

**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, 1 March 2017**

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

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**TRACK:** Good 4 (*Upgraded to Good 3 at 11.18 am*)

**WEATHER:** Hot

**RAIL:** Out 3 metres from the 840 metres to the 430 metres, true remainder.

**RIDER CHANGES:**

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
5	IMA SPECIAL KID	S. Price		Notified – Emergency.

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**RACE 1: CLASSICBET / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 900 metres**

**MORE DANGER** (V. Wong) – laid out when placed under pressure over the concluding stages of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**ELECTRIC SKY** (J. Huxtable) – in the vicinity of the 600 metres had to be restrained to avoid the heels of JAWS AND MINE, which shifted in when insufficiently clear.

**EXIT LEFT** (M. Neilson) – rider reported that his mount raced intractably throughout the event and proved difficult to ride out over the concluding stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. Trainer, Mrs S. Kotz, was advised that the gelding would be required to race tractably in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future event.

**JAWS AND MINE** (J. Potter) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination as it had not raced in the past twelve months and was passed fit to start. In the vicinity of the 600 metres shifted in when insufficiently clear of ELECTRIC SKY. Rider was reminded of his obligations to be clear when shifting ground in future.

**COUNTESS DELTA** (S. Fawke) – Trainer, Mr. J. Hickmott, was reprimanded under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identification Card. COUTESS DELTA was permitted to start as it was able to be identified from records held by the Stewards. Slow into stride.

**RACE 2: FESTIVAL HIRE / SABOIS FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres**

**AZTEC PRIESTESS** (S. Price) – over-raced in the early and middle stages of the event. Momentarily held up for clear running in the vicinity of the 300 metres.

**DULCE DE LECHE** (S. Fawke) – raced keenly in the middle stages of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**PARTY SET** (J. Huxtable) – rider reported that the mare raced greenly when placed under pressure over the concluding stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**VINO RISPETTO** (J. Bowditch) – 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 determining a penalty Stewards took into consideration the totality of whip use and also VINO RISPETTO being in contention over the concluding stages.

### **RACE 3: TALEM BEND RACING CLUB BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP - 1600 metres**

**SENIOR COUNCIL** (P. Denton) – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**HOLY JUAN** (J. Toeroek) – laid in when placed under pressure over the concluding stages of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**SASSY JO** (J. Bowditch) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

**WRIST WATCH** (S. Fawke) – slow to begin. Held up for clear running on entering the home straight.

### **RACE 4: RIVERS EDGE CARAVAN PARK BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP - 1000 metres**

**SNIP OF MAGIC** (J. Huxtable) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and passed fit to race. Laid in when placed under pressure over the concluding stages of the event.

**RAFFINATE** (P. Denton) – slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear running throughout the straight.

**LITTLE JAY JAY** (J. Potter) – began awkwardly.

### **RACE 5: CARLTON DRAUGHT MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 metres**

**IRON MAX** (J. Toeroek) – laid in when placed under pressure over the concluding stages of the event.

**SAGANO** (J. Frew) – in the vicinity of the 1200 metres became awkwardly placed on heels and shifted out abruptly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed atrial fibrillation. Trainer advised 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 colt performing satisfactorily in an Official Barrier Trial.

**HENRIQUES** (B. Griffiths) – in the vicinity of the 1200 metres shifted out abruptly making contact with TOUCH.

**PUJOLS** (C. Lindop) – hampered on jumping away losing its position.

**SEMI AUTOMATIC** (M. Neilson) – in the vicinity of the 1200 metres was momentarily hampered after being contacted by TOUCH, which was taken wider by HENRIQUES, which shifted out abruptly.

**TOUCH** (J. Potter) – in the vicinity of the 1200 metres was taken wider by HENRIQUES, which shifted out abruptly, making contact with SEMI AUTOMATIC.

**IMA SPECIAL KID** (S. Price) – began awkwardly and shifted in.

**GRONKY** (Z. Spain) – began awkwardly shifting out and making contact with PUJOLS.

### **RACE 6: ROB HUGHES AGENCIES BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP - 2400 metres**

The start of this event was delayed approximately three minutes.

