

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

**Report on Race Meeting held at Balaklava Racecourse**  
**by the Balaklava Racing Club on Wednesday, 13 December 2017**

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**Stewards:** J. Adams (A/Chairman), & C. Deakin (M) (Stewards) M. Williams (HT), M. Adams (F) & K. Lemay-Robbins (Cadet Stewards), N. Hawkins (Deputy Steward), Dr P. Horridge & Dr R. Haensel (Veterinary Surgeons)

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**TRACK:** Good 4 (*Upgraded to Good 3 at 11.00 am*)

**WEATHER:** Hot.

**RAIL:** Out 5 metres 800 metres to 400 metres, out 3 metres remainder

**RIDER CHANGES:**

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
3	ARTFUL DREAMER	D. Caboche	P. Gatt	Not riding at meeting.
6	JAWS OF LIFE	"	S. Fawke	"
7	CONTAINMENT	"	P. Gatt	"
8	SHARK MIRAGE	"	J. Bowditch	"

**RACE 1: PLAINS PRODUCER / SABOIS THREE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE - 1416 metres**

The start of this event was delayed approximately two minutes owing to remedial work to outside running rail

**FUTAGO** (J. Holder) – jumped away awkwardly, shifted out abruptly and made heavy contact with TIVANE, which was taken out onto POPPY DARLING. Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the event.

**WANTED HARMONY** (C. Lindop) – rider reported that her mount laid out in the early stages of the event.

**POPPY DARLING** (K. Stra) – hampered on jumping away. Raced greenly throughout the event. Laid in when placed under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a minor laceration over the right eye. First aid applied.

**TIYANE** (P. Gatt) – hampered on jumping away.

**RACE 2: AGFERT / SABOIS FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1216 metres**

**MASIPAG** (P. Gatt) – when questioned regarding the performance of the mare P. Gatt stated that MASIPAG travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event; however, once he placed the mare under pressure in the vicinity of the 400 metres MASIPAG failed to respond to his riding and in his opinion felt short in its action. He added that in his opinion the mare may not have appreciated the firm racing surface. Trainer, Mr R. Balfour, stated that the mare had pleased in its work leading into today's race but agreed with P. Gatt that in his opinion the mare failed to handle the firm track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the off foreleg. Trainer was advised that a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness was required prior to a future trial or race.

**FRITZ 'N' SAUCE** (S. Fawke) – began awkwardly.

**LADY LA MANCHA** (J. Bowditch) – over-raced in the early and middle stages of the event.

**MANHATTAN DESIRE** (C. Lindop) – laid in, in the early part of the straight.

**RACE 3: TERMINUS HOTEL BALAKLAVA FOUR-YEAR-OLD & OVER MAIDEN PLATE**  
**- 1058 metres**

**DATURA** (S. Price) – slow to begin. Rider reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres. Rider reminded of his obligations to ride his mount out to the finish. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding S. Price stated that after being slow to begin DATURA travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event and was able to find a position behind the eventual winner GOOD LUCK CHUCK, but on entering the straight DATURA failed to respond to his riding. He added that in his opinion DATURA would be better suited over further distance. When questioned trainer, Mr R. Balfour, stated that he agreed with S. Price and is of the belief that DATURA would be suited over further distance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**VOD** (T. Pannell) – over-raced in the early and middle stages of the event. Momentarily held up for clear running on entering the straight.

**RACE 4: TAYLORS WINES CLASS TWO HANDICAP - 1616 metres**

**COBBER** (S. Price) – when questioned regarding the performance of the gelding S. Price stated that COBBER travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event, but when placed under pressure on entering the straight, failed to respond to his riding and felt very much one-paced. Trainer, Mr R. Balfour, stated that the gelding had pleased in its work leading into today's race but he was disappointed with the performance of the gelding and it was his intention to report to the Stewards how the gelding pulled up in the coming days. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**JAGARNA** (P. Gatt) – when questioned regarding the performance of the gelding P. Gatt stated that he was instructed to be positive on the gelding but after jumping well JAGARNA hung in, in the early stages of the event. He added that passing the 800 metres he was mindful of the lead of the eventually winner, BALLAST, but was of the opinion that he did not want to place his mount under pressure so far out. He further stated that when entering the straight his mount continued to hang in, which placed him at a disadvantage over the concluding stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**BLONDE VOYAGE** (A. Lindsay) – slow to begin. Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

**RACE 5: GAWLER SOUTH BAKERY / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1416 metres**

**ALMADRAM** (S. Price) – laid out under pressure over the concluding stages.

**BOWNESS BOY** (E. Finnegan) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination as it had not raced in over twelve months and was passed fit to start.

**CONSTRUCTOR** (S. Fawke) – inconvenienced in the vicinity of the 600 metres whilst racing in restricted room between QUICKER THAN SLICK and HE'S GOT SKILLS, which rolled in momentarily. Rider became awkward in his saddle in the vicinity of the 50 metres.

**RACE 6: COOPERS BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP – 2228 metres**

**TRENDSETTER (NZ)** (T. Pannell) – 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.

**DISCERN** (E. Finnegan) – laid out under pressure in the straight.

**JAWS OF LIFE** (S. Fawke) – 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 fined \$300.

**RACE 7: ATLAS EVENT & PARTY HIRE BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP - 1416 metres**

**SUPREME POLARITY** (B. Paterson) – when questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider stated the mount travelled well in the early and middle stages but on entering the straight, failed to respond to his riding and was disappointing in its finishing efforts. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**YOU DID WHAT** (J. Bowditch) – in the vicinity of the 100 metres clipped the heels of GRAND ARMADA blundered, dislodging J. Bowditch from the saddle for a stride and was unable to test his mount out over the concluding stages.

**GRAND ARMADA** (A. Jordsjo) – in the vicinity of the 100 metres had to be checked to avoid the heels of NIGHT BREEZE, which was taken in by FREE THE WIND, which was taken in by CONTAINMNET, which shifted in when insufficiently clear.

**SEEK TO DESTROY** (D. Tourneur) - slow to begin.

**CONTAINMENT** (P. Gatt) – laid in when placed under pressure in the straight. In the vicinity of the 50 metres rolled in when insufficiently clear of FREE THE WIND. Rider was reprimanded. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(4)(b) in that he used his whip in an action that raised his arm above shoulder height and was fined \$200.

**FREE THE WIND** (J. Holder) – crowded in the vicinity of the 50 metres by CONTAINMENT, which shifted in when insufficiently clear and as a result FREE THE WIND was unable to fully tested over the concluding stages.

Correct weight for this event was delayed to allow J. Holder (FREE THE WIND) placed second and Trainer, Mr B. Bogarts, to view the official vision. After doing so J. Holder lodged an objection against CONTAINMENT (P. Gatt) being declared the winner alleging interference from the 150 metres until the finish. After considering the evidence, on viewing the official footage and acting on their own observations, Stewards *upheld* the protest.

The placings were amended to read:

First	No 9	FREE THE WIND (J. Holder)
Second	No 6	CONTAINMENT (P. Gatt)
Third	No 10	NIGHT BREEZE (S. Fawke)
Fourth	No 8	ALBERDINI (C. Lindop)

**RACE 8: SHARMANS BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1216 metres**

**TRUENO** (A. Lindsay) – over-raced in the early and middles stages of the event.

**JACKPOT JOHNNY** (K. Crowther) – over-raced in the early and middles stages of the event.

**SOU SOUNI PRINCESS** (K. Stra) – rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(i) in that she used her whip in a forehand manner in consecutive strides prior to the 100 metres and reprimanded. Rider also pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using her whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was fined \$500.

**ABUNDANCE OF HEART** (D. Tootell) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

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**ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (11)**

Race 1 – TIYANE (winner)	Race 4 – COBBER (beaten fav.)
Race 2 – MANHATTAN DESIRE (winner)	Race 5 – HE'S GOT SKILLS (winner)
Race 2 – MASIPAG (beaten fav.)	Race 6 – TRENDSETTER (NZ) (winner)
Race 3 – GOOD LUCK CHUCK (winner)	Race 7 – CONTAINMENT (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Race 3 – DATURA (beaten fav.)	Race 8 – TRUENO (winner)
Race 4 – BALLAST (winner)	

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<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>FINES</b>	<p>Race 6 – S. Fawke (JAWS OF LIFE) – Fined \$300 – AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+4] – Whip offence.</p> <p>Race 7 – P. Gatt (CONTAINMENT) – Fined \$200 - AR137A(4)(b) [+4] – Whip offence.</p> <p>Race 8 – K. Stra (SOU SOUNI PRINCESS) – Fined \$500 - AR137A(5)(a)(ii) [+8] – Whip offence.</p>
<b>SEVERE REPRIMANDS</b>	Nil
<b>REPRIMANDS</b>	<p>Race 3 – S. Price (DATURA) – AR137A(5)(a)(ii) [+2] – Whip offence.</p> <p>Race 6 – T. Pannell (TRENDSETTER (NZ)) – AR137A(5)(a)(ii) [+2] – Whip offence.</p> <p>Race 7 – P. Gatt (CONTAINMENT) – AR137(a) – Careless riding.</p> <p>Race 8 – K. Stra (SOU SOUNI PRINCESS) – AR137A(5)(a)(i) [+2] – Whip offence.</p>
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	Nil
<b>HORSE ACTIONS</b>	Race 2 – MASIPAG – Not to race – Vet Cert of Fitness required prior to a future trial or race – Lameness off foreleg.
<b>ADJOURNED INQUIRIES</b>	Nil
<b>MEDICAL CLEARANCE</b>	Nil