Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on Saturday, 27 February 2021



<u>Stewards:</u> J. Petzer (Chairman), G. Rudolph (HT) & C. Deakin (MT) (Stewards), E. Scott (F) (Cadet Steward), D. Jonas, A. Deakin, K. Rayson, L. Martin & J. Hittmann (Deputy Stewards), Dr P. Horridge, Dr B. Agnew & A. Vermeulen (Veterinary Surgeons).

TRACK: Good 4 (Track with some give in it)

RAIL: Out 3 metres 1600 metres to 900 metres, including 1800 metre chute, true remainder.

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race Horse Rider Replaced By

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RACE 1: BESTON PURE FOODS MAIDEN PLATE - 1000 Metres

FRIENDLY GHOST (D. Tootell (Snr)) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

THROWAPARTY (S. Metcalfe) - in the vicinity of the 200 metres rolled in slightly and as a consequence hampered KUNGKA MARU, which attempted to improve to its inside.

KUNGKA MARU (D. Tourneur) - near the 800 metres was brushed by SAINT OLGA which shifted out abruptly. Approaching the 200 metres, when racing behind STASIA (NZ), shifted in to improve its position and shifted to the inside of THROWAPARTY and attempted a run between that horse and the inside running rail; however, became disappointed for clear running as that horse rolled in slightly. As a consequence KUNGKA MARU shifted to the outside of THROWAPARTY and improved between that horse and STASIA (NZ) near the 100 metres. Thereafter, over the concluding stages was obliged to race in restricted room and was slightly hampered by STASIA (NZ), which rolled in slightly. When questioned rider explained that his instructions were to balance up and to attempt to obtain cover. He stated that the filly travelled well early; however, was off the bridle from inside the 800 metres, and as a consequence he had to continue to encourage his mount to keep its momentum, and, after making gradual ground, and after entering the straight he considered his options and was of the view that sufficient room presented to the inside of THROWAPARTY between that horse and the inside running rail, and as a consequence inside the 250 metres shifted in, in an attempt to obtain that run; however, was disappointed when that horse rolled in marginally and as a further consequence was obliged to shift to the outside of that horse to improve his position between THROWAPARTY and STASIA (NZ). When questioned regarding him exercising an option to improve between THROWAPARTY and STASIA (NZ) rather than switch to the inside of THROWAPARTY approaching the 200 metres D. Tourneur stated that he had formed a view early, that the best run available would be to the inside of THROWPARTY, and for that reason he did not consider exercising an option to improve his mount between THROWAPARTY and STASIA (NZ). Stewards advised D. Tourneur that whilst his explanation was noted, they were of the view that he ought to have considered attempting to improve between THROWAPARTY and STASIA (NZ), and advised him, in future, to ride his mounts in a manner which did not invite the question of Stewards.



RACE 1: BESTON PURE FOODS MAIDEN PLATE - 1000 Metres (cont'd)

SAINT OLGA (S. Fawke) – awkward and slow to begin. Shortly after the start commenced to race very keenly and near the 800 metres raced in restricted room between STASIA (NZ) and KUNGKA MARU for several strides, and inside the 800 metres shifted out abruptly onto KUNGKA MARU, brushed with that horse and then became very awkward between KUNGKA MARU and DIVENIRE for a number of strides and as a consequence was obliged to be checked when awkward outside the heels of DIVENIRE.

STASIA (NZ) (J. Eaton) – rider explained that she had no firm instructions; however, advised that the filly's manners at the start, at its previous race start, accounted for its settling position, and in its most recent trial it raced in a more forward position. She stated that the horse began well, and as a consequence she elected to allow it to roll forward; however, it then commenced to race keenly and was not racing in a tractable manner. She further stated that she would have preferred to have positioned just off the pace, but was unable to do so.

TURFITT (M. Aitken) – as no other rider was available on course at or nearer the weight allotted to this filly, M. Aitken was permitted to ride the filly 1.0 kg over its declared weight. Rider pleaded guilty of a charge under AR190(3) for being overweight and was fined \$400.

YULONG HERO (NZ) (T. Pannell) - late scratching at 8.44 am by order of Stewards acting on veterinary advice that the gelding had an elevated temperature. Trainer, Mr W. Clarken was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to this horse's next trial or race start.

RACE 2: WICKS ESTATE WINES HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

ULTIMATE VICTORY (D. Tourneur) - from inside the 800 metres commenced to race keenly and became awkward on the heels of BIARCHI, when racing to the inside of CROWN MINT, and was unable to settle for some distance thereafter until approaching the entrance to the straight.

BIARCHI (K. Crowther) - shortly after the entrance to the straight became very awkward on the heels of BAIANDBAI as that horse commenced to give ground, and as a consequence was obliged to shift to the outside of that horse to obtain clear running.

