BOY (J. Opperman) - fractious in the barriers. Co-trainer, Mr J. Dodgson, was advised that the gelding would now be required to perform to the satisfaction of Stewards in either an Official Barrier Trial or Approval to Race Jump-out prior to a future race start. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

WANNASCHMACK (C. Murray) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Hung in under pressure in the straight.

GILDED AGE (D. Tourneur) - slow to begin. Rider reported that the gelding did not quicken as anticipated when placed under pressure, and in his opinion may be feeling the effect of recent racing. He added that the gelding had pulled up in a normal manner.

ON THE SCENT (T. Hutchinson) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

GOTTA GO GURU (J. Holder) - held up for clear running from near the 400m until near the 200m. When questioned rider explained that he did not attempt to take a run between WHISKY SOUR and GILDED AGE near the 300m as he was of the opinion that there was insufficient room to improve between those to horses, and that GILDED AGE was inclined to shift ground inwards. Stewards noted his explanation.

OUR SWOOSH (NZ) (B. Wong) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

RACE 4: SA HEAT - NATIONAL APPRENTICE RACE SERIES - 1800 Metres

OFCOURSE I WILL (T. Fenlon) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event.





RACE 4: SA HEAT - NATIONAL APPRENTICE RACE SERIES - 1800 Metres (cont'd)

ROAD TO BLUE SKY (NZ) (C. Martinan) - gave ground quickly over the concluding stages of the event. Rider could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have cardiac arrhythmia (1st occurrence) Trainer, Ms J. Streets, was advised that she was required to comply with the Racing Australia Code of Practice in order for the gelding to be reinstated to race.

LORD OF DARKNESS (NZ) (I. Lam) - began awkwardly. Held up for clear running from near the 500m until near the 300m.

INDIAN MO (Z. Lloyd) - change of tactics - attempt to settle further back - settled near the rear of the field. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

RACE 5: SPORTSBET GET ON NOW CLASS ONE PLATE - 2000 Metres

OUR FORTUNA (A. Jordsjo) - rider reported that the gelding laid in under pressure in the straight.

RABTAT (J. Eaton) - slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

THE PENSKE FILE (T. Voorham) - laid in under pressure in the straight. Near the 300m, when laying in, accidentally clipped the heels of MR GEORGE and knuckled badly almost dislodging its rider.

THINK TANK (J. Opperman) - rider reported that the gelding hung in under pressure in the straight.

APACHE STATION (C. Martinan) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and was deemed suitable to start.

TEMBU BOY (E. Finnegan) - raced wide without cover throughout the event. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

RACE 6: SA HEAT - NATIONAL APPRENTICE RACE SERIES - 1200 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately eight minutes.

SEVEN SECRETS (D. Gillett) - passing the 400m shifted out under riding tightening LAST WAR onto AIKHAL (NZ), resulting in LAST WAR having to be checked. 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, 23 March 2024 to conclude midnight Monday, 1 April 2024, a period of four meetings. Approaching the 300m shifted in under riding taking LAST WAR in onto OFF THE CUFF, which was tightened onto NOVUS ACTUS. As a result OFF THE CUFF had to be checked and lost its running. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) and was suspended from riding in race for a period to commence midnight Saturday, 23 March 2024 to conclude midnight Sunday, 31 March 2024, a period of three meetings. Stewards ordered that this suspension be served concurrent with the suspension from earlier in the race.

MIDNIGHT RUSH (C. Martinan) - slow to jump. Failed to stretch out in the early stages despite the efforts of its rider, and as a result lost further ground. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

FAMOUS PRINCE (T. Fenlon) - difficult to load. Co-trainers, Mr S. Oxlade and Miss C. Oxlade, 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. Gave ground quickly in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

CLUB PUNTER (M. Collett) - began awkwardly. Rider reported that the gelding laid in, in the straight.

CANIDAE (A. Livesey) - rider reported that the gelding laid in under pressure in the straight.





RACE 6: SA HEAT - NATIONAL APPRENTICE RACE SERIES - 1200 Metres (cont'd)

ALL CLUBS (T. Johnstone) - hung out under pressure in the straight. Trainer, Ms R. Day, was advised that a warning had been placed on the mare.

SANDHILL KNIGHT (B. Wong) - slow to begin.

AIKHAL (NZ) (H. Yuen) - passing the 400m was brushed by LAST WAR, which was tightened for room by SEVEN SECRETS.

BASE OF FIRE (R. Milnes) - lost its off fore plate behind the barriers and required farrier attention. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was deemed suitable to start. Lost its off fore plate during the event.

