

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Gawler Racecourse
by the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club on Friday, 23
October 2026



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Stewards Panel: P. Ryan (A/Chairman), M. Santoro (MT), C. Deakin (HT) & R. Kenny (F).
Deputy Stewards: K. Santoro, M. Martin, P. Williams & J. Yu.
Veterinary Surgeons: Dr S. McColgan & Dr B. Agnew.

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

RAIL: True.

WEATHER: Overcast.

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
2	CANDY IN MIAMI	H. Grace		Emergency notified
6	EMPIRESTATEOFMIND	B. Price	K. Crowther	Indisposed
6	SAZERAC	M. Collett		"
7	SNOW PATROL (NZ)	B. Price	J. Doyle	Indisposed
8	RAMASIS	"	W. Price	"
8	SUMMERTIME MADNESS	C. Murtagh		"

APPROVED WEIGHT CHANGE:

Race	Horse	Rider	Change	New Weight
7	SCANDALIZE (NZ)	C. Murtagh	+1kg	55kg

RACE 1: IRONGATE AUSTRALIA THREE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE - 1100 Metres

BREWSTER BUCK (J. Booth) - slow to begin. Near the 400m when improving was steadied when awkwardly placed near the heels of VANDAROSS. Held up for clear for clear running from passing the 400m until approaching the 300m. Approaching the winning post was eased when awkwardly placed near the heels of FARNACE.

DOUGLAS HEAD (NZ) (F. Atkinson) - slow to begin. Rider reported that the gelding raced greenly for majority of the race.

CROSSWIRED (T. Voorham) - on arrival at the barriers underwent a pre-race veterinary examination which revealed the filly to be lame in the near fore and near hind legs and therefore unsuitable to start. Acting on this advice Stewards declared CROSSWIRED a late scratching at 1:38pm. Co-trainers, Ms K. McNulty & Mr C. Binnie, were advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

CYBICKS (J. Murphy) - rider reported that the filly raced greenly in the early and middle stages of the event and when placed under pressure in the straight did not respond to his riding and commenced to give ground, for this reason he did not ride CYBICKS out in his normal manner. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.



RACE 1: IRONGATE AUSTRALIA THREE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE - 1100 Metres (cont'd)

FARNACE (R. Hammond) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Laid out rounding the home turn.

ZOURADO (T. Johnstone) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

SILVERLEAVES (P. Brewster) - rider reported that the filly raced greenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

RACE 2: MATRIX SOLAR SOLUTIONS MAIDEN PLATE - 1100 Metres

ARTFUL MAXIMUS (C. Murtagh) - raced ungenerously for majority of the event. Near the 700m, when racing ungenerously, shifted out abruptly and hampered COLD COPY. Laid in under pressure in the straight. Near the 200m whilst laying in, shifted in and hampered LITTLE ROCKET. Trainer, Ms S. Rutten, was advised a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its racing manners.

AUSSIE PRIDE (A. Lindsay) - over raced in the early and middle stages of the event. Held up and unable to improve from near the 400m until approaching the 300m.

COLD COPY (T. Pannell) - approaching the 600m when racing greenly was eased when awkwardly placed near the heels of ARTFUL MAXIMUS which had shifted out, shifted out abruptly away from that gelding and then commenced to hang out until approaching the home turn. Rider reported that the gelding raced greenly for majority of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

LITTLE ROCKET (T. Johnstone) - approaching the 200m was eased and taken in off its course by ARTFUL MAXIMUS which when racing greenly shifted in.

OASIS (A. Stone) - slow to begin.

CATHAY EXPRESS (J. Murphy) - rider reported that the mare did not respond to his riding when placed under pressure, felt uncomfortable in its action and in his opinion was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have cardiac arrhythmia (1st occurrence). Co-trainer, Mr. A. Bain, was advised that he was required to comply with the Racing Australia Code of Practice in order for the mare to be reinstated to race.

HELLENIC STAR (P. Brewster) - near the 150m had difficulty obtaining clear running between BEWITCHING MISSY, which had shifted out slightly, and LITTLE ROCKET, which had been taken in by ARTFUL MAXIMUS.

RACE 3: KINGSFORD HOTEL MAIDEN PLATE - 1500 Metres

BETTERTHANTHEOTHER (C. Murtagh) - began awkwardly. Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

GUS THE SHARK (D. Caboche) - lost its near hind plate during the event.

MR RIBTICKLER (NZ) (R. Milnes) - raced greenly and laid out under pressure in the straight.

NOT AN EASY ROAD (M. Collett) - rider reported that the gelding raced greenly for majority of the event.

ARTFUL FLOJO (S. Wright) - slow to begin. Over raced in the early and middle stages of the event. Commenced to lay out from near the 800m and continued to lay out for the remainder of the event.

WOOTTONBELIEVEIT (T. Johnstone) - rider reported that the colt hung out for majority of the event, when placed under pressure did not respond to her riding and in her opinion was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MOUSE IN THE HOUSE (H. Grace) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

RACE 4: LJ HOOKER PROPERTY SPECIALISTS | GAWLER & BAROSSA CLASS ONE
HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

BOOLCUNDA DAWN (T. Voorham) - slow to begin.

SHAMUS IN PONTIVY (S. Wright) - began awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Approaching the winning post shifted out under pressure taking TORRITA out of its course.

MAYSOONFLY (J. Holder) - laid in under pressure in the straight. Approaching the winning post was brushed by TORRITA which was taken out slightly by SHAMUS IN PONTIVY.

MYSTIC MIND (W. Price) - acting on confirmed advice from trainer, Mr M. Lewis, that the mare had become fractious enroute to the course and injured itself and would be unsuitable to start, Stewards declared MYSTIC MIND a late scratching at 1:46pm. Trainer, Mr M. Lewis, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

LADY KALILA (W. Cave) - proved difficult to load. Trainer, Mr T. Day was advised a warning had been placed on the mare in relation to its barrier manners. Began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly. Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

TORRITA (T. Hutchinson) - approaching the winning post was brushed and taken out by SHAMUS IN PONTIVY which when laying out, shifted out, and brushed with MAYSOONFLY.

THE LAST FLASH (J. Gutte) - rider reported that the mare did not muster early speed as she had anticipated and settled further back than intended. Rider was reminded of her obligations in relation to her whip use when her mounts are out of contention.

CAPABLANCA (A. Warren) - rider was reminded of her obligations in relation to her whip use when her mounts are out of contention.

RACE 5: COOPERS BREWERY FILLIES & MARES BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

HEART OF THE MED (J. Weatherley) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be exhibiting signs of heat stress.

KAYLA KRUZEN (K. Crowther) - over raced in the early stages of the event.

TRANTORO (J. Toeroek) - rider reported that in his opinion the mare may be feeling the effects of recent racing.

TRULY ELSA (J. Holder) - stood flat footed as the start was affected and lost considerable ground (approximately 3 lengths). Near the 100m shifted out slightly and brushed with ONE KIND which had shifted in slightly. Rider reported that in his opinion the mare not beginning well and settling back in the field was detrimental to its chances today. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MAKE ME A MATCH (T. Pannell) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

ONE KIND (S. Terachi) - began awkwardly. Near the 100m shifted in and brushed TRULY ELSA.

RACE 6: MAGAIN FIELKE REAL ESTATE GAWLER RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1700 Metres

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

THE PUNK ROCKER (L. Stojakovic) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Hung in under pressure in the straight.

GREEN SUMMER (J. Toeroek) - began awkwardly.

TIS NO MAN (H. Grace) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

RACE 6: MAGAIN FIELKE REAL ESTATE GAWLER RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1700 Metres
(cont'd)

LUMBER DREAM (C. Murtagh) – rider explained that the gelding was slow to begin and despite his efforts failed to muster early speed and as a result settled further back than intended. He further added that he persisted with riding the gelding vigorously hands and heels until near the 600m when LUMBER DREAM commenced to improve and that in his opinion the gelding was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

HOTCH POTCH (S. Wright) – at the entrance to the straight was eased when racing in restricted room between MISS KASEI, which shifted out slightly, and HEAT OF THE NIGHT, which shifted in slightly.

MISS KASEI (A. Warren) – rider reported that the mare raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event and in her opinion, this was detrimental to its chances today.

HEAT OF THE NIGHT (D. Caboche) – slow to begin. Lost its off hind plate during the event.

LAYBUY (NZ) (W. Cave) – began awkwardly. Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

RACE 7: 2026 HOLDFAST INSURANCE BROKERS GAWLER CUP - 1500 Metres

CHICAGO STORM (J. Holder) – laid in under pressure in the straight. Passing the winning post was steadied when tightened for room by TEARDROP ROTATION, which shifted in when not clear.

SAV ON ICE (T. Hutchinson) – slow to begin. Over raced in the early and middle stages of the event. Held up and unable to obtain clear running from approaching the 200m until passing the 100m. Near the 150m was steadied when attempting a run between SNOW PATROL (NZ) and JILLADORA where there was insufficient room to improve.

SIR KINGSFORD (T. Voorham) – When questioned in relation to the tactics adopted in today's event, rider explained that she had been instructed to lead on the gelding and after obtaining the lead her intention was to establish a break on the field and then attempt to settle SIR KINGSFORD in the middle stages of the event before then riding it along over the concluding stages. She added after obtaining the lead her mount was then pressured in the middle stages by SNOW PATROL (NZ) and as a result her mount did not get the opportunity to relax and in her opinion being pressured in the middle stages by SNOW PATROL (NZ) was detrimental to the gelding finishing off the race today. When further questioned if it would have been an option to ease her mount near the 800m when being pressured by SNOW PATROL (NZ) to obtain cover, rider explained during the race she had contemplated doing such on the gelding however was mindful of her instructions to lead and at this point she had established the lead and for this reason didn't ease the gelding to obtain cover. Stewards noted her explanation. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

CICALA (R. Milnes) – rider reported that when placed under pressure the mare did not respond to her riding as she had anticipated and may be feeling the effects of recent racing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

SNOW PATROL (NZ) (J. Doyle) – when questioned in relation to the tactics adopted in today's event, rider explained that she had been instructed to lead on the gelding and as a result she rode SNOW PATROL (NZ) forward in the early stages to the outside of SIR KINGSFORD and then attempted to cross that gelding in the middle stages, however she was unable to do so and as a result raced to the outside of SIR KINGSFORD. When further questioned as to why she commenced to ride the gelding along vigorously near the 700m, rider explained that she was of the opinion she may have had the opportunity to cross SIR KINGSFORD and she was mindful that the instructions were to lead on the gelding and as a result she attempted to do so at this point in the race. After viewing the official video rider conceded that she had made an error of judgement in this area of the race by commencing to ride her mount along and pressure SIR KINGSFORD, and in hindsight her mount would have far better served had she eased at this point of the race and sat back off SIR KINGSFORD. Stewards notified her ride had given them concern and that in future she would be expected to ride all her mounts in a manner that does not invite question. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ALPINE FLYER (L. Stojakovic) – had difficulty obtaining a clear run from near the 300m until approaching the 100m.

RACE 7: 2026 HOLDFAST INSURANCE BROKERS GAWLER CUP – 1500 Metres (cont'd)

TEARDROP ROTATION (F. Atkinson) – laid in for majority of the straight. After passing the winning post shifted in and tightened CHICAGO STORM, which was steadied as a result, when not fully clear. Rider was severely reprimanded under AR131(a) for Careless riding.

RACE 8: SPORTSBET BAROSSA SPRINT BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP – 1100 Metres

SANTASTICO (C. Munro) – jumped away awkwardly. At the entrance to the straight was hampered and taken out when brushed by RAMASIS, which shifted out when improving. Rider reported that her instructions were to lead on the gelding however after beginning awkwardly she was unable to do so and settled in a position behind the leading group.

RAMASIS (W. Price) – at the entrance to the straight shifted out to improve and in doing so brushed with SANTASTICO. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

THREE RINGS (R. Hammond) – slow to begin.

ICE SYMPHONY (C. Jones) – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

BLANC VISAGE (T. Voorham) – laid out rounding the home turn.

SO POLITE (J. Holder) – began awkwardly.

SUMMERTIME MADNESS (C. Murtagh) – slow to begin.

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (6):

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

Race 7: SAV ON ICE, SIR KINGSFORD, AGE OF KINGS (IRE), CICALA, DIRTY OLD TOWN, STIRRUP CUP.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8):

Race 1 – VANDAROSS (winner)
Race 2 – OASIS (winner)
Race 3 – MR RIBTICKLER (NZ) (winner)
Race 4 – STOCKMAN'S CHOICE (winner)
Race 5 – CHAMPAGNE JENNI (winner)
Race 6 – WIN TO RETIRE (winner)
Race 7 – BAMYAN BUDDHA (winner)
Race 8 – SUMMERTIME MADNESS (winner)

REPRIMANDS FOR WHIP USE

Stewards reprimanded the following riders under AR132(7)(a)(ii) for using the whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 meters. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of whip use.

		Prior to 100m	Final 100m
Race 1	R. Hammond (FARNACE)	+1	4
Race 3	T. Voorham (BOOMA BAY)	+2	3
Race 3	M. Collett (NOT AN EASY ROAD)	+2	5
Race 3	H. Grace (MOUSE IN THE HOUSE)	+1	6
Race 6	D. Caboche (HEAT OF THE NIGHT)	+2	5



SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 7 - F. Atkinson (TEARDROP ROTATION) - AR131(a) - Careless riding.
REPRIMANDS	Nil
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 1 - CROSSWIRED - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lamé in the near fore and hind legs (Late scratching). Race 2 - ARTFUL MAXIMUS - Warned - Racing manners - Raced ungenerously. Race 2 - CATHAY EXPRESS - Not to race - Cardiac arrhythmia and atrial fibrillation (1st occurrence) - Required to comply with the Racing Australia Code of Practice. Race 4 - MYSTIC MIND - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Late scratching. Race 4 - LADY KALILA - Warned - Barrier manners - difficult to load.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	B. Price