**BARGE AND CHARGE** (K. Crowther) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and passed fit to race. In the vicinity of the 1600 metres improved onto the heels of HENRY THE DOLPHIN, clipping the heels of that runner and blundered. Held up for clear running on entering the straight until inside the 200 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**SILENT ELATION** (S. Cahill) – jumped away awkwardly and shifted in abruptly making contact with DISCERN. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**QUEEN'S PALACE** (D. Thornton) – late scratching at 4.08 pm on veterinary advice after being fractious in the barriers. Trainer, Mr R. Gilcrist, was advised that the mare would be required to perform satisfactorily in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race.

**RACE 6: ROB HUGHES AGENCIES BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP - 2400 metres (Cont'd)**

**SEARA VEN** (D. Tourneur) – held up for clear running on entering the straight until inside the 200 metres.

**DISCERN** (M. Poon) – contacted on jumping away. In the vicinity of the 600 metres became awkwardly placed on the heels of **DUKE OF NULLAH**.

**DUKE OF NULLAH** (Z. Spain) – contacted on jumping away.

**RACE 7: SUE CONNOLLY MEMORIAL BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1200 metres**

**BLONDE MISSILE** (J. Holder) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare displayed Thumps. First aid administered.

**WINGARD'S MARK** (M. Poon) – laid in severely in the home straight placing **WINGARD'S MARK** at a disadvantage over the concluding stages. Trainer Mr G. Richards advised a warning would be placed on the gelding. Mr Richards reported that he would experiment with the gelding's gear and would look to increase **WINGARD'S MARK** race distances in the future. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**BONSTAR EXPRESS** (J. Potter) – late scratching on veterinary advice at 4.44 pm as the filly was lame in the near foreleg. Trainer advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness is required prior to future trial or race.

**PRINCESS ASTRO** (J. Toeroek) - in the vicinity of the 100 metres became awkwardly placed on the heels of **IRISH MAMBO**, which was carried out by **WINGARD'S MARK**.

**IRISH MAMBO** (R. Hurdle) – when questioned regarding the improved performance of the gelding Trainer Mr W. Bencic advised in his opinion the gelding got its tongue over the bit at its last start at Lock, subsequently he applied a tongue control bit.

**RACE 8: SAMBEC SHEDS BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP - 1400 metres**

**AKBAR MAHAL** (K. Crowther) – laid in when placed under pressure over the concluding stages.

**ALITAKA** (J. Potter) - in the vicinity of the 200 metres laid in becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of **BOLD ZAC**.

**FRAAR MANDY** (D. Caboche) – rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(4)(b) in that he used his whip above shoulder height and was fined \$400. Rider also 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 \$200.

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**POST-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (1)**

Race 7 – **IRISH MAMBO** (winner)

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**ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8)**

Race 1 – **EXPLODE INTO SPACE** (winner)

Race 2 – **DANISH GOLD DIGGER** (winner)

Race 3 – **HOLY JUAN** (winner)

Race 4 – **SUPER RULES** (winner)

Race 5 – **TOUCH** (winner)

Race 6 – **DISCERN** (winner)

Race 7 – **IRISH MAMBO** (winner)

Race 8 – **PRESIDIUM** (winner)

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<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>FINES</b>	Race 8 – D. Caboche (FRAAR MANDY) – Fined \$400 – AR137A(4)(b)[+10] – Whip Offence. Race 8 – D. Caboche (FRAAR MANDY) – Fined \$200 – AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+2] – Whip Offence.
<b>SEVERE REPRIMANDS</b>	Nil
<b>REPRIMANDS</b>	Race 1 – Mr J. Hickmott – AR59A – Failure to produce the TIC for COUNTESS DELTA. Race 2 – J. Bowditch (VINO RISPETTO) – AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+2] – Whip offence.
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	
<b>HORSE ACTIONS</b>	Race 1 – EXIT LEFT – Suspended – Required to race tractably in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future event – Raced intractably. Race 5 – SAGANO - Suspended – Results of ECG to be forwarded to TRSA Vet & Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to performing satisfactorily in Official Barrier Trial – Atrial fibrillation. Race 6 – QUEEN'S PALACE – Suspended – Required to perform to Stewards' satisfaction in Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race – Fractious in barriers. Race 7 – BONSTAR EXPRESS – Not to race – Vet Cert of Fitness is required prior to future trial or race – Lamé near foreleg.
<b>ADJOURNED INQUIRIES</b>	Nil
<b>MEDICAL CLEARANCE</b>	Nil