

# Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report



**RACINGS**SA

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge  
Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on  
Saturday, 23 May 2026

Stewards Panel: M. Zarb (A/Chairman), C. Warren (HT) & E. Scott (F).  
Deputy Stewards: K. Marnane, K. Santoro, M. Martin & P. Williams.  
Veterinary Surgeons: Dr S. McColgan & Dr B. Agnew.

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

RAIL: True.

WEATHER: Overcast

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
3	TOBIKKO	J. Opperman	K. Crowther	Indisposed
5	FEARLESS FREDDY (GB)	"	"	"
6	GRAND HOST	"	T. Pannell	"
7	SMOTHER	T. Pannell		Late notification - Explanation accepted.
7	FLASH ALICE	J. Opperman	K. Crowther	Indisposed
8	PALM OF JUMEIRAH	"	"	"
8	LUCKY DUCK	M Chadwick		Emergency notified
8	FRONTPOINT	A. Goindasamy		"
9	HEADPHONES	J. Opperman	J. Murphy	Indisposed

APPROVED WEIGHT CHANGE:

Race	Horse	Rider	Change	New Weight
5	CONCORDE (GB)	C. Murtagh	+0.5kg	56kg

RACE 1: B & L COX ELECTRICAL HANDICAP - 2000 Metres

BURNING BRIGHT (T. Johnstone) - rider reported that the mare raced flat in today's event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the off hind leg (2/5). Trainer, Mr A. Gluyas, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

ISUSPECTJEU (NZ) (B. King) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Laid out under pressure over the concluding stages of the event. Rider explained that it was not her intention to lead however she was caught wide in the early stages and racing keenly and as such she elected to allow the mare to race forward as there was only minimal pace in the race and was able to obtain the lead near the 1600m.

BOLTED IN (K. Crowther) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.



RACE 1: B & L COX ELECTRICAL HANDICAP - 2000 Metres (cont'd)

THE TRUE BELIEVER (NZ) (A. Goindasamy) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event and got its head up whilst being restrained.

RACE 2: SMEDLEY TYRE SERVICES MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 Metres

ARCTURUS STAR (T. Johnstone) - had difficulty obtaining clear ground in the early stages of the straight when awkwardly placed on the heels of MON PAPILLON. Shifted out late under pressure.

REAL WORLD (M. Collett) - rider reported that the gelding made abnormal respiratory noise on pulling up. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

DONVILLA D'OR (S. Metcalfe) - began awkwardly, bumped the side of the barrier gate and as a result was slow to begin. Rider reported that the filly began very awkwardly and she bumped her right foot on the side of the gate. Rider was examined by First Care Medical Personnel and was deemed fit to fulfil her remaining engagements.

LOSEYATOETOE (J. Holder) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

WANT IT BAD (J. Murphy) - rider reported that the filly raced very greenly.

RACE 3: DAISH IRRIGATION & FODDER HANDICAP - 1100 Metres

BANKNOTE HUSTLER (J. Holder) - began awkwardly and lost ground. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Rider explained that the gelding travelled well for majority of the race however when placed under pressure failed to respond to his riding. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

REDDERS (R. Milnes) - slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than normal recovery.

CAPTAIN HAPPY (M. Chadwick) - began very awkwardly, shifted out and contacted CARIBBEAN VILLA. Lost its off hind plate during the event.

BEYOND MYSTI (T. Voorham) - rider reported that the filly raced wide for majority of the event.

CARIBBEAN VILLA (S. Metcalfe) - contacted at the start by CAPTAIN HARRY. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

GOOD EXPECTATIONS (T. Pannell) - Rider reported that the filly felt uncomfortable in its action throughout the event and never stretched out. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame in the off hind leg (2/5). Trainer, Mr M. Seyers, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

RACE 4: AHRNS ELECTRICAL HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

KOMACHI (IRE) (J. McMurray) - began awkwardly and lost ground.

DOBBINAIR (D. Caboche) - rider reported that the gelding raced flat throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than normal recovery.

I AM VELVET (H. Grace) - hung in, in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

GOLD SPIRIT (B. King) - shifted out late under pressure.

RACE 5: CHAPMAN HEAVY MECHANICAL HANDICAP - 1600 Metres

FEARLESS FREDDY (GB) (K. Crowther) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

PLACO (IRE) (J. Murphy) - began awkwardly.





RACE 5: CHAPMAN HEAVY MECHANICAL HANDICAP - 1600 Metres (cont'd)

STIRRUP CUP (T. Voorham) - began awkwardly. Hung in under pressure in the straight.

STARTS NOW (T. Pannell) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

CONCORDE (GB) (C. Murtagh) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

RACE 6: PLC FENCING HANDICAP - 900 Metres

LUNAR MODULE (E. Finnegan) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

REWARD THE SHERIFF (C. Munro) - held up momentarily near the 350m.

SHIMSHALAR (T. Voorham) - upon leaving the mounting yard bumped a perimeter fence. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was deemed suitable to start.

SIMPLY LUSCIOUS (C. Tootell) - laid out over the concluding stages of the event.

RACE 7: RIVER LANDSCAPES HANDICAP - 1800 Metres

HEAD OF THE HERD (C. Murtagh) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Had difficulty obtaining clear ground near the 400m.

JOVIALE (R. Milnes) - rider reported that the gelding raced flat and, in her opinion, may be at the end of its campaign. Trainer, Mr S. Padman, reported to Stewards on Monday, 25 May, that the gelding pulled up well after a tough run. He added that at this stage he intended to continue with the campaign and will monitor the gelding's performance.

SMOTHER (T. Pannell) - slow to begin. When questioned in relation to the performance, the rider explained that in his opinion the gelding raced flat and may be at the end of its campaign. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. Stable representative, Mr J. Hickmott, advised Stewards on Monday 25 May, that the gelding will be trotted up on Tuesday, 26 May, and decision will be made in relations to continuing this campaign.

FLASH ALICE (K. Crowther) - lost its off hind plate during the event.

MR TRAFFICANTI (NZ) (T. Hutchinson) - lost its off hind plate during the event.

KAILEE'S BOY (A. Warren) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Near the 200m shifted in and tightened SUIT OF WANDS onto BLUE ISLES which resulted in both being hampered. Rider was reprimanded under AR131(a) for Careless Riding. Approaching the 100m shifted in again onto SUIT OF WANDS resulting in that gelding being steadied. Rider was severely reprimanded under AR131(a) for Careless Riding.

SUIT OF WANDS (H. Grace) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Near the 200m was hampered and had to be steadied when taken in by KAILEE'S BOY onto BLUE ISLES. Approaching the 100m had to steady again when taken in by KAILEE'S BOY onto the heels of MR TRAFFICANT (NZ). A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

BLUE ISLES (W. Price) - near the 200m was hampered and had to be steadied when taken in by SUIT OF WANDS.

HAMNER SPRINGS (NZ) (M. Collett) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

RACE 8: MULCH N MORE HANDICAP - 1100 Metres

PURE BLISS (B. King) - began awkwardly with its head up and lost ground. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the near hind leg (2/5). Trainer, Mr G. Kluske, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

HOWL (J. Doyle) - laid out late under pressure.



RACE 8: MULCH N MORE HANDICAP - 1100 Metres (cont'd)

HYPERNOVA (J. McMurray) - held up near the 250m.

MAJOR RUMBLE (T. Hutchinson) - began awkwardly and lost ground.

LUCKY DUCK (M. Chadwick) - began awkwardly.

FRONTPOINT (A. Goindasamy) - near the 250m became awkwardly placed on the heels of HYPERNOVA. Approaching the 100m raced in restricted room between SAINT BOOM and PURE BLISS which weakened quickly.

RACE 9: MOSEL SURVEYORS HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

FAST BUBBLES (T. Hutchinson) - raced wide without cover for majority of the event.

SOUGHT AFTER (NZ) (C. Tootell) - had difficulty obtaining clear ground from the 400m until the 200m and shifted wider to improve.

BIG BRUTE (C. Rawiller) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Near the 1000m had to be steadied when racing tightly to the inside of FLASHING STEEL which shifted in.

EVERYTHING COUNTS (GB) (J. Holder) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

THEBIGSOSSO (J. McMurray) - rider was unable to offer an explanation when questioned in relation to the gelding's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. Trainer, Mr L. O'Connor, reported to Stewards on Monday, 25 May, that the geldings previous run at Warrnambool on a heavy track on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, may have taken more out of him than he had anticipated and although the gelding has since pulled up well, he will give it a short freshen up prior to racing again.

NICISH (H. Grace) - began awkwardly and lost ground.

TROPICAL HOUSE (R. Milnes) - rider explained that from the outside barrier the mare raced further back than intended and laid in under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

COOL MAGNUM (D. Caboche) - had to be eased momentarily near the 1000m when awkwardly placed on the heels of BIG BRUTE.

FLASHING STEEL (B. King) - near the 1000m shifted in tightening BIG BRUTE which was racing keenly and had to be steadied. Rider was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

ANNIHILATE (T. Voorham) - began awkwardly and lost ground. Had difficulty obtaining clear ground approaching the 200m and shifted wider to improve.

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PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (22):

Blood samples were taken from the following horses for, but not limited to, TCO<sub>2</sub> purposes:

Race 1: KIRKLISTON BLU, MARACOURT, BURNING BRIGHT, BOLTED IN, THE TRUE BELIEVER (NZ).

Race 5: FEARLESS FREDDY (GB), LARIO, PLACO (IRE), STARTS NOW, CONCORDE (GB).

Race 7: HEAD OF THE HERD, LOMAX, TYNDRUM GOLD (GB), FLASH ALICE, MR TRAFFICANTI (NZ).

Race 9: SOUGHT AFTER (NZ), BIG BRUTE, EVERYTHING COUNTS (GB), THEBIGSOSSO, IMAMANZOR, IN HER STRIDE.

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ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (9):

Race 1 - ISUSPECTJEU (NZ) (winner)  
Race 2 - ARCTURUS STAR (winner)  
Race 3 - LIKE A DRIFTER (winner)  
Race 4 - GOLD SPIRIT (winner)  
Race 5 - I CATCHEM FOX (winner)  
Race 6 - REAL DELUXE (winner)  
Race 7 - FLASH ALICE (winner)  
Race 8 - MY ZEPHYR (winner)  
Race 9 - SOUGHT AFTER (NZ) (winner)

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SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 7 - A. Warren (KAILEE'S BOY) - AR131(a) - Careless Riding.
REPRIMANDS	Race 7 - A. Warren (KAILEE'S BOY) - AR131(a) - Careless Riding.
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 1 - BURNING BRIGHT - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness in the off hind (2/5). Race 3 - GOOD EXPECTATIONS - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness in the off hind (2/5). Race 8 - PURE BLISS - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness in the near hind (2/5).
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	J. Opperman