LAST WAR (J. Doyle) - passing the 400m was tightened for room between AIKHAL (NZ) and SEVEN SECRETS, which shifted out when insufficiently clear, had to be checked and lost its running. Approaching the 300m was hampered and taken in by SEVEN SECRETS, which shifted in when insufficiently clear.

OFF THE CUFF (C. Tootell) - slow to begin. Approaching the 300m was checked when tightened between NOVUS ACTUS and LAST WAR, which was taken in by SEVEN SECRETS.

WARMINSTER (A. Lai) - passing the 400m was steadied when awkwardly placed near the heels of AIKHAL (NZ).

RACE 7: SPORTSBET SAME RACE MULTI BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1000 Metres

KAIDO (R. Milnes) - slow to begin. Over-raced in the early and middle stages, and near the 600m had to be steadied when awkwardly placed near the heels of HEROIC SPIRIT, shifted out and hampered HOOKED ON WEALTH.

KUSHAN KHANIVALE (S. Payne) - rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100m and was fined \$500 and suspended from riding in races for a period to commence midnight Wednesday, 27 March 2024 to conclude midnight Sunday, 31 March 2024, a period of two meetings. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by S. Payne and noted that he used it on eight occasion over the final 100m of the event and his poor record in relation to this rule.

STARTIDE (T. Pannell) - held up for clear running from near the 400m until near the 300m. Near the 300m, when obtaining a clear running, was hampered by KUSHAN KHANIVALE, which shifted in under pressure prior to being straightened by its rider.

AMELIA VALENTINA (H. Yuen) - slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Held up for clear running from near the 500m until near the 200m. Near the 100m, when improving, was obliged to shift to the inside of KUSHAN KHANIVALE.

HOOKED ON WEALTH (J. Toeroek) - near the 600m was hampered and taken out by KAIDO, which shifted out.

GERRY'S DEAL (T. Voorham) - gave ground quickly over the concluding stages of the event. Rider reported that in her opinion there may have been something amiss with the gelding. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the off hind leg (2/5). Co-trainers, Mr G & Mrs N Searle and Mrs B. Callanan, were advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future race start.

FLY THE LINE (A. Jordsjo) - near the 600m was hampered and taken out by HOOKED ON WEALTH, which was taken out by KAIDO. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

HATEECH (J. Opperman) - slow to begin.

CROWN MOSHE (S. Metcalfe) - near the 600m was steadied when awkwardly placed near the heels of HOOKED ON WEALTH, which shifted out after being taken out by KAIDO.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (7):

- Race 1 - WHO'S AFRAID (winner)
 Race 2 - TOI ET MOI (winner)
 Race 3 - ON THE SCENT (winner)
 Race 4 - PERSIAN EMPIRE (NZ) (winner)
 Race 5 - TEMBU BOY (winner)
 Race 6 - ZERO INN (winner)
 Race 7 - STARTIDE (winner)
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REPRIMANDS FOR WHIP USE			
Stewards reprimanded the following riders under AR132(7)(a)(ii) for using the whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 meters. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of whip use.			
		Prior to 100m	Final 100m
Race 2	T. Hutchinson (HOT OFF)	+3	2

SUMMARY	
FINES	Race 5 - S. Payne - Fined \$200 - AR190(3) - Overweight and having to be replaced on CHOSEN MISS. Race 7 - S. Payne (KUSHAN KHANIVALE) - Fined \$500 - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - Whip offence [+8].
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 1 - D. Tourneur (WHO'S AFRAID) - AR131(a) - Careless riding.
SUSPENSIONS	Race 6 - D. Gillett (SEVEN SECRETS) - AR131(a) - Careless riding - From midnight 23/03/24 to midnight 01/04/24 - 4 meetings (concurrent). Race 6 - D. Gillett (SEVEN SECRETS) - AR131(a) - Careless riding - From midnight 23/03/24 to midnight 31/03/24 - 3 meetings (concurrent). Race 7 - S. Payne (KUSHAN KHANIVALE) - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - From midnight 27/03/24 to midnight 31/03/24 - Whip offence [+3].
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 3 - HUGOWEGO - Warned - Fractious in the barrier. Race 3 - URBAN BOY - Suspended - Must perform to the Stewards satisfaction in either an Official Barrier Trial or Approval to Race Jump-out prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Fractious in the barrier. Race 4 - ROAD TO BLUE SKY (NZ) - Not to race - Cardiac arrhythmia (1 st occurrence) - Required to comply with the Racing Australia Code of Practice. Race 6 - FAMOUS PRINCE - Suspended - Must load without delay in an Official Barrier Trial or Approval to Race Jump-out prior to a future race start - Difficult to load. Race 6 - ALL CLUBS - Warned - Hung out. Race 7 - GERRY'S DEAL - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness off hind leg (2/5).
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil