

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

**Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge Racecourse**  
**by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on Wednesday, 24 August 2016**

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**Stewards:** S. Callanan (A/Chairman), M. Santoro, J. Adams (HT), M. Williams & N. Coldbeck (F) (Stewards), D. Southgate & N. Hawkins (Deputy Stewards) Dr P. Horridge & Dr R. Haensel (Veterinary Surgeons).

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**TRACK:** Firm 2 (*Upgraded to Firm 1 at 1.15 pm retrospective to Race 1*)

**WEATHER:** Fine

**RAIL:** Out 3 metres 400 metres to the Winning Post, 3 metres Winning Post to 1500 metres, true remainder.

**RIDER CHANGES:**

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
4	RIGHT AND READY	J. Lynch		Late notification – explanation accepted.
6	ONWARD	D. Thornton		Notified
8	SHA LA LA	R. Hurdle	D. Thornton	Overweight

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**RACE 1 : SAMBEC SHEDS / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 904 metres**

**BIG BRITCHES** (J. Holder) – had difficulty obtaining clear ground from approaching the 500 metres until in the vicinity of the 400 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**JACKPOT JOHNNY** (J. Bowditch) – over-raced throughout the event.

**CLASSY CARMEN** (K. Bishop) – jumped away awkwardly and shifted in.

**FIRE 'N' VICE** (J. Kah) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**JABALPUR ROSE** (L. Stojakovic) – raced greenly throughout the event.

**PRINCESS LEAH** (J. Toeroek) – marginally slow to begin.

**RACE 2 : PATERSON BULK TRANSPORT / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1604 metres**

**EXALTED EXCURSION** (R. Hurdle) – knuckled shortly after the start. Rider reported that the gelding may not have been suited to today's track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have atrial fibrillation. Mr D. Wanganeen, the Trainer of EXALTED EXCURSION, was advised the results of an ECG are to be forwarded to the TRSA Veterinary Surgeon and a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to the gelding performing satisfactorily in an Official Barrier Trial.

**KING OF SIAM (NZ)** (J. Frew) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**RACE 2 : PATERSON BULK TRANSPORT / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1604 metres**  
(cont'd)

**LONDOSTAR** (J. Bowditch) – dipped on a number of occasions throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**SAMSTAG** (Z. Spain) – laid in under pressure in the straight.

**STREET EMBRACE** (T. Pannell) – was inclined to over-race throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in both forelegs. First aid administered. Trainer, Mr R. Balfour, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to a future trial or race.

**TASKMASTER** (C. Lindop) – rider reported the gelding was inclined to hang out throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**RACE 3 : JEN'S KITCHEN / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1204 metres**

**ABLE STRIKER** (Z. Spain) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**KINGSTONIAN** (D. Tootell) – Trainer, Mr G. Searle, advised he would instruct jockey D. Tootell to attempt to settle back with cover.

**SEEK TO DESTROY** (T. Pannell) – on jumping away, tightened onto JEST IN VAIN as NIPPERKIN jumped away awkwardly and shifted in. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**WISH LIST** (J. Bowditch) – jumped away awkwardly and shifted in. In the vicinity of the 1100 metres shifted in abruptly away from SAND CAT. As a result NIPPERKIN made heavy contact with the running rail and became unbalanced for a number of strides.

**NIPPERKIN** (B. Griffiths) – jumped away awkwardly and shifted out onto SEEK TO DESTROY. In the vicinity of the 1100 metres, made heavy contact with the running rail as WISH LIST shifted in and away from SAND CAT. Disappointed for a run shortly after the entrance of the straight to the inside of WISH LIST, was obliged to be restrained and shifted out approaching the 200 metres to obtain clear ground.

**RACE 4 : JST TRANSPORT /SABOIS+ BM 60 HIGHWEIGHT - 2210 metres**

**DITCHED** (T. Ryan) – rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded.

**DAPPER ROSSA** (P. Hamblin) - rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was fined \$400.

**KING CADEL** (I. McCarthy) - rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded.

**LIFE'S A BUTTERFLY** (S. Pateman) – rider granted permission to ride the gelding 1kg overweight. Pled guilty to a charge under AR120(b) and was fined \$300. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was fined \$300.

**RACE 4 : JST TRANSPORT /SABOIS+ BM 60 HIGHWEIGHT - 2210 metres (cont'd)**

**BELLE OF THE SOUTH** (S. Jackson) - rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was fined \$100.

**ULTIMATE THRILL** (L. Dempsey) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the near foreleg. Trainer, Mr J. Hickmott, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to a future trial or race.

**RIGHT AND READY** (J. Lynch) – rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was fined \$100. A post-race veterinary examination no visible abnormalities.

**RACE 5 : ELSA & SHANE'S SEPTEMBER WEDDING BENCHMARK 56 HCP - 1604 metres**

The start of this event was delayed approximately two minutes.

**AMBER ALERT** (J. Frew) – slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear ground over the concluding stages.

**UNSPUN** (P. Gatt) – late scratching at 1.45 pm due to the track conditions.

**RIGHTEOUS RULER** (K. Bishop) – dipped on a number occasions and raced keenly throughout the event.

**CENTRE DIVIDER** (E. Boyd) – had difficulty obtaining clear ground from approaching the 100 metres for the remainder of the event as FRAYVILLE rolled in.

**CHIAZZA** (J. Bowditch) – approaching the 200 metres, rolled in.

**ASTRO DAMUS** (J. Maund) – approaching the 200 metres was obliged to be eased as SARAH'S WAY rolled out and CHIAZZA rolled in.

**BON ELISE** (D. Tourneur) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**SARAH'S WAY** (J. Potter) – approaching the 200 metres, rolled out.

**WRIST WATCH** (J. Holder) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and ruled unfit to race due to blood being present in its nostril. Acting on this advice Stewards withdrew WRIST WATCH at 3.10 pm.

**VALARCH** (D. Tootell) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**RACE 6 : NATIONAL JOCKEYS' TRUST BM 60 HCP - 1204 metres**

The start of this event was delayed approximately one minute.

**HASTA LA SHAMER** (J. Mamat) – late scratching at 1.50 pm due to the track conditions.

### **RACE 6 : NATIONAL JOCKEYS' TRUST BM 60 HCP - 1204 metres (cont'd)**

**DULCIE JANE** (E. Boyd) – held up for clear running from in the vicinity of the 400 metres until in the vicinity of the 200 metres when racing behind ONWARD and to the inside of COMBAT DANCER.

**COMBAT DANCER** (J. Kah) – held up for clear running from shortly after the entrance of the straight until inside the 200 metres when racing behind THE CASTLE KAT and to the inside of MERRY CHRISTMAS.

**JUST A DREAM** (C. Lindop) – dipped on jumping away.

**RANSOM VALUE** (T. Zanker) – marginally slow to begin.

**ONWARD** (D. Thornton) – held up for clear running from the entrance to the straight until approaching the 100 metres when racing between WICKED AFFAIR and KINGSGROVE.

### **RACE 7 : NTI BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP - 904 metres**

**AKKACAN** (K. Bishop) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**TINTAGEL ROCKER** (B. Griffiths) – jumped away awkwardly and shifted out.

**WINGARD'S MARK** (R. Hurdle) – inclined to lay in throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**BOLDACIOUS GIRL** (J. Bowditch) – inclined to rear on jumping away.

### **RACE 8 : TRANS AUSTRALIAN LIVESTOCK BENCHMARK 60 HCP - 1404 metres**

**WISE AND HAPPY** (K. Bishop) – held up for clear running from in the vicinity of the 500 metres until in the vicinity of the 300 metres when racing behind LUCKY NOW and to the inside of BACKSTAGE PASS.

**DARK IMAGE** (S. Cahill) – jumped away awkwardly. Had difficulty obtaining clear ground in the straight.

**LUCKY NOW** (D. Tourneur) – jumped away awkwardly and shifted in bumping WISE AND HAPPY. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**HASTA LA GORBY** (J. Mamat) – late scratching at 1.50 pm due to the track conditions.

**BIT OF A FLIRT** (J. Holder) – was disappointed when attempting a run between SIMPATICO and PRINCESS ASTRO which both shifted ground.

