

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

**Report on Race Meeting held at the Port Augusta Racecourse**  
**by the Port Augusta Racing Club on Sunday, 13 July 2008**

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**Stewards Panel:** M. Santoro (A/Chairman) & N. Castle (HT) (Stewards)  
R. Packard (F), J. Perry (M), J. Shea & R. Press (Deputy Stewards)  
Dr. P. Horridge & Dr. D. Anderson (Veterinary Surgeons)

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**TRACK:** Good 3

**WEATHER:** Fine

**RAIL:** True

**RACE 1 : RADIO 5AU / SABIS TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDIAP - 1200 metres**

On jumping away MISS MONTECITO (S. Rowley) shifted out and away from SWEET CHIN MUSIC (J. Potter) tightening LADY VALIANT (A. Herrmann) onto KOONIBBA ROAD (M. Vassallo), resulting in LADY VALIANT losing its position.

Racing to the 1000 metres LADY VALIANT (A. Herrmann) was forced to race in restricted room for a short distance when racing inside of KOONIBBA ROAD (M. Vassallo), which was inclined to lay in slightly and in the vicinity of the 1000 metres was taken in, making contact with hindquarters of MISS MONTECITO (S. Rowley).

OUR FIREFLY (L. Hopwood) commenced to lay in from the 600 metres and in the vicinity of the 500 metres the saddle on that filly shifted to the near side placing L. Hopwood at a disadvantage for the remainder of the event. OUR FIREFLY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the filly to be shin sore. Ms. J. Gow-Whyte, the Trainer of OUR FIREFLY, advised Stewards the filly would now be spelled.

COUNT DINO (M. Neve) jumped the shadow of the winning post and knuckled on landing.

**RACE 2 : AUGUSTA PROUD / SABIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres**

The start of this event was delayed approximately two minutes owing to QUALO QUALO proving difficult to load. Ms. J. Gow-Whyte, the Trainer of QUALO QUALO, was advised a warning had been placed on the filly in relation to its barrier manners.

QUALO QUALO (L. Hopwood) shifted in abruptly on jumping away tightening SHIMLA (NZ) (M. Neve) onto CENTRED (S. Bailey), resulting in SHIMLA (NZ) being hampered and losing its position.

M. Morita, the rider of OUTA THE DUST, lost the use of his off side iron for a short distance on jumping away.

On jumping away MONVADO (J. Lyon) lost its position when tightened between WILD 'N' STORMY (J. Potter), which shifted out and away from BABYBRO (T. Zanker) and TWENTY MILLION (M. Hoppo), which shifted in slightly.

TWENTY MILLION (M. Hoppo) was inclined to lay out rounding the home turn.

In the vicinity of the 200 metres MAKE IT HAPPEN (T. Baker) shifted in under riding and brushed TWENTY MILLION (M. Hoppo) for a short distance.

RED STORM was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the filly had bled from both nostrils. Mrs. S. Stott, the Trainer of RED STORM, was advised the filly was suspended from racing for a period of three months in accordance with ARR.53A.

**RACE 3 : PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL / JACK FULLERTON HANDICAP - 1200 metres**

RIPPLESON (S. Rowley) shifted out on jumping away and brushed DAMN STRAIGHT (L. Hopwood).

DOUBLE RIPPLE (J. Lyon) jumped away awkwardly.

SARADOO (L. Stojakovic) was slow to begin.

**RACE 4 : DARRY FULLERTON RATING 0-64 HANDICAP - 1850 metres**

On arrival at the start, FOREST WARRIOR contacted the barrier structure. FOREST WARRIOR was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and ruled fit to start.

On jumping away LAY IT ON (J. Lyon) lost its position when tightened between GO HARVEY (S. Rowley), which shifted out, and SCRATCH 'N' TICKLE (M. Neve), which shifted in.

From in the vicinity of the 600 metres until approaching the 400 metres NICOMACHUS (W. Hughes) was held up on the heels of FOREST WARRIOR (M. Vassallo), which had commenced to give ground.

**RACE 5 : ELDERS RATING 0-72 HANDICAP - 1500 metres**

TAASHI RAAZ (J. Lyon) jumped away awkwardly.

VIVONNE BAY (L. Hopwood) shifted out on jumping away and made contact with WHITE BANNER (T. Baker).

CENTURA (D. Robinson) jumped away awkwardly and shifted in, making contact with KING ACT (W. Hughes).

J. Lyon, the rider of TAASHI RAAZ which performed poorly, explained that after jumping awkwardly, the mare was reluctant to stretch out in the early stages and in his opinion resented the kick back from the track. In the vicinity of the 800 metres he eased TAASHI RAAZ to the outside in an attempt to avoid the kick back and in the vicinity of the 500 metres it picked up the bit and commenced to race more truly. He added that it had only run to the line fairly. TAASHI RAAZ was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

**RACE 6 : PA & CI MARTIN RATING 0-61 HANDICAP - 1400 metres**

JAGAR'S BABY (T. Zanker) jumped away extremely awkwardly and shifted out tightening KYEEMA (L. Hopwood) onto FIERY LITTLE DEVIL (J. Lyon).

KELIS (L. Stojakovic) reared on jumping away.

Approaching the 800 metres MARTIAN DUST (W. Hughes), which was racing keenly, had to steady momentarily when FIERY LITTLE DEVIL (J. Lyon) shifted in. J. Lyon was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground.

PRINCE OF ATHLONE (J. Potter) commenced to lay out approaching the 400 metres until the entrance to the straight.

TELEGRAM SAM (M. Neve) laid in under pressure in the straight. TELEGRAM SAM was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

**RACE 7 : XXXX GOLD PORT AUGUSTA CUP - 2250 metres**

Shortly after jumping away STAR OF SURESH (J. Potter) got its head up whilst being restrained.

M. Neve, the rider of VENOMOUS, reported that rounding the turn in the vicinity of the 1400 metres, the gelding changed legs and became awkward in its action for a short distance.

C. Lever, the rider of HE'S A CLASS ACT which performed below expectations, explained he had travelled well in the early stages of the event, however, when the pace of the race increased in the vicinity of the 1200 metres, he was unable to maintain contact with the field despite his riding. He added that HE'S A CLASS ACT had finished the race off poorly. HE'S A CLASS ACT was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a lower than expected heart rate.

**RACE 8 : FREIGHTLINK RATING 0-64 HANDICAP - 1100 metres**

TUNZAFIRE (NZ) (J. Lyon) was fractious in the barriers after being loaded.

SPARKLING RAJA (M. Vassallo) jumped away awkwardly.

On jumping away SERGEANT GARCIA (A. Herrmann) and VIC'SACON (M. Neve) came together and brushed.

VICTORIA LOUISE (P. Crich) jumped away extremely awkwardly and was slow to begin.

In the vicinity of the 300 metres M. Vassallo, the rider of SPARKLING RAJA, accidentally dropped his whip. M. Vassallo was fined \$50 for carelessness under ARR.137(a).

J. Lyon, the rider of TUNZAFIRE (NZ) which performed poorly, explained he had been instructed to settle on pace or lead, however, despite his efforts in the early stages of the event he was unable to obtain this position and found himself positioned worse than mid-field. He added that after obtaining cover he asked the mare for an extra effort in the vicinity of the 600 metres but it failed to respond to his riding and finished the race off poorly. TUNZAFIRE (NZ) was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported minor abrasions to the face and hind limbs with no other visible abnormalities.

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**PRE RACE TESTING:**

Blood Samples were taken from the following horses for the purpose of TCO<sub>2</sub> testing:

- Race 3 DAMN STRAIGHT and RIPPLESON.
- Race 4 NICOMACHUS, INVICTUS and FOREST WARRIOR.
- Race 5 DOUBLE COVER and CENTURA.
- Race 6 MARTIAN DUST, JAIL STRAIT and MR CONTROLLER.
- Race 7 ODYSSEUS, HE'S A CLASS ACT, TORA TORA TORA, STAR OF SURESH, JUST DON'T ASK and MOST HANDSOME.
- Race 8 RAINBOW FORTUNE, GOLD VICE and TUNZAFIRE (NZ).

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**SWABBING:**

- Race 2 - WILD 'N' STORMY (winner)
- Race 6 - LOTTO JAZZ (winner)
- Race 7 - MOST HANDSOME (winner)

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**RIDER CHANGES:**

<b>Race</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>Replaced By</b>	<b>Reason</b>
5	WHITE BANNER	J. Lyon	T. Baker	Doubly engaged – explanation accepted.

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