

THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Morphettville Parks Racecourse
by the South Australian Jockey Club on Saturday, 21 December 2013

Stewards: J. Petzer (Chairman), A. Hayles (F), L. Michalanney (M), C. Deakin (HT) (Stewards), D. Southgate, N. Castle, D. Reynolds, N. Henry (Deputy Stewards), Dr B. Agnew and Dr D. Byrne (Veterinary Surgeons).

TRACK: Good 3

WEATHER: Overcast/Drizzle

RAIL: Out 5m 1000m to 600m, Out 3m remainder (including chutes) Sectional 605m

RACE 1 : BOXING DAY FAMILY RACES AT MORPHETTVILLE PLATE - 1000 metres

MIDNIGHT SONG (J. Bowditch) jumped away awkwardly, shifted in and contacted MANHATTAN PRICE (D. Tourneur), which was taken in on to I AM GYPSY (J. Potter), which was inconvenienced and had to be steadied. As a consequence, I AM GYPSY lost its position.

ILLUSTRIOUS LAD (J. Cartwright) bucked for a short distance shortly after the start. Mr P. Gelagotis, the trainer of the colt, was advised that in view of the horse's behaviour it would have to perform to the Stewards' satisfaction in an official barrier trial before its next race start.

In the vicinity of the 900 metres I AM GYPSY, when being encouraged to take up a more forward position, reacted and shifted in and away from GIFTED GAMBLER (C. Lindop), which improved to its outside, and became awkwardly placed on the heels of HOSTILE (B. Claridge) and was obliged to be checked by its rider for a number of strides losing its position.

ILLUSTRIOUS LAD was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 2: SPORTINGBET HANDICAP - 1400 metres

STRAWBERRY CANYON (C. Lindop) raced wide without cover in the middle stages and thereafter raced greenly in the straight.

Approaching the 200 metres DERWENT (B. Claridge) shifted in taking SLIDE OF HAND (K. Bishop) in on to FRAYVILLE (L. Hopwood), which had commenced to improve to the inside of SLIDE OF HAND, resulting in FRAYVILLE having to alter course.

MERMAID RUN was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a small abrasion to the inside of the horse's near foreleg.

RACE 3 : DOMINANT MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 metres

FLOW METER (J. Frew) shifted out at the start on to MAGIC STING (L. Hopwood), which was tightened onto SHEIK OF TWEAK (D. Tourneur), which in turn was tightened onto BETTER THAN BRONZE (NZ) (C. Lindop), resulting in SHEIK OF TWEAK and BETTER THAN BRONZE (NZ) making contact and both horses becoming unbalanced.

In the vicinity of the 1000 metres MAGIC STING (L. Hopwood) became awkward on the heels of DUKES BAR (J. Kah) for a number of strides.

RACE 3 : DOMINANT MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 metres – Cont'

Near the 1000 metres BETTER THAN BRONZE (NZ) (C. Lindop) became awkward on the heels of SHEIK OF TWEAK (D. Tourneur) for a number of strides.

FLOW METER (J. Frew) raced wide without cover in the middle stages of the event.

Approaching the 400 meters DUKES BAR (J. Kah) became held up and awkward for a number of strides to the inside of DANCER'S DREAM (S. Cahill) as that horse commenced to weaken and rolled in.

S. Price, the rider of ELOVACHILL, was questioned regarding his use of the whip prior to the 100 metres. S. Price pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using his whip more than the permitted times prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded.

RACE 4 : ADELAIDE GALVANISING HANDICAP - 1550 metres

In the vicinity of the 600 metres BERLIOZ (NZ) (S. Cahill) shifted out in an attempt to improve and in doing so contacted with BRADMAN (J. Bowditch), which maintained its line, resulting in these two horses making contact for several strides.

Approaching the winning post BRADMAN (J. Bowditch) became awkward inside the heels of MONEY BAGS (D. Tourneur), which rolled in, and raced in restricted room and was unable to fully assist his mount to the line for a number of strides.

J. Kah, the rider of PHAROMAC, explained her instructions were to allow the gelding to settle where comfortable. She added that the gelding began better than expected and as a consequence she found herself in a more forward position than she anticipated and given that she was caught wide without cover racing to the first turn she elected to allow the gelding to stride forward and take up a more forward position closer to the rail.

RACE 5 : PAUL HARMER HANDICAP - 1300 metres

MOONLIGHT FOREST was a late scratching by order of stewards at 8.10 am acting on confirmed advice from trainer Mr David Jolly that the gelding was lame in its off foreleg.

In the vicinity of the 1000 metres SWEENEYS LANE (K. Connor) became awkwardly placed on the heels of LUCKY STRATEGY (S. Westover), as that horse crossed to take up a forward position, and raced ungenerously for a short distance. S Westover was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground.

After the winning post SWEENEYS LANE (K. Connor) rolled out and tightened WICKED DREAMS (D. Tourneur) onto MONSOON POON (B. Claridge). As a consequence, D. Tourneur had to steady his mount. K. Connor was reprimanded and advised to ensure she maintains a straight course at all times, including pulling up after an event.

Omer Ay, the rider of VISUAL IMPACT, explained his instructions were to allow the horse to settle back and make his run around the field from in the vicinity of the 400 metres. Stewards also questioned Mr K. Sweeney, the trainer of VISUAL IMPACT, who confirmed his instructions provided to Omer Ay and advised that the mare is reluctant when racing inside runners and for that reason he had instructed Omer Ay to make his run wide and outside runners.

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

RACE 6 : SCHWEPPE'S HANDICAP - 1950 metres

FRAANIKOVA (J. Kah) over raced in the early stages of the event.

In the vicinity of the 1000 metres ASSABOY (D. Tourneur) rolled out and contacted the hind quarters of FRAANIKOVA (J. Kah), which was inconvenienced.

TRISTACAT (S. Westover) rolled in over the concluding stages and inconvenienced SEVERN ROAD (J. Cartwright).

D. Tourneur, the rider of ASSABOY, explained his instructions were to allow the gelding to settle where comfortable and after initially obtaining a position midfield he was comfortable in settling back of midfield, which is in accordance with the horse's normal racing pattern. He added that the gelding appeared to race in patches and was off the bridle in the vicinity of the 700 metres, and consequently he was unable to maintain his position relative to TRISTACAT (S. Westover) as that horse improved to his inside. He stated that ASSABOY finished the race off in respectable fashion.

Correct weight was delayed to allow Stewards to view the start of this event in relation to DISTILLATION (S. Price). It was established just prior to the start being effected, DISTILLATION became fractious in its barrier stall and as a consequence was a little slow to begin.

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

RACE 7 : DARLEY HANDICAP - 1000 metres

ON STRIKE (J. Kah) jumped away awkwardly and was slow to begin. Thereafter ON STRIKE commenced to pull very hard and became awkward between the heels of GOLDEN DANE (S. Westover) and EXALTED WILLIAM (C. Lindop) for a short distance inside the 700 metres.

J. Kah the rider of ON STRIKE explained that she had intended to take up a more forward position but due to the manner in which the gelding began she was unable to do so and added that in the vicinity of the 700 metres the horse commenced to race extremely keenly and as a consequence she was unable to fully assist her mount for a short distance when attempting to restrain it.

RACE 8 : HOLDFAST INSURANCE BROKERS HANDICAP - 1400 metres

EDRIGUEZ (S. Cahill) jumped away awkwardly, shifted out and brushed with CORNISH LAD (K. Bishop).

AQUIA CREEK (W. Kerford) shifted out at the start and contacted MUSTANG SCHILLER (T. Pannell), which lost its position.

RIGHT IDEA (J. Frew) and EDRIGUEZ (S. Cahill) over raced in the early stages.

Inside the 900 metres SET TO EXCITE (C. Lindop), which raced a little keenly, became awkward inside the heels of EDRIGUEZ (S. Cahill) and when being restrained rolled in and inconvenienced MUSTANG SCHILLER (T. Pannell), which was obliged to be steadied.

RACE 8 : HOLDFAST INSURANCE BROKERS HANDICAP - 1400 metres – Cont'

In the vicinity of the 600 metres EDRIGUEZ (S. Cahill), which had continued to race keenly, became awkward on the heels of CORNISH LAD (K. Bishop) and was obliged to shift to the outside of that horse and in doing so inconvenienced RIGHT IDEA (J. Frew), which was taken wider.

Inside the 200 metres MUSTANG SCHILLER (T. Pannell) shifted out under riding and inconvenienced AQUIA CREEK (W. Kerford), which had to be momentarily steadied. As a consequence, AQUIA CREEK shifted out onto CORNISH LAD (K. Bishop), which was taken out onto EDRIGUEZ (S. Cahill), which had to be steadied. T. Pannell was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground.

S. Cahill, the rider of EDRIGUEZ, was questioned regarding his use of the whip prior to the 100 metres and pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 137A(5)(a)(ii) for using his whip in excess of the number of times permitted prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded.

CORNISH LAD was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported that the horse was galloped on, on its near hind hock. First-aid was administered. CORNISH LAD also lost its off hind plate during the event.

CALIFORNIA KING was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

PRE RACE SAMPLES (14)

Blood Samples were taken from the following horses for the purpose of TCO₂ testing:

- Race 1 ILLUSTRIOUS LAD, MANHATTAN PRINCE
- Race 3 SHEIK OF TWEAK, DUKES BAR
- Race 4 BERLIOZ (NZ), PHAROMAC
- Race 6 SEVERN ROAD, ASSABOY
- Race 8 CORNISH LAD, CALIFORNIA KING, JACKS JOURNEY, MUSTANG SCHILLER, RIGHT IDEA, EDRIGUEZ

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8)

- Race 1 ILLUSTRIOUS LAD (winner)
- Race 2 EXODUS (winner)
- Race 3 DUKES BAR (winner)
- Race 4 MONEY BAGS (winner)
- Race 5 BORISTAR (winner)
- Race 6 TRISTACAT (winner)
- Race 7 GOLDEN DANE (winner)
- Race 8 ROWDY ROCKER (winner)

SUMMARY

FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 3 – S. Price – AR137A(5)(a)(ii) – Whip use (plus 1) Race 5 – K. Connor – AR137(a) – Careless Riding Race 8 – S. Cahill – AR137A(5)(a)(ii) – Whip use (plus 1)
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 1 – ILLUSTRIOUS LAD – Suspended – Official barrier trial – bucked for a short distance after start