POINT BLAZE (J. Eaton) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

BAIANDBAI (J. Maund) – trainer, Mr J. Croucher, advised Stewards prior to the event of a change of tactics, that being that he would instruct his rider to attempt to ride the gelding in a more forward position in today's event. Settled – led. Commenced to give ground shortly after the entrance to the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed that the gelding had bled from both nostrils. Trainer, Mr J. Croucher, was advised that as this was the gelding's first bi-lateral bleed BAIANDBAI would now be suspended from racing for a period of three months in accordance with AR79(4) and would be required to gallop 1000 metres in the presence of a Steward prior to accepting for a future trial or race.

RACE 3: SPRY CIVIL CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

TEQUILA TIME (J. Holder) - presented and inadvertently raced without blinkers which was its declared gear. Co-trainer, Mr L. Macdonald, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR206(1) for failing to present the horse in blinkers as was required and was fined \$200.

SECOND SLIP (NZ) (T. Pannell) - near the 1100 metres shifted in onto OH MO taking that horse in onto EUROGEM.

OH MO (D. Tourneur) - near the 1100 metres was taken in marginally by SECOND SLIP and shifted in onto EUROGEM.

TURF MAN (A. Jordsjo) - near the 1100 metres was obliged to race in restricted room for several strides between EUROGEM, which was taken in slightly, and ALSVIOR.

EUROGEM (S. Metcalfe) - near the 1100 metres was taken in slightly by OH MO as that horse was taken in marginally by SECOND SLIP (NZ), which shifted in, and as a consequence crowded the running room of TURF MAN for several strides.

RACE 4: ADELAIDE EVENT CATERING HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

OUTLAWS REVENGE (J. Opperman) - awkward and slow to begin. Near the 1000 metres was taken out by BRIBERY, which shifted out slightly, and as a consequence shifted out onto BOTTOM LINE, hampering that horse.

GREAT DIVINER (T. Pannell) - near the entrance to the straight shifted out to improve and brushed with ICHIBANSAN, taking that horse a little wider on the track. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

BOTTOM LINE (J. Toeroek) – near the 1000 metres was obliged to be steadied when tightened by OUTLAWS REVENGE, which shifted out and away from BRIBERY, which shifted out slightly. As a consequence BOTTOM LINE was unable to maintain its position when racing in restricted room between OUTLAWS REVENGE and SCOTCH ON THE ROCK.

BRIBERY (B. Vorster) - raced very keenly in the early stages of the event. Near the 1000 metres shifted out slightly taking OUTLAWS REVENGE onto BOTTOM LINE. Laid in, in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be exhibiting signs of mild heat stress with a poor post-race recovery. First aid was administered.

SCOTCH ON THE ROCK (R. Hurdle) - lost its off fore plate during the event.

ICHIBANSAN (C. Jones) – near the entrance to the straight was brushed and taken a little wider by GREAT DIVINER, which shifted out to improve. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that she used her whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded [+2]. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by C. Jones and noted that she used it on three occasions over the final 100 metres of the event.

RACE 5: TOTAL WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

LIVE AND FREE (NZ) (K. Crowther) - Stewards granted permission for the gelding to race equipped with blinkers on 25 February 2021, following a submission from Mr T. Stokes, representing Mr P. Stokes. Mr P. Stokes was fined \$200 for a late declaration of gear under AR206(3).

SKY PUNCH (NZ) (J. Eaton) - near the 1000 metres shifted in whilst being restrained, slackened the pace and crossed the running of EXALTED TRAVELLER, when insufficiently clear, resulting in EXALTED TRAVELLER having to be checked to avoid the heels of SKY PUNCH (NZ). Rider pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence midnight Monday, 8 March 2021 and to conclude midnight Sunday, 14 March 2021, a period of three meetings. Rider lost her whip near the 100 metres.

BALF'S CHOICE (J. Opperman) - shifted in just prior to the winning post and contacted GIGGLON, which was taken in onto SKILLED BUNCH, which was momentarily hampered.

GIGGLON (C. Lions) - contacted just prior to the winning post and as a consequence shifted in onto SKILLED BUNCH.

RENEGADE (B. Vorster) - near the 1100 metres shifted in across the running of EXALTED TRAVELLER, which was hampered. Rider was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground and to ensure that he is sufficiently clear at all times.

EXALTED TRAVELLER (D. Caboche) – lost its tongue tie en route to the barriers and required a new tongue tie fitted on arrival at the barriers. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Near the 1100 metres, when crossed by RENEGADE, was momentarily hampered. Near the 1000 metres was obliged to be checked when awkward on the heels of SKY PUNCH (NZ), which shifted into its running line.

