Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on Monday, 1 January 2024



Stewards Panel: M. Santoro (Chairman), S. Callanan (F) & M. Zarb (HT)

Deputy Stewards: J. Patton, K. Santoro, K. Marnane & M. Arthur.

Veterinary Surgeons: Dr T. Koenig.

TRACK: Soft 5 (Track with a reasonable amount of give in it)

Upgraded to Good 4 at 11.15am (Track with some give in it)

RAIL: True

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
1	AMELIA VALENTINA	J. Maund		Emergency - notified
7	FORAOISE	A. Lai	B. Wong	Indisposed
8	ABAN (NZ)	"	"	"

RACE 1: NORTHPOINT MURRAYLANDS MAIDEN PLATE - 900 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately two minutes.

THE BIG CHUNK (B. Price) - slow to begin.

SUN OF OAKBANK (S. Fawke) - slow to begin.

TOOWANDA (S. Metcalfe) – at the entrance to the straight shifted out and away from CHEVY DU GRAAL contacting AMELIA VALENTINA. Shortly after shifted out abruptly and contacted AMELIA VALENTINA. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

LUNESSA (K. Crowther) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

OK GERRY (D. Gillett) – rider was unable to claim down to her minimum riding weight in this event. D. Gillett was granted permission to claim 1.5kg of her 2kg claim. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR143(14) and fined \$200. Jumped away awkwardly. Inclined to shift about under pressure in the straight.

CHEVY DU GRAAL (J. Holder) - jumped away awkwardly and was slow into stride.

DISCO DUDE (J. Opperman) - hung out throughout the event.

AMELIA VALENTINA (J. Maund) - hung out throughout the event. At the entrance to the straight was hampered when contacted by TOOWANDA on two occasions.

RACE 2: KOOKABURRA HOMES MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 Metres

CRACKEN GOOD TIME (J. Potter) - jumped away awkwardly.

HOLMES (T. Pannell) - jumped away awkwardly. Raced keenly in the middle stages of the event.

MILITARY PRESS (R. Milnes) - inconvenienced on jumping away when contacted by VALKUR. Shortly after was severely hampered and lost its position when VALKUR continued in tightening MILITARY PRESS onto CODY'S SQUID.

SANPAGO (K. Hannan) - held up from the entrance to the straight until near the 300m.

DETORON (C. Munro) - jumped away awkwardly.

MISS VIGNETTE (J. Maund) - raced keenly in the middle stages of the event.

CODY'S SQUID (D. Caboche) - shortly after the start was hampered and lost its position when MILITARY PRESS was taken in. Shifted out abruptly approaching the 200m. Shifted in abruptly approaching the 100m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

LUNASHA (K. Crowther) - rider explained that the filly travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event; however, did not respond to her riding when asked for an effort. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame in the off hind leg (2/5). Trainer, Mr P. Stokes, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

SHIFFANY (A. Lindsay) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

VALKUR (S. Logan) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was deemed suitable to start. Shifted in on jumping away onto MILITARY PRESS. Shortly after had its hindquarters turned out resulting in its shifting in tightening MILITARY PRESS in onto CODY'S SQUID. Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

RACE 3: BEYOND INK MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 Metres

CORDEN (D. Gillett) - in the vicinity of the 1000m was inconvenienced when taken wider by PRETENTIOUS DIVA. Inclined to lay in, in the straight, and in the vicinity of the 150m rider accidentally dropped her off side rein.

LUDO (NZ) (B. Price) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

URRIPIE (A. Lindsay) - laid out rounding the home turn.

JAMBA (Z. Lloyd) - contacted on jumping away.

ONE SKY ABOVE US (S. Fawke) - when questioned into the apparent improved performance of the mare in today's event trainer, Mr G. Lynch, advised that ONE SKY ABOVE US had continued to work well between runs and felt that it had raced greenly at its first start, and for this reason he had elected to use a senior rider today, and also was of the opinion that the addition of the tongue-tie was of major benefit, and the step up in distance to 1400m better suited the mare.

PRETENTIOUS DIVA (J. Holder) - in the vicinity of the 1000m was inconvenienced when taken wider by FLYING YANK (NZ), which shifted out abruptly.

ESTEFAN (R. Milnes) - shifted out on jumping away and bumped JAMBA. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

FLYING YANK (NZ) (H. Yuen) - raced fiercely in the early and middle stages of the event and in the vicinity of the 1000m improved onto the heels of URRIPIE and in being restrained shifted out abruptly of its own accord onto PRETENTIOUS DIVA. Inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

RACE 4: SPRY CIVIL CONSTRUCTION MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 Metres

OH SHOW (Z. Lloyd) - laid out under pressure in the straight and approaching the 200m shifted out onto MISS RUBICK.

FLYING ASSASSIN (S. Fawke) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

HARRY DIGGER (S. Metcalfe) - acting on confirmed advice from trainer, Ms K. Evans, that the gelding had turned its off hind shoe in its day yard and was now lame in that leg and would be unsuitable to start, Stewards declared HARRY DIGGER a late scratching at 9.50am.

