

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

**Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge Racecourse**  
**by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on Thursday, 2 January 2014**

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**Stewards:** M. Santoro (A/Chairman), C. Deakin (HT), L. Michalanney (F), (Stewards), D. Jonas (M), A. Quinton (Deputy Stewards), Dr P. Horridge (Veterinary Surgeon).

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**TRACK:** Good (*Downgraded to Dead 4 at 12.30 pm*)

**WEATHER:** Overcast

**RAIL:** True

**RIDER CHANGES:**

<b>Race</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>Replaced By</b>	<b>Reason</b>
3	SOLITARY BIRD	A. Herrmann	B. Claridge	Indisposed
7	CALL ME BISCUIT	A. Herrmann	B. Hoppo	Indisposed
7	MIME	B. Claridge	W. Kerford	Overweight – fined \$100 – AR120(b)

**RACE 1 : BETFAIR / SABOIS THREE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE - 1000 metres**

WATCH THIS SPACE (M. Neilson) shifted out on jumping away on to MASTER BLACK (J. Toeroek), which shifted out and away, hampering CHERRY CHATTER (T. Pannell), which was tightened on to IL DIECI (J. Bowditch), which shifted in.

MADELLA UNIQUE (K. Connor) was slow to begin.

In the vicinity of the 300 metres WATCH THIS SPACE (M. Neilson) rolled in and brushed DEMARUGA STAR (J. Kah).

Approaching the 100 metres RUE CLINIQUE (D. Stra) was obliged to alter course off the heels of SUPER ESRA (L. Hopwood), which shifted in slightly under pressure.

**RACE 2 : MARSHALL SPREADERS / SABOIS FILLIES & MARES**  
**MAIDEN PLATE – 1400 metres**

In the vicinity of the 1000 metres MISS EEJAY (B. Claridge) and EXALTED OMEGA (L. Hopwood) eased the pace slightly as they crossed to the lead, resulting in PROMISES (M. Neilson) becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of MISS EEJAY, and HIDDEN'S SISTER (K. Bishop) having to steady off the heels of EXALTED OMEGA. B. Claridge and L. Hopwood were both reminded of their obligations under AR137(d) in relation to slowing the pace of their mounts.

In the vicinity of the 800 metres HIDDEN'S SISTER rolled in and brushed PROMISES (M. Neilson) and shortly after shifted out abruptly on to CALIGO (J. Bowditch), which was inconvenienced when taken wider on the track.

CALL ME PENNY (A. Doyle) raced greenly throughout the event and was inclined to shift about.

DARK FANTASY (D. Evans) was inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight, forcing that rider to stop riding and straighten his mount on a number of occasions.

PROMISES (M. Neilson) laid out throughout the event.

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

### **RACE 3 : LONG'S SAND & METAL / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1600 metres**

In the vicinity of the 1300 metres BEGOR I'M SURE (M. Neilson) shifted out abruptly as the runners left the chute towards the course proper on to BLEVICUS (J. Kah), which was taken out across the running of EXALTED COCO (L. Hopwood), which was forced to steady.

BEGOR I'M SURE (M. Neilson) raced fiercely in the early and middle stages of the event.

Inside the 400 metres NOT A ZERPRISE (S. Price) shifted out to improve and in doing so brushed BLEVICUS (J. Kah) for a short distance.

L. Hopwood, the rider of EXALTED COCO, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR175(k) in that when weighing out for her ride on the gelding she was negligent in weighing out without a surcingle, which could have led to a breach of the rules, and was fined \$100.

### **RACE 4 : CARLTON DRAUGHT / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres**

COMEDY PLAYHOUSE (S. Price), which brushed the tractor on arrival at the barriers, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race.

SIMPATICO (M. Neilson) shifted out on jumping away on to COMEDY PLAYHOUSE (S. Price), which was tightened on to SCENIC GREY (J. Frew), which was taken out across the heels of REARRY (O. Ay), resulting in SCENIC GREY losing its position.

In the vicinity of the 1000 metres MEG'S CASTLE (J. Kah) shifted in on to ISTANA DI TREVI (T. Pannell), which was taken in on to REARRY (O. Ay), which was forced to steady momentarily when tightened on to SIMPATICO (M. Neilson), which shifted out slightly.

Inside the 1000 metres BUHAWI (K. Bishop) raced in restricted room between the heels of SIMPATICO (M. Neilson) and QUIET CHAT (J. Bowditch) and had to be eased, resulting in THE WISEMAN (C. Lindop), which was racing behind that gelding, being forced to steady for a short distance.

In the vicinity of the 800 metres THE WISEMAN (C. Lindop) was forced to take hold to avoid the heels of REARRY (O. Ay), which rolled in slightly whilst being restrained. C. Lindop, the rider of THE WISEMAN, reported to Stewards that the gelding had overreacted when she was forced to take hold and continued to race fiercely on the heels of REARRY until the vicinity of the 600 metres.

Inside the 500 metres THE SECRET BUZZ (L. Hopwood) improved on to the heels of BUHAWI (K. Bishop) and had to be steadied on a number of occasions and in doing so got its head up and became awkward in its action for a short distance.

In the vicinity of the 300 metres SCENIC GREY (J. Frew) shifted in abruptly away from the whip of J. Frew, resulting in that rider having to stop riding and straighten his mount.

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

THE SECRET BUZZ had left the course prior to being examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon. Ms K. Halliday representing trainer Mr D. Halliday pleaded guilty to a charge under AR117(3) for removing THE SECRET BUZZ from the course within half an hour of the race and was fined \$100.

#### **RACE 5 : SAMBEC SHEDS RATING 0-62 HANDICAP – 2200 metres**

ROYAL BUTLER (L. Stojakovic) raced fiercely in the early and middle stages of the event and in the vicinity of the 1600 metres had to be restrained off the heels of FOUR STAR GENERAL (C. Forrest) as that gelding eased the pace. C. Forrest was reprimanded under AR137(d) for excessively reducing the speed of her horse.

Rounding the home turn FOUR STAR GENERAL (C. Forrest) hung off the track, hampering RUNALUK (J. Bowditch) and KING'S DELIGHT (O. Ay), which were taken extremely wide on the track. FOUR STAR GENERAL continued to lay out for the remainder of the race. FOUR STAR GENERAL was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding to be lame in the near foreleg. Trainer Mr G. Young was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to accepting for a future trial or race.

Stewards questioned C. Forrest, rider of FOUR STAR GENERAL, in relation to her riding of the gelding in this event, in particular her tactics in the early stages. C. Forrest advised that she had been instructed to lead at all costs and to relax on the gelding after finding the lead to have FOUR STAR GENERAL travel comfortably in the middle stages. She explained after being positive in the early stages of the event, she had to continue to encourage the gelding to cross ROYAL BUTLER (L. Stojakovic) and find the lead. She added that after doing so she was able to relax on the gelding and have it travel comfortably however in the vicinity of the 1400 metres when RUNALUK (J. Bowditch) and KING'S DELIGHT (O. Ay) improved to her outside, the gelding commenced to race fiercely and improved of its own accord and raced more aggressively than she had wished. She further stated that from the vicinity of the 1400 metres FOUR STAR GENERAL had commenced to hang out and then made the home turn extremely awkwardly, shifted wider on the track and she had difficulty riding the gelding out in her normal manner in the straight. Trainer Mr G. Young confirmed the instructions provided to C. Forrest were to lead under all circumstances and to ease the pace in the middle stages but continue to hold the lead, which were the same as the instructions provided to the rider at its most recent start, however on that occasion FOUR STAR GENERAL had reared on jumping away and missed the start. After considering the explanation provided by C. Forrest, she was advised that she would be required to attend the Riders' Advisory Panel in relation to aspects of her ride as in the opinion of Stewards she was too single-minded in complying with the instructions provided in this event.

#### **RACE 6 : MURRAYLANDS SECURITY CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1200 metres**

CON NOW (L. Hopwood) was inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

M. Neilson, rider of LIGHTNING DREW, reported that that gelding hung in throughout the event.

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

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

**RACE 7 : TOTAL WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS RATING 0-62 HANDICAP - 1400 metres**

Acting on confirmed advice from trainer Mr R. Daniel that I'M A MENICE refused to be loaded on his float, Stewards withdrew the gelding at 10.16 am.

Acting on confirmed advice from trainer Mr D. Koch that MORCHOWIE MISS had become cast in its stable box and would be unfit to race, Stewards ordered the withdrawal of that mare at 10.29 am.

MIME (W. Kerford) shifted out on jumping away and contacted CORNISH LAD (K. Bishop).

In the vicinity of the 1200 metres DUBAI SUNRISE (J. Toeroek) shifted out abruptly for no apparent reason.

In the vicinity of the 800 metres TOKEN ONE (D. Tootell) shifted in on to AUGÉ (J. Potter), which was obliged to be eased by its rider. D. Tootell was reprimanded and advised in future to shift ground only when entitled to do so.

MIME (W. Kerford) raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

J. Potter, the rider of AUGÉ, explained that the mare had travelled well in the early stages of the event, however after being forced to ease in the vicinity of the 800 metres was not comfortable racing behind TOKEN ONE (D. Tootell) and when placed under pressure in the vicinity of the 500 metres failed to respond to his riding and had finished off the event poorly. Trainer Mr M. Hickmott undertook to advise Stewards of any abnormalities with the gelding on return to his stables.

Stewards questioned J. Toeroek, the rider of DUBAI SUNRISE, into his riding of that mare in the straight. J. Toeroek explained that DUBAI SUNRISE had travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event, however when placed under pressure at the entrance to the straight had failed to respond to his riding and felt short in its action and commenced to weaken from the event of its own accord and for that reason he had not ridden the mare out in the straight. J. Toeroek was reprimanded under AR140(b) for failing to report as soon as practicable anything which may have affected his mount during the running of the race. Trainer Mr M. Whittle undertook to advise Stewards of any abnormalities with the mare on return to his stables.

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**ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (2)**

- Race 1     MASTER BLACK(winner)
- Race 4     SCENIC GREY (unplaced)

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<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>FINES</b>	Race 3 – L. Hopwood - \$100 – AR175(k) – Negligence – Weighed out without surcingle Race 4 – D. Halliday - \$100 - AR117(3) - Removing THE SECRET BUZZ from the course within half an hour of the race. Race 7 – B. Claridge - \$100 – AR120(b) – Overweight/replaced
<b>SEVERE REPRIMANDS</b>	Nil

<b>REPRIMANDS</b>	Race 5 - C. Forrest - AR137(d) - Excessively reducing the speed of her horse. Race 7 – D. Tootell – AR137(a) – Careless Riding Race 7 – J. Toeroek – AR140(b) – Fail to report matter which may have affected horse's performance
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	Nil
<b>HORSE ACTIONS</b>	Race 5 – FOUR STAR GENERAL – Suspended – Veterinary certificate of fitness – lame near foreleg
<b>ADJOURNED INQUIRIES</b>	Nil