**SIMPATICO** (J. Potter) – in the vicinity of the 100 metres shifted in onto BIT OF A FLIRT which was taken out slightly by PRINCESS ASTRO.

**NIGHT BREEZE** (J. Bowditch) – late scratching at 1.45 pm due to the track conditions.

**PRINCESS ASTRO** (E. Finnegan) – in the vicinity of the 100 metres, shifted out slightly onto BIT OF A FLIRT. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**BAIKAL** (Z. Spain) – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

**RACE 8 : TRANS AUSTRALIAN LIVESTOCK BENCHMARK 60 HCP - 1404 metres**  
**(cont'd)**

**SHA LA LA** (D. Thornton) – marginally slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear ground in the straight.

**YOUDINI** (P. Gatt) – raced keenly in the early and middle stage of the event.

Correct weight for this event was delayed to allow J. Holder, the rider of the fourth placegetter BIT OF A FLIRT, and the mare's trainer Mr P. Seater to view the official footage in the straight. After doing so J. Holder lodged an objection against SIMPATICO (J. Potter) being declared the winner and PRINCESS ASTRO (E. Finnegan) being declared the third placegetter on the grounds of alleged interference from in the vicinity of the 100 metres. After considering the evidence, on viewing the official footage and acting on their own observations, Stewards *dismissed* both objections.

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**GENERAL:**

K. Brooks, the rider of GHOST RIDER, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR118A in that she changed her riding boots prior to the running of Race 6 and was fined \$100. In determining the penalty Stewards took into account that she had returned to scale within the required limits.

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**PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (4)**

Blood samples were taken from the following horses for, but not limited to, TCO<sub>2</sub> purposes:

Race 1 - JACKPOT JOHNNY, ZOFFANOVA.  
Race 6 – THE CASTLE KAT, WICKED AFFAIR.

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**ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8)**

Race 1 – FAIRY NYMPH (winner)  
Race 2 – JIMMY ROYALE (winner)  
Race 3 – HALAYR ROTHESTAR (winner)  
Race 4 – HENRY THE DOLPHIN (winner)  
Race 5 – WATCH THE WOLF (winner)  
Race 6 – THE CASTLE KAT (winner)  
Race 7 – RED FIRE LADY (winner)  
Race 8 – SIMPATICO (winner)

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<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>FINES</b>	<p>Race 4 – P. Hamblin (DAPPER ROSSA) – Fined \$400 - AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+4] – Whip offence.</p> <p>Race 4 – S. Pateman (LIFE’S A BUTTERFLY) – Fined \$300 – AR120(b) – Overweight.</p> <p>Race 4 – S. Pateman (LIFE’S A BUTTERFLY) – Fined \$300 - AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+5] – Whip offence.</p> <p>Race 4 – S. Jackson (BELLE OF THE SOUTH) – Fined \$100 - AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+1] – Whip offence.</p> <p>Race 4 – J. Lynch (RIGHT AND READY) – Fined \$100 - AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+2] – Whip offence.</p> <p>Race 8 – R. Hurdle (SHA LA LA) – Fined \$100 – AR120(b) – Overweight and having to be replaced.</p> <p>K. Brooks (GHOST RIDER) – Fined \$100 – AR118A – changed boots after weighing out.</p>
<b>SEVERE REPRIMANDS</b>	Nil
<b>REPRIMANDS</b>	<p>Race 4 – T. Ryan (DITCHED) - AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+1] – Whip offence.</p> <p>Race 4 – I. McCarthy (KING CADEL) – AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+4] – Whip offence.</p>
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	Nil
<b>HORSE ACTIONS</b>	<p>Race 2 – EXALTED EXCURSION – Not to race - Results of ECG to be forwarded to TRSA Vet &amp; Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to performing satisfactorily in Official Barrier Trial – Atrial fibrillation.</p> <p>Race 2 – STREET EMBRACE – Not to race – Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to future trial or race – Lameness both forelegs.</p> <p>Race 4 – ULTIMATE THRILL – Not to race – Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to future trial or race – Lameness near foreleg.</p>
<b>ADJOURNED INQUIRIES</b>	Nil
<b>MEDICAL CLEARANCE</b>	Nil