

**THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED**  
**STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Report on Race Meeting held at Oakbank Racecourse**  
**by the Oakbank Racing Club on Saturday, 16 March 2013**

**Stewards:** M. Santoro (A/Chairman), A. Hayles (HT), C. Deakin (M) & L. Michalanney (F) (Stewards), D. Southgate, N. Castle, I. Dally & A. Quinton (Deputy Stewards), Dr. P. Horridge, Dr. B. Agnew & Dr. D. Byrne (Veterinary Surgeons).

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**TRACK:** Dead 4

**WEATHER:** Overcast

**RAIL:** True

**RIDER CHANGES:**

<b>Race</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>Replaced By</b>	<b>Reason</b>
2	OUR ROCKHAMPTON (IRE)	R. Cully		Late notification
4	MISISIPI MOONSHINE (NZ)	S. Jackson		"

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**RACE 1 : THE ADVERTISER HANDICAP - 1400 metres**

MEADOWS MIST (P. Gatt) was slow to begin.

Approaching the 800 metres, after obtaining the lead, LATVIAN AMBER (L. Stojakovic) lost ground of its own accord and came back towards the field, resulting in NEAREST TO PIN (C. Lindop) becoming awkwardly placed on that filly's heels and having to shift out, contacting GOLDBYA (C. Lever), which was inconvenienced. Shortly after NEAREST TO PIN became awkwardly placed on the heels of LATVIAN AMBER until inside the 600 metres.

Shortly after entering the straight MEADOWS MIST (P. Gatt) became disappointed when attempting a tight run between the heels of GOLDBYA (C. Lever) and WHITTEN'S BREW (D. Tourneur), which rolled in slightly, resulting in MEADOWS MIST having to alter course to the inside of GOLDBYA to obtain clear ground in the vicinity of the 200 metres.

L. Stojakovic, the rider of LATVIAN AMBER, reported the filly had travelled well in the early stages, however, from approaching the 800 metres until in the vicinity of the 400 metres, had failed to handle the rise and downhill run and had lost ground of its own accord.

NEAREST TO PIN, which performed below expectations, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

**RACE 2 : ACG PRELUDE HURDLE - 2900 metres**

CROCODILE TEARS (M. Kelly) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out, contacting GRAND DUCAL (IRE) (S. Jackson), which had been taken in slightly by RABBUKA (R. Eynon), which shifted in on jumping away.

In the vicinity of the 700 metres on the first occasion ENCOSTA RICA (P. Hamblin) laid in and clipped the heels of OUR ROCKHAMPTON (IRE) (R. Cully).

## **RACE 2 : ACG PRELUDE HURDLE - 2900 metres (Cont'd)**

STORMING NORTH (T. Ryan) was eased out of the event in the vicinity of the 600 metres. T. Ryan explained the gelding had jumped well throughout the event, however, after attempting to improve in the vicinity of the 1400 metres had peaked on its run and commenced to give ground from the vicinity of the 1200 metres. STORMING NORTH was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities. Mr. J.A. O'Connor, the Trainer of STORMING NORTH, was advised a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to it being competitive.

## **RACE 3 : COATE'S HIRE HANDICAP - 1900 metres**

Mr. P. Macdonald, the Trainer of ALAKAZOO, advised Stewards he would instruct Jockey C. Lever to attempt to gain a position with cover if possible due to the increased distance of today's event and in his opinion the gelding had over-raced in the lead last start.

LUCKY LIVI (C. Lindop) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out, contacting THIDWICK THE MOOSE (B. Claridge), which lost its position when tightened onto SHEIK MOH HAND (J. Holder).

LUCKY LIVI (C. Lindop) raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

In the vicinity of the 400 metres SHEIK MOH HAND (J. Holder) rolled in onto THIDWICK THE MOOSE (B. Claridge), which became awkward for a short distance when tightened onto LEAD THE WITNESS (P. Gatt).

LEAD THE WITNESS (P. Gatt) was inclined to lay out under pressure in the straight. LEAD THE WITNESS was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

ANITA, which performed poorly, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

## **RACE 4 : OAKBANK STEEPLECHASE - 3250 metres**

RAMPUR (P. Gallagher) struck the jump in the vicinity of the 1100 metres and landed awkwardly.

YESQUIRE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a minor laceration to the off side hock. First Aid was administered.

## **RACE 5 : FESTIVAL HIRE HANDICAP - 2150 metres**

BEST OF MINX (J. Maund) was slow to begin.

WOTZITWORTH (L. Stojakovic) raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

Rounding the turn in the vicinity of the 700 metres MAGUS (NZ) (B. Claridge) rolled in onto TOMMY TWO (D. Tourneur), which was taken in onto WOTZITWORTH (L. Stojakovic), which had to be steadied and lost ground.

J. Holder, the rider of BACK ON TRACK, was reminded of his obligations under ARR.137(b) in riding his mounts out to the end of the race.

### **RACE 5 : FESTIVAL HIRE HANDICAP - 2150 metres (Cont'd)**

A. Herrmann, the rider of COOL CLASSIC, reported the gelding got its tongue back during the event. COOL CLASSIC was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a slow recovery.

J. Holder, the rider of BACK ON TRACK, which performed below expectations, explained the gelding had travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event, however, when placed under pressure inside the 700 metres had only responded for a short distance and had failed to finish the race off. He added, in his opinion, the gelding had raced flat. BACK ON TRACK was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

### **RACE 6 : RAA HANDICAP - 1400 metres**

TEXAN WARNEY (J. Holder) was slow to begin.

At the entrance to the straight PILOT'S LANE (M. Neilson) was disappointed when attempting a tight run between the heels of BOLD LINE (J. Maund) and KINGNADIM (NZ) (L. Stojakovic).

Approaching the 200 metres SILENT ATTITUDE (D. Tourneur) shifted in slightly under pressure onto KINGNADIM (NZ) (L. Stojakovic), which was taken in onto PILOT'S LANE (M. Neilson), which had to be momentarily steadied. D. Tourneur was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground in future.

M. Neilson, the rider of PILOT'S LANE, which performed below expectations, explained the gelding had not travelled well during the event and was reluctant to improve into a tight run between the heels of KINGNADIM (NZ) (L. Stojakovic) and BOLD LINE (J. Maund) shortly after entering the straight, however, after obtaining clear ground inside the 200 metres, had failed to respond to his riding and in his opinion had finished the race off poorly. PILOT'S LANE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

### **RACE 7 : YALUMBA HANDICAP - 1050 metres**

Shortly after the start ST FRASER (K. Bishop) and NORTH BEACH (J. Frew) came together and brushed.

From the vicinity of the 400 metres until the entrance to the straight ST FRASER (K. Bishop) was unable to obtain clear ground when racing behind COUNTER SIGN (C. Lindop) and inside POCKET ROCKETS (M. Neilson).

Shortly after entering the straight COUNTER SIGN (C. Lindop) shifted to the outside of KATUNGA (J. Toeroek) in an attempt to improve and in doing so brushed POCKET ROCKETS (M. Neilson), which was taken wider.

L. Stojakovic, the rider of DRAGON LORD, which performed poorly, explained the gelding had not travelled genuinely throughout the event and when placed under pressure in the vicinity of the 400 metres had failed to respond to her riding and she was disappointed with the manner it had finished off the event. DRAGON LORD was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding to be lame in the near hind leg. Mr. D. Jolly, the Trainer of DRAGON LORD, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a future trial or race.

J. Toeroek, the rider of KATUNGA, reported he was of the opinion his mount had slipped behind in the vicinity of the 450 metres.

## **RACE 8 : TATSBET.COM HANDICAP - 1050 metres**

MYLADY CAROL (P. Gatt) was slow to begin.

BUNGALALLY BOY (J. Holder) and PRESIDIUM (S. Cahill) jumped away awkwardly.

Approaching the 900 metres DINKY (D. Tourneur) shifted in when insufficiently clear of BUNGALALLY BOY (J. Holder) taking that runner in onto DULCIE DEE (A. Herrmann), which was taken in onto ELOISE THAT'S ME (L. Hopwood), which was forced to check when taken in onto the heels of RAISE A HEART (K. Bishop). D. Tourneur pleaded guilty to a charge of Careless Riding under ARR.137(a) and was suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 23 March and to conclude at midnight on Wednesday, 3 April 2013: a period of six (6) meetings.

In the vicinity of the 800 metres RAISE A HEART (K. Bishop) and LADY AKATAK (S. Price) came together and brushed for several strides.

M. Neilson, the rider of MISS HALF PENNY, explained the mare had not stretched out at all during the event, failed to respond to his riding and had performed poorly. MISS HALF PENNY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

S. Price, the rider of LADY AKATAK, explained the mare had travelled well in the early stages of the event, however, failed to handle the run downhill from the 600 metres at which stage his saddle had also shifted to the near side placing him at a disadvantage for the remainder of the event.

RAISE A HEART was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a laceration to the off hind tendon. First Aid was administered.

## **RACE 9 : MAC JUST OVER – JUST DON'T DRIVE HANDICAP - 1400 metres**

SHAABAM (T. Pannell) jumped away awkwardly.

WISE AND HAPPY (L. Stojakovic) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

Inside the 300 metres SPARTAN EAGLE (J. Holder) shifted out to improve and brushed EXALTED THOMAS (J. Matthews) at the same time as DON'T TELL ACK (K. Bishop) laid in, resulting in EXALTED THOMAS having to be checked and losing its position when tightened between these runners.

WISE AND HAPPY (L. Stojakovic) was inclined to roll about under pressure in the straight and approaching the finish shifted out onto CORNISH LAD (J. Kah), which was inconvenienced when taken out onto SPARTAN EAGLE (J. Holder).

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow J. Holder, the rider of the second placegetter SPARTAN EAGLE, to view the official footage in the straight.

K. Bishop, the rider of DON'T TELL ACK, reported the gelding laid in severely over the final 600 metres of the event. DON'T TELL ACK was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities. Mr. F. Meuring, the Trainer of DON'T TELL ACK, was advised a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its racing manners.

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**GENERAL:**

## **RACE 2 : ACG PRELUDE HURDLE - 2900 metres**

Mr. J.A. O'Connor, the Trainer of STORMING NORTH, reported to Stewards on Monday, 18 March 2013 that his Strapper advised the gelding had returned to the mounting enclosure without its tongue tie, which may have impacted on its performance.

**GENERAL (Cont'd)**

**RACE 9 : MAC JUST OVER – JUST DON'T DRIVE HANDICAP - 1400 metres**

Mr. F. Meuring, the Trainer of DON'T TELL ACK, advised Stewards on Sunday, 17 March 2013 that on return to his stable he had become aware that the gelding had lacerations to the off hind leg.

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**PRE RACE SAMPLES (14):**

Blood Samples were taken from the following horses for the purpose of TCO<sub>2</sub> testing:

- Race 1 – GOLDBYA, LATVIAN AMBER.
- Race 2 – GRAND DUCAL (IRE), CROCODILE TEARS, STORMING NORTH.
- Race 3 – PERFECT LENGTH, SHEIK MOH HAND.
- Race 4 – RAMPUR.
- Race 5 – WOTZITWORTH.
- Race 6 – LEXCEN, BOLD LINE, TEXAN WARNEY.
- Race 7 – NORTH BEACH.
- Race 9 – ROUGH DEAL.

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**ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (9):**

- Race 1 – GOLDBYA (winner)
- Race 2 – GRAND DUCAL (IRE) (winner)
- Race 3 – PERFECT LENGTH (winner)
- Race 4 – YESQUIRE (winner)
- Race 5 – TOMMY TWO (winner)
- Race 6 – SILENT ATTITUDE (winner)
- Race 7 – POCKET ROCKETS (winner)
- Race 8 – DINKY (winner)
- Race 9 – WISE AND HAPPY (winner)

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<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>FINES</b>	Mr. C. Maher – Fined \$50 – LR.18.1 – Late declaration of riders for OUR ROCKHAMPTON (IRE) (Race 2) and MISISIPI MOONSHINE (NZ) (Race 4).
<b>SEVERE REPRIMANDS</b>	Nil
<b>REPRIMANDS</b>	Nil
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	Race 8 – D. Tourneur (DINKY) – ARR.137(a) – Careless Riding – From midnight 23/3/13 to conclude at midnight 3/4/13 – 6 meetings.
<b>HORSE ACTIONS</b>	Race 2 – STORMING NORTH – Warned – Uncompetitive. Race 7 – DRAGON LORD – Not to Race – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to trial or race – Lamé near hind leg. Race 9 – DON'T TELL ACK – Warned – Poor racing manners.
<b>ADJOURNED INQUIRIES</b>	Nil

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