

THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge Racecourse
by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on Sunday, 1 January 2017

Stewards: S. Callanan (A/Chairman), M. Santoro (HT) C. Deakin (F) & N. Coldbeck (Stewards), N. Henry & R. Dinning (Deputy Stewards) Dr P. Horridge (Veterinary Surgeon).

TRACK: Good 4

WEATHER: Overcast

RAIL: True

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
2	RAISE A JET	A. Jordsjo	D. Caboche	Late notification – Explanation accepted
3	IN THE FAST LANE	R. Hurdle	M. Neilson	Indisposed
6	THE CASTLE KAT	“	J. Kah	“
6	SANDHILL RULER	J. Potter	D. Caboche	Late notification – Explanation accepted
6	ZAAZOE	D. Tourneur	D. Thornton	Overweight

RACE 1 : MURRAY BRIDGE VILLAGE BUTCHERS BENCHMARK 90 HANDICAP - 900 metres

ALABAMA MISSILE (M. Poon) – inclined to lay out under pressure in the straight.

RACE 2 CARLTON DRAUGHT / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 900 metres

SUN HOLIDAY (P. Gatt) – owing to a Trainer Service Centre error, the gelding was permitted to wear blinkers in this event. Slow to begin. Rider explained the gelding was slow to begin and did not travel throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RAISE A JET (D. Caboche) - jumped away awkwardly, shifted out and bumped BALLISTA. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the off foreleg. Trainer, Mr G. Young was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness required prior to a future trial or race.

SAND CAT (D. Tootell) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

BALLISTA (J. Kah) – bumped at the start and was momentarily inconvenienced as RAISE A JET jumped away awkwardly and shifted out.

INNESTON (D. Thornton) – jumped away awkwardly.

RACE 3 : VALE RON MORGAN / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres

ABLE STRIKER (J. Kah) - in the vicinity of the 300 metres raced in restricted room for a number of strides as LET'S TANGO was taken in.

IN THE FAST LANE (M. Neilson) – inclined to race keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

LET'S TANGO (B. Griffiths) – in the vicinity of the 300 metres was inconvenienced when tightened onto ABLE STRIKER as DANISH GOLD DIGGER, which was inclined to lay in, shifted in.

RACE 3 : VALE RON MORGAN / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres (Cont'd)

ONEMORE ELMO (J. Potter) – held up for clear running from in the vicinity of the 400 metres until approaching the 200 metres when racing behind AMINTIRE and to the inside of MILITARY FORCES.

AMINTIRE (M. Poon) – in the vicinity of the 300 metres was weakening, rolled out and bumped CAYMAN NITES. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

DANISH GOLD DIGGER (J. Cartwright) – inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight. In the vicinity of the 300 metres shifted in onto LET'S TANGO, which was inconvenienced when tightened onto ABLE STRIKER, which was obliged to race in restricted room for a number of strides. Rider reminded of his obligations when his mounts shift ground in future. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

CAYMAN NITES (Z. Spain) – in the vicinity of the 300 metres bumped with AMINTIRE, which was weakening and rolled out.

MILITARY FORCES (P. Gatt) – difficulty in obtaining clear ground from shortly after the entrance to the straight until inside the 200 metres.

RACE 4 : NAIRNE LICENSED POST OFFICE BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP - 2200 metres

NOT A ZERPRISE (J. Holder) – rider reported the gelding travelled well during the event, however, when placed under pressure it failed to respond to his riding and was disappointing in finishing the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

GOING NOWHERE (Z. Spain) – 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. In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the riders use of the whip over the concluding stages.

WESTERN HEIR (D. Tootell) – inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

UMALUKA (B. Griffiths) – inclined to race greenly in the straight and in the vicinity of the 200 metres shifted in abruptly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

JARRVIS (J. Huxtable) – slow to begin. Rider reported the gelding did not feel comfortable in its action during the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in both front legs. Trainer, Mr G. Kluske was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness required prior to a future trial or race.

RACE 5 : AUSTRALIA DAY RACES - THURSDAY 26 JANUARY CLASS TWO HANDICAP - 1600 metres

CAPITOLINE (Z. Spain) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed a minor laceration to the off hind leg. First aid administered.