JACKTHEGIANTSLAYER (S. So) - which had not raced since February 2020, underwent a prerace veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Dislodged its rider en route to the barriers. After cantering a short distance was captured by the Clerk of the Course and proceeded to the barriers. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. S. So was examined by the First Care Medical personnel and passed fit to fulfil her remaining engagements.

RACE 5: TOTAL WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS HANDICAP - 1400 Metres (cont'd)

SKILLED BUNCH (K. Zechner) - near the winning post became awkwardly placed on the heels of JESTER HALO, which shifted out slightly after being taken in by GIGGLON, which was taken in by BALF'S CHOICE, which shifted in.

RACE 6: MAGIC MILLIONS SA 2YO CLASSIC - 1200 Metres

MANHATTEN TIMES (J. Holder) - tightened shortly after the start by STAR OF CHAOS, which shifted out shortly after jumping away.

BUFFET BUSTER (D. Tourneur) - shifted in on jumping away tightening BISCAYNE BAY.

HANABI (K. Crowther) - Stewards granted permission for the filly to race equipped with blinkers on 25 February 2021 following a submission from Mr T. Stokes, representing Mr P. Stokes. Mr P. Stokes was fined \$200 for a late declaration of gear under AR206(3). A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

METZARRO (T. Pannell) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

BISCAYNE BAY (P. Gatt) - tightened shortly after the start by BUFFET BUSTER, which shifted in on jumping away.

STAR OF CHAOS (B. Vorster) - shifted out shortly after the start and tightened MANHATTEN TIMES.

RACE 7: THE IAN MARWOOD RACE - 1200 Metres

COTILLION (J. Opperman) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

HE'S A BALTER (D. Tourneur) - held up from shortly after the entrance to the straight for a short distance and then had difficulty obtaining clear running until inside the 200 metres before being able to improve its position near the 100 metres.

MISS ARTIER (R. Hurdle) - trainer, Ms E. Hubbard, advised Stewards prior to the event of a change of tactics that being that she would instruct her rider to attempt to settle forward of midfield with cover in today's event. Settled midfield with cover. Held up for clear running from the near the entrance to the straight until near the 200 metres.

MORTY (K. Crowther) - had difficulty obtaining clear running from the entrance to the straight until near the 300 metres when racing inside OUR SUSTAR and behind DAWN SALUTE, and was inconvenienced when awkward on the heels of DAWN SALUTE before shifting to that horse's outside to gain clear running near the 300 metres.

WOULDA THOUGHT SO (A. Jordsjo) – began awkwardly. Had difficulty obtaining clear running from near the 300 metres, and approaching the 200 metres was obliged to be steadied when in restricted room between DAWN SALUTE, which rolled in when commencing to give ground, and CALL ME DEXTER, and was held up for several strides.

TAPPIN' THOMAS (J. Toeroek) - held up for clear running from near the entrance to the straight until near the 200 metres.

RACE 8: RIVERSCAPE FOOD & WINE HANDICAP - 2500 Metres

TIBETAN (NZ) (T. Pannell) – rider explained that the gelding was below par in its performance and was very disappointing over the concluding stages of the event in particular. He stated that he was able to obtain the position intended in running and had an easy run in transit. He added that the gelding travelled well until approaching the home turn; however, failed to respond to his riding as soon as he pressured the horse to improve. He added that he did not feel that TIBETAN (NZ) was sound in its action. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

FAIRLIGHT (IRE) (K. Zechner) - slow to begin.

RACE 8: RIVERSCAPE FOOD & WINE HANDICAP - 2500 Metres (cont'd)

OURKHANI (J. Toeroek) - Stewards permitted J. Toeroek to ride the gelding 0.5 kg over its declared weight of 54.0 kg. Rider dropped his whip inside the 100 metres.

THE RED SEA (S. So) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

FLOW METER (S. Fawke) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

AZZUREOUS (S. Metcalfe) - rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that she used her whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded [+3]. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by S. Metcalfe and noted that she used it on six occasions over the final 100 metres of the event.

SOSTENIDO (NZ) (A. Jordsjo) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the horse to be lame in the off foreleg. Trainer, Mr S. Schrader, was advised that in view of the veterinary diagnoses and the gelding's most recent frequency of race starts, it is now suspended from starting in a race for a period to expire at midnight Friday 12 March 2021. Mr Schrader was also advised, following the period of suspension and prior to the gelding starting in a race, a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness was required.

SPYING ON YOU (NZ) (E. Boyd) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

RACE 9: RACING REWARDS SA HANDICAP - 1800 Metres

DYAGILEV (J. Maund) - near the 200 metres had its hindquarters contacted and turned by GOOD GIRL BELLA, which was hampered when attempting the same run as STEALTHY LUCAS.

BLACK SYRAH (C. Jones) - contacted at the start.

STEALTHY LUCAS (D. Caboche) - near the 200 metres improved to the outside of IT'S MAGIC, which commenced to give ground, at the same time as GOOD GIRL BELLA improved to the outside of DYAGILEV into the same run, resulting in STEALTHY LUCAS being inconvenienced and making contact with GOOD GIRL BELLA, which was taken out contacting the hindquarters of DYAGILEV.

CUBAN TOONITE (P. Gatt) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

GOOD GIRL BELLA (J. Holder) - approaching the entrance to the straight became awkwardly placed on the heels of CUBAN TOONITE for several strides and was obliged to shift in, momentarily tightening WORSFOLD. Thereafter became held up for clear running from near the 300 metres until near the 200 metres when, after attempting the same run as STEALTHY LUCAS was inconvenienced when contacted by STEALTHY LUCAS, shifted out and contacted the hindquarters of DYAGILEV. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

IT'S MAGIC (S. Fawke) - commenced to give ground from near the 200 metres.

PUISSANCE DUSOLEIL (D. Tourneur) - rider dropped his whip near the 200 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

GETOUTTHEWAY (E. Boyd) - awkward to begin, shifted out and tightened WORSFOLD onto BLACK SYRAH.

WORSFOLD (J. Eaton) - hampered at the start. Momentarily tightened approaching the entrance to the straight. Held up for clear running from the entrance to the straight until near the 300 metres.

BEACH GOD - late scratching at 7.45 am by order of Stewards following advice from trainer, Mr B. Cozamanis that he had communication difficulty in notifying Trainer's Service Centre of the scratching by the required time.

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (25):

Blood samples were taken from the following horses for, but not limited to, TCO2 purposes:

- Race 2 STRUCK BY, POINT BLAZE.
- Race 6 MANHATTEN TIMES, BUFFET BUSTER, OUR DOUBLE CHOICE, SCORCHED EARTH, HANABI, PRINCESS RAFFLES, METZARRO, BISCAYNE BAY, LADY OF HONOUR, SHE JUGGLES. STAR OF CHAOS.
- Race 7 HE'S A BALTER, ELOPE TO VEGAS,
- Race 8 GRINZINGER STAR (NZ), RIDGEWOOD DRIVE, THE RED SEA, FLOW METER, LOLLIELUCAS, SOSTENIDO (NZ).
- Race 9 BUENA VELOZ, BLACK SYRAH, WORSFOLD, AMERIWIN.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (10):

- Race 1 DIVENIRE (winner)
- Race 2 STRUCK BY (winner)
- Race 3 SECOND SLIP (NZ) (winner)
- Race 4 OUTLAWS REVENGE (winner)
- Race 5 RENEGADE (winner)
- Race 6 SCORCHED EARTH (winner)
- Race 6 LADY OF HONOUR (second)
- Race 7 JUSTICA (winner)
- Race 8 AZZUREOUS (winner)
- Race 9 KYSHAKA (winner)

POST-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (1):

Race 8 - AZZUREOUS (winner)

SUMMARY **FINES** Race 1 - M. Aitken (TURFITT) - Fined \$400 - AR190(3) - Overweight. Race 3 - Mr L. Macdonald - Fined \$200 - AR206(1) - Failed to present and race TEQUILA TIME in blinkers as required. Race 5 - Mr P. Stokes - Fined \$200 - AR206(3) - Late gear application for (LIVE AND FREE (NZ)). Race 6 - Mr P. Stokes - Fined \$200 - AR206(3) - Late gear application for (HANABI). **SEVERE** Nil REPRIMANDS Race 4 - C. Jones (ICHIBANSAN) - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - Whip offence **REPRIMANDS** Race 8 - S. Metcalfe (AZZUREOUS) - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - Whip offence **SUSPENSIONS** Race 5 - J. Eaton (SKY PUNCH (NZ)) - AR131(a) - Carless riding -From midnight 08/03/21 to midnight 14/03/21 - 3 meetings. HORSE ACTIONS Race 2 - BAIANDBAI - Suspended 3 months - Required to gallop 1000 metres in the presence of a Steward prior to a future trial or race - Bi-lateral bleed (1st occurrence). Race 8 - SOSTENIDO (NZ) - Not to race - Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to a future trial or race start - Lame off foreleg. Race 8 - SOSTENIDO (NZ) - Suspended - until midnight 12 March 2021 - race start frequency and veterinary diagnoses. ADJOURNED Nil **INQUIRIES** MEDICAL Nil **CLEARANCE**

