

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Morphetville Parks
Racecourse by the South Australian Jockey Club on
Saturday, 21 March 2026



Stewards Panel: M. Santoro (Chairman), C. Warren (HT), C. Deakin (F) & L. Murch (M).
Deputy Stewards: L. Martin, M. Arthur, M. Martin, H. Dini & P. Williams.
Veterinary Surgeons: Dr B. Agnew & Dr A. Vermeulen.

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

RAIL: Out 9 metres 1000m to winning post, out 6 metres remainder.

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
10	TOP OF THE RIDGE	J. Huxtable	J. Opperman	Injured

APPROVED WEIGHT CHANGE:

Race	Horse	Rider	Change	New Weight
5	COSMIC INTERLUDE	C. Murtagh	+0.5kg	55.5kg

RACE 1: SPORTSBET FAST FORM HANDICAP - 1000 Metres

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

CZECH OUT (T. Johnstone) - laid out rounding the home turn and under pressure in the straight.

RACE 2: QUAYCLEAN HANDICAP - 1000 Metres

This event was rescheduled to begin at 12.18pm owing to a request from Sky Racing.

JUSTA STAR (T. Johnstone) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Laid out rounding the home turn. Rider reported that the gelding over-raced in the early and middle stages of the event, hung out rounding the home turn and did not respond when placed under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

HEAVEN ROCKS (C. Jones) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

MISS SLIPSTREAM (K. Crowther) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

ZATANNA (C. Tootell) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

RACE 3: SPORTSBET JOCKEY WATCH HANDICAP - 1250 Metres

DRAMATICUS (B. King) - held up from the entrance to the straight until near the 300m, and then was disappointed when attempting a tight run to the inside of MORE THAN HOPE near the 100m.



RACE 3: SPORTSBET JOCKEY WATCH HANDICAP - 1250 Metres (cont'd)

I AM PIKI (J. Toeroek) - slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Rider reported that it was his intention to settle further forward in the event; however, after being slow to begin the mare was not suited by the slow tempo and for this reason was unable to finish off with the leading group. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 4: SPORTSBET RACE REPLAYS HