

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge
Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on
Wednesday, 12 August 2026



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Stewards Panel: P. Ryan (A/Chairman), E. Scott (HT) & A. Deakin (F).

Deputy Stewards: K. Marnane, K. Santoro & P. Williams.

Veterinary Surgeons: Dr S. McColgan.

TRACK: Heavy 8 (Rain affected track that horses will get into)

RAIL: Out 12 metres 1200m chute and 900m to winning post, out 9 metres remainder.

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
7	FASHION DOG	C. Murtagh		Late notification - Explanation accepted

APPROVED WEIGHT CHANGE:

Race	Horse	Rider	Change	New Weight
1	OAK PARK MOLLY	B. Price	+0.5kg	54.5kg

RACE 1: AFL GRAND FINAL @ MURRAY BRIDGE RACECOURSE MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 Metres

CHAPPA (A. Goindasamy) - when giving ground, laid in over the concluding stages of the event.

NOAH'S ARK (B. King) - slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Laid in, in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be exhibiting mild signs of colic. First aid administered.

RED RIPPLES (A. Stead) - laid in under pressure in the straight. Rider (fourth place) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR131(b) in that he did not ride his mount out fully to the end of the race and was fined \$1000. In determining penalty, Stewards were of the opinion that A. Stead's actions altered the final placings.

INITIAL STRYKE (R. Milnes) - began awkwardly.

SHE'S ICONNIC (W. Price) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

RACE 2: FORE DESIGN FLEX PLANNING MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 Metres

BLACK SHELLAC (D. Caboche) - slow to begin.

CHILLY BRO (NZ) (C. Rawiller) - raced greenly under pressure in the straight.

DIRTY DEAL (H. Grace) - began awkwardly. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

RICH MELODY (C. Murtagh) - held up from approaching the 400m until passing the 300m.



RACE 2: FORE DESIGN FLEX PLANNING MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 Metres (cont'd)

TASSORO (J. Holder) - over raced in the early stages of the event. Raced wide without cover throughout. Rider reported that in his opinion the gelding may be feeling the effects of recent racing, and he had recommended to the stable for the removal of the blinkers for its next start.

THAKOLT (M. Collett) - rider reported that the gelding over raced in the early and middle stages of the event.

ESTICON (L. Stojakovic) - commenced to lay in from approaching the 400m and continued to lay in for the remainder of the event.

RESILIENT RUBY (A. Goindasamy) - began awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

RACE 3: KOOKABURRA HOMES MAIDEN PLATE - 1600 Metres

FULLHEADOFSTEAM (NZ) (T. Hutchinson) - performed below market expectations. Rider could offer no explanation in relation to the gelding's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

IAMTHEDEVILSELBOW (A. Warren) - near the 1300m raced in restricted room for a short distance to the inside of WRITTEN BY BETSY which was taken in by TERMINAL SHOCK (NZ) which had shifted in and away from IF YOU DON'T MIND.

IF YOU DON'T MIND (I. Sit) - near the 1300m shifted in tightening the running of TERMINAL SHOCK (NZ) which was taken in onto WRITTEN BY BETSY, before being straightened by its rider. Rider was severely reprimanded under AR131(a) and advised to exercise far greater care in similar circumstances.

TEAR APART (NZ) (C. Rawiller) - raced wide in the early and middle stages of the event.

HUNTING HARD (A. Stone) - slow to begin.

STAR SERPENT (H. Grace) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

TERMINAL SHOCK (NZ) (A. Goindasamy) - near the 1300m was initially taken in by IF YOU DON'T MIND before shifting in and away from that gelding onto WRITTEN BY BETSY which was tightened in onto IAMTHEDEVILSELBOW.

WRITTEN BY BETSY (M. Collett) - near the 1300m was steadied when tightened for room between IAMTHEDEVILSELBOW and TERMINAL SHOCK (NZ) which shifted in and away from IF YOU DON'T MIND. Raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Near the 1000m was steadied when awkwardly placed near the heels of TERMINAL SHOCK (NZ) while over racing.

MOTION DENIED (A. Stead) - rider could offer no explanation in relation to the mare's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 4: DUTTONS EASY TO DO BUSINESS WITH! CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

AMICAL (C. Rawiller) - rider reported that the gelding did not respond to his riding as anticipated when placed under pressure. He further added that in his opinion the gelding may feeling the effects of recent racing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

TULLY HART (T. Pannell) - began awkwardly and was steadied when tightened for room between SCOOTATHEWOOTA and LUNARSHOT which began awkwardly and shifted in.

ILLUSTRATES (NZ) (J. Gutte) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

BONFIRE GIRL (S. Terachi) - began awkwardly, rider became extremely unbalanced for a short distance as a result.

THE LAST FLASH (A. Goindasamy) - rider explained that he had become concerned with the mare's action over the concluding stages of the event and for this reason did not ride the mare full out. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 4: DUTTONS EASY TO DO BUSINESS WITH! CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1200 Metres (cont'd)

SACRED CHORD (T. Hutchinson) - raced keenly in the middle stages of the event. Near the 700m when racing keenly was eased when awkwardly placed near the heels of AMICAL. Held up from near the 600m until passing the 400m. Lost its near hind plate during the event.

LUNARSHOT (B. King) - began awkwardly, shifted in and contacted TULLY HART. Laid in under pressure in the straight. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR211(1) in that she weighed in, in excess of 0.5kgs overweight and was fined \$200.

RACE 5: THOMAS FARMS RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1100 Metres

PRODIGAL LAD (C. Murtagh) - began awkwardly.

GIN RUMMY (B. King) - rider explained that in her opinion the gelding, which was first up, would derive benefit from today's race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

PRINCE KURO (A. Goindasamy) - approaching the winning post was eased when awkwardly placed near the heels of BELLENTIA.

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE (K. Crowther) - raced keenly in the middle stages of the event.

REFRESHING (J. Toeroek) - lost its near fore plate during the event.

WHOOOPS A DAISY (R. Milnes) - laid out over the concluding stages of the event.

BELLENTIA (W. Price) - laid in over the concluding stages of the event.

TI TREE ROYAL (T. Pannell) - began awkwardly and then was slow to muster early speed.

RACE 6: CARLTON DRAUGHT BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

CHILLCUZ (C. Murtagh) - near the 400m shifted out and brushed LADY OF SAVOY (NZ). Near the 200m shifted out, tightening LADY OF SAVOY(NZ), which had to be steadied, out onto KISS AND KABOOM. Rider was severely reprimanded under AR131(a) for Careless Riding. Rider reported that in his opinion the mare was not suited to today's track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

AIXOISE (NZ) (W. Price) - slow to begin.

CHARLESFORT (T. Hutchinson) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

VICTORY QUEEN (N. Callow) - began awkwardly, shifted out and contacted UNWIND (NZ).

KISS AND KABOOM (T. Pannell) - near the 200m was hampered when brushed by LADY OF SAVOY (NZ) which had been taken out by CHILLCUZ which shifted out when not fully clear.

UNWIND (NZ) (K. Crowther) - hampered on jumping away when contacted by VICTORY QUEEN which had begun awkwardly and shifted out.

LADY OF SAVOY (NZ) (H. Grace) - near the 400m was hampered when brushed by CHILLCUZ which shifted out when improving. Near the 200m was steadied when tightened for room between KISS AND KABOOM and CHILLCUZ which shifted out when not fully clear.

RACE 7: SPORTSBET RACE PREVIEWS BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

IRONBAR (A. Warren) - slow to begin. Held up for clear running from near the 600m until passing the 400m and approaching the 400m raced in restricted room between ALLEGEDLY (FR) and SAZERAC when obtaining a clear run.

CITY GOLD READY (NZ) (C. Rawiller) - began awkwardly, shifted out and hampered SAZERAC. Over raced in the early and middle stages of the event.



RACE 7: SPORTSBET RACE PREVIEWS BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP – 1400 Metres (cont'd)

ZENACITY (J. Holder) – rider reported on pulling up, the mare made excess respiratory noise. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

TERRITORIAN (J. Opperman) – raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

SHALHAVMUSIK (M. Collett) – slow to begin.

RIVAZZA (T. Hutchinson) – raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Laid out under pressure in the straight.

SAZERAC (L. Stojakovic) – hampered on jumping away and taken out by CITY GOLD READY (NZ) which had begun awkwardly and shifted out.

RACE 8: SPORTSBET MORE PLACES RATING 0 – 58 HANDICAP – 2000 Metres

TAKE A PICK (J. Opperman) – slow to begin.

BACK ME UP BENNY (J. Holder) – raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

TAUPO TIGER (N. Callow) – laid in under pressure in the straight.

EASY BEAST (NZ) (A. Goindasamy) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

IRLANDAIS (A. Jordsjo) – raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

HEAT OF THE NIGHT (B. King) – slow to begin.

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (2):

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

Race 4: CHIP'N'DALE.

Race 7: LAST WAR.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8):

- Race 1 – DIVERGENT (winner)
- Race 2 – DIRTY DEAL (winner)
- Race 3 – TERMINAL SHOCK (NZ) (winner)
- Race 4 – LUNARSHOT (winner)
- Race 5 – BELLENTIA (winner)
- Race 6 – FANTASTIC HOST (winner)
- Race 7 – TERRITORIAN (winner)
- Race 8 – CHARTIN (NZ) (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 2	H. Grace (DIRTY DEAL)	+2	4
Race 8	A. Jorsjo (IRLANDAIS)	+3	4





SUMMARY	
FINES	Race 1 - A. Stead (RED RIPPLES) - Fined \$1000 - AR131(b) - Failed to ride his mount out to the finish. Race 4 - B. King (LUNARSHOT) - Fined \$200 - AR211(1) - weighed in, in excess of 0.5kgs overweight.
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 3 - I. Sit (IF YOU DON'T MIND) - AR131(a) - Careless Riding. Race 5 - C. Murtagh (CHILLCUZ) - AR131(a) - Careless Riding.
REPRIMANDS	Nil
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 1 - NOAH'S ARK - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Colic.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil

