

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

Report on Race Meeting held at the Port Augusta Racecourse
by the Port Augusta Racing Club on Thursday, 22 August 2013

Stewards: S. Callanan (A/Chairman) & M. Santoro (HT) (Stewards), R. Packard (F), J. Perry (M) & A. Greenfield (Deputy Steward), Dr. D. Anderson (Veterinary Surgeon).

TRACK: Good 3 **WEATHER:** Overcast
Downgraded to a Dead 4 retrospective to Race 3 at 1.40 pm

RAIL: True

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
3	MR CHRISTIAN	R. Bell	T. Baker	Indisposed.
5	OKAMAN	R. Bell	S. Price	Indisposed.
7	MARINA DEL REY	R. Bell	T. Pannell	Indisposed.
8	MASTER PICKLES	R. Bell	T. Baker	Indisposed.

RACE 1 : MCDOUALL PEAK PTY LTD RATING 0-72 HANDICAP - 1600 metres

In the vicinity of the 1200 metres SIERRA SKIES (P. Denton) rolled in onto TEAM LAGO (T. Zanker) which was tightened for several strides.

Approaching the 800 metres TEAM LAGO (T. Zanker) improved into restricted room to the inside of SIERRA SKIES (P. Denton) and had to be steadied.

RACE 2 : MACUMBA STATION / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1500 metres

MADIBA'S VISION (K. Brooks) jumped away awkwardly and shifted in.

MISTAKEN VALUE (R. Bell) jumped away awkwardly out onto RELATIVE (C. Lever).

TRACY TRUE BLOOD (T. O'Donnell) was slow to begin.

ROAD SENSE (L. Hopwood) over raced in the early stages of the event and was inclined to race greenly throughout.

MADIBA'S VISION (K. Brooks) laid out under pressure in the straight.

C. Lever, the rider of RELATIVE, reported that his mount resented the kick back.

RACE 3 : MT EBA PTY LTD / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres

The start of this race was delayed approximately five minutes owing to the Ambulance staff attending to rider, R. Bell. R. Bell was ruled unfit to fulfil his remaining engagements and was replaced on MR CHRISTIAN by T. Baker.

PURE QUARTZ (J. Kah) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out onto LINWOOD BRIDGE (D. Tootell) which was tightened onto COME ON KAROL (C. Lever), resulting in both runners losing their position.

RACE 3 : MT EBA PTY LTD / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres (Continued)

PURE QUARTZ was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

HE'LL TELL US (L. Stojakovic) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out onto ANOTHER ENEMY (E. Boyd) which was taken out onto PAGANINI'S BROTHER (T. Zanker), which was tightened onto OUR SECOND CHANCE (J. Potter).

The track was downgraded to a Dead 4 retrospective to Race 3 at 1.40 pm.

RACE 4 : WIRREALPA STATION RATING 0-62 HANDICAP - 1850 metres

BRUNO (T. Pannell) jumped away awkwardly and, as a consequence, was slow into stride.

MORE PLEASE (L. Hopwood) over raced in the early stages of the event.

ALICE LONGING (J. Maund), which commenced to give ground in the vicinity of the 800 metres and was not ridden to the finish due to the rider having concerns with its action. ALICE LONGING was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities. Ms. S. Stott, Trainer of ALICE LONGING, was advised the mare would now be required to be competitive in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race.

RACE 5 : CLAYTON STATION RATING 0-58 HANDICAP (1) - 1400 metres

LITTLE BUSTER was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon on arrival on course and found to have sustained multiple abrasions to the left back and hip in the float en route to the course and ruled unfit to race. Acting on that advice, Stewards withdrew LITTLE BUSTER at 12.10 pm.

DEFONET (P. Denton) laid in, in the early stages of the event and, in the vicinity of the 1200 metres, shifted in onto TIGGY (K. Brooks) which had to be steadied momentarily.

Correct weight was delayed to allow Stewards to view the Start of this event. After taking evidence from the Starter, Mr. S. Pearson, reviewing the official vision, and acting on their own observations, Stewards determined that as the Start was effected, barriers 1 to 5 opened accordingly, however, barriers 6 to 9 were delayed in opening. As a result SPIRIT OF CAPRI, OKAMAN, BESA BOLA and FAST EDDIE, were all denied a fair start. Stewards, acting under ARR.134A., determined that these horses be declared non-starters.

Starter, Mr. S. Pearson, reported that due to his positioning, he was unable to determine if all barriers had opened simultaneously and, for this reason, did not activate the false start signal.

RACE 6 : MAHANEWO PROPRIETORS RATING 0-58 HANDICAP (2) - 1400 metres

Prior to the running of this event, the Starting gates were tested on a number of occasions in both electronic and manual modes, and a decision was made to proceed with manual mode.

CLYNE (NZ) was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding suffered a bi-lateral bleeding attack during the event. Mr. S. Coombs, the Trainer of CLYNE (NZ) was advised the gelding was suspended from racing for a period of three (3) months in accordance with ARR.53A.

Correct weight was delayed to allow Stewards and the Starter, Mr. S. Pearson, to view the footage of the Start. Stewards determined, as the Start was effected, barriers 1, 2, and 3 all opened accordingly, shortly followed by barriers 4 and 5, and thereafter the remaining gates. Acting under ARR.139., Stewards deemed the race to be void as, in their opinion, the integrity of the race was compromised due to seven out of the ten runners being denied a fair start, and runners in barriers 1, 2 and 3 having gained a distinct advantage.

RACE 6 : MAHANEWO PROPRIETORS RATING 0-58 HANDICAP (2)
- 1400 metres (Continued)

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GENERAL

Following the running of Race 6, further remedial work was carried out on the Starting gates. Stewards, along with representatives from the riders, trainers and club staff, viewed official footage of the barriers being tested both electronically and manually. After considering submissions and acting on their own observations, Stewards could not be satisfied the integrity for the start of the remaining two races would not be compromised and a decision was made to abandon the meeting at 4.00 pm.

SWABBING (2):

Race 3 – HE’LL TELL US (winner)

Race 6 – CAPTAIN PERCY

SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil.
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil.
REPRIMANDS	Nil.
SUSPENSIONS	Nil.
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 6 - CLYNE (NZ) – Bled – Suspended for 3 months in accordance with ARR.53A.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil.

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