KNIGHT DANCER (R. Milnes) - contacted on jumping away. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

MOON TREATY (T. Pannell) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

OVERSTATED (J. Holder) - fractious in its barrier after being loaded, broke through the front of the stalls and galloped riderless for some distance prior to being recaptured. Stewards declared OVERSTATED a late scratching at 2.43pm on Veterinary advice. Trainer, Mr J. O'Connor, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to the gelding proving tractable in the barriers in an Approval to Race Jump-out or Official Barrier Trial.

RAW GRUNT (K. Hannan) - raced greenly in the straight.

I'M PAMPERED (A. Livesey) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

AM I THE DRAMA (S. Logan) - laid in under pressure in the straight and approaching the 200m shifted in onto MISS RUBICK. Rider reprimanded under AR131(a) and advised in future she would be required to make an effort to straighten her mounts sooner than she had on this occasion.

MISS RUBICK (J. Maund) - laid in, in the straight. Near the 200m was rider was forced to check and lose his position when tightened between OH SHOW, which shifted out, and AM I THE DRAMA, which shifted in abruptly.

RIKKI RIKKARDO (B. Price) - shifted in on jumping away and bumped KNIGHT DANCER. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

SWISS WISH (A. Lindsay) - slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages of the event.

RACE 5: CARLTON DRAUGHT CLASS ONE PLATE - 2000 Metres

BACK ME UP BENNY (T. Voorham) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

CAMBERWOOD (A. Lindsay) - hung out rounding the home turn and under pressure in the straight. Trainer, Mr J. Macmillan, was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its racing manner. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ANOTHER HERO (Z. Lloyd) - inconvenienced when contacted on jumping away. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event and wide without cover throughout.

EIGHT ON THE DOT (NZ) (T. Pannell) - slow to begin.

KEMI (H. Yuen) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted out contacting ANOTHER HERO. Inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

RACE 6: FRED VELLA TYRE AND CRASH REPAIR CLASS TWO HANDICAP - 1600 Metres

CORK HARBOUR (B. Price) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Trainer, Mr D. Saxon, advised the Steward that on return to scale the gelding had its tongue back and may have choked down during the event.

REALITY CHECK (J. Potter) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

RACE 7: THOMAS FARMS RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1800 Metres

LEBANESE TRADER (B. Price) - slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MICKLEWHITE (J. Holder) - rider reported that the gelding travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event; however, when presented at the top of the straight failed to respond to his riding and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

PERSIAN EMPIRE (NZ) (S. Fawke) - rider was reminded of his obligations under AR132(6)(b) in regards to using his whip in an action that raises his arm above shoulder height.

QUIETLY SPOKEN (NZ) (H. Yuen) - slow to begin.

BENZ BARON (A. Livesey) - jumped away awkwardly.

CHOSEN MISS (C. Munro) - laid out rounding the home turn.

RACE 8: DUTTONS EASY TO DO BUSINESS WITH!! RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

LITTLE RICH BOY (J. Holder) - rider explained that the gelding travelled well in the early and middle stages; however, when placed under pressure at the entrance to the straight failed to respond to his riding and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the off foreleg (2/5). Trainer, Mr G. Young, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

AMANI FARASI (R. Milnes) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

DASH IT (C. Tootell) - rider reported that the mare was inclined to lay in, in the early and middle stages of the event.

VERZENAY (C. Munro) - lost its position on jumping away when tightened onto REMARKABLES by SUNNY GREEN, which shifted in. Shortly after shifted back out onto SUNNY GREEN.

LORD GEORGE (K. Hannan) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted in.

REMARKABLES (S. Metcalfe) – inconvenienced when contacted by VERZENAY on jumping away. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

LADY TUCAN (J. Maund) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

JIVE BABY (J. Potter) - near the 200m improved onto the heels of AMANI FARASI and was obliged to be steadied and alter course to obtain clear ground.

FIAMETTE (A. Livesey) - slow to begin.

SUNNY GREEN (S. Fawke) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted out contacting VERZENAY. Shortly after was hampered and lost its position when that mare shifted back out.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8):

Race 1 - THE STING (winner)

Race 2 - CHELSEA CUBE (winner)

Race 3 - ONE SKY ABOVE US (winner)

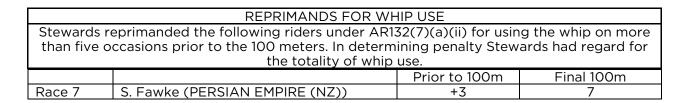
Race 4 - SIR REGINALD (winner)

Race 5 - BACK ME UP BENNY (winner)

Race 6 - SECOND TO NUN (winner)

Race 7 - MR COYNE (winner)

Race 8 - IN THE DARKNESS (NZ) (winner)



SUMMARY			
FINES	Race 1 - D. Gillett (OK GERRY) - Fined \$200 - AR143(14) - Unable to claim down to her minimum riding weight.		
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil		
REPRIMANDS	Race 4 - S. Logan (AM I THE DRAMA) - AR131(a) - Careless riding.		
SUSPENSIONS	Nil		
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 2 - LUNASHA - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lame off hind leg (2/5). Race 4 - OVERSTATED - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Late scratching. Race 4 - OVERSTATED - Suspended - Must prove tractable in either an Official Barrier Trial or Approval to Race Jump-out prior to a future race start - Fractious in the barriers. Race 5 - CAMBERWOOD - Warned - Hung out. Race 8 - LITTLE RICH BOY - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lame off foreleg (2/5).		
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil		
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil		