SOCIAL SET (J. Cartwright) – raced greenly when placed under pressure in the straight.

BIT OF A FLIRT (J. Holder) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

LOQUETEUX (D. Tootell) – shortly after the start shifted in onto IDAHO, which was momentarily inconvenienced. Rider reminded of his obligation when shifting ground in future.

CATCH ME LATAR (E. Boyd) – inclined to over-race in the early and middle stages of the event.

IDAHO (J. Huxtable) – momentarily inconvenienced shortly after the start as LOQUETEUX shifted in.

YEN (J. Kah) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 6 : THE BETTING BROKERS CLASS TWO HANDICAP - 1200 metres

CELEBRITY TYCOON (E. Boyd) – rider reported the gelding was reluctant to stretch out when placed under pressure in the straight, got its head up on a number of occasions and therefore placed her at a disadvantage when attempting to ride the gelding out to the line. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

CAYMAN DAYZE (S. Cahill) – hung out severely when placed under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame in the near hind leg. Trainer, Mr M. Hickmott was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness required prior to a future trial or race.

SOCIAL LANE (M. Poon) – had difficulty in obtaining clear ground from shortly after the entrance to the straight until inside the 200 metres.

MAGGIE'S CALL (Z. Spain) – slow into stride.

VERNON (E. Finnegan) – difficulty in obtaining clear ground from shortly after the entrance to the straight until inside the 200 metres.

RACE 7 : SAMBEC SHEDS BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP- 1400 metres

I'M A BLUEBAGGER (P. Gatt) - slow into stride.

RICCONE (D. Tootell) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ROD'S OPINION (J. Holder) – rider explained when questioned in relation to his riding of the gelding during the event that he had no firm instructions, however, it was his intention to see how ROD'S OPINION began. He added that after beginning fairly he elected to settle back and obtain cover. He stated the gelding travelled well during the event and felt comfortable in its action and when encouraged to improve into the race in the vicinity of the 600 metres, ROD'S OPINION picked up the bridle and travelled well into the race. He added that when placed under pressure shortly after entering the straight the gelding failed to respond to his riding in the manner he would have liked. He further stated he tested ROD'S OPINION for a number of strides before deciding not to ride the gelding out in his normal manner as in his opinion, it was not responding and was disappointing in its efforts. J. Holder was advised in future he should report any concerns with his mounts, he was also advised to ride in a manner that does not invite question. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. Trainer, Mr J. Hickmott pleaded guilty to a charge under AR117(3) in that ROD'S OPINION had left the course without the consent of the Stewards within half an hour of the finish of the race and was reprimanded. In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Mr Hickmott returned ROD'S OPINION on course to be examined.

STERNO (A. Jordsjo) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near foreleg. Trainer, Mr G. Young was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness required prior to a future trial or race.

GENERAL:

Prior to taking his first ride of the day R Hurdle provided a breath test sample at a concentration in excess of .02%, a substance banned under AR81B, and was stood down from riding at the meeting. An inquiry was adjourned to a date and time to be fixed.

RIDER TESTING:

All nineteen (19) riders provided a breath test sample prior to taking their first ride of the day.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (7)

- Race 1 – ALABAMA MISSILE (winner)
 - Race 2 – BALLISTA (winner)
 - Race 3 – IN THE FAST LANE (winner)
 - Race 4 – BARGE AND CHARGE (winner)
 - Race 5 – SOCIAL SET (winner)
 - Race 6 – THE CASTLE KAT (winner)
 - Race 7 – BABITZIN (winner)
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SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 4 – Z. Spain (GOING NOWHERE) - AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+3] – Whip offence. Race 6 – D. Tourneur – AR120(b) – Overweight and having to be replaced on ZAAZOE. Race 7 – Mr J. Hickmott – AR117(3) – Left the course within 30 min of the finish of the race.
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 2 – RAISE A JET – Not to race – Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to future trial or race – Lameness off foreleg. Race 4 - JARRVIS - Not to race – Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to future trial or race – Lameness both front legs. Race 6 - CAYMAN DAYZE - Not to race – Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to future trial or race – Lameness near hind leg. Race 7 – STERNO - Not to race – Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to future trial or race – Lameness near foreleg.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Into reason R Hurdle provided a breath test sample in excess of .02%.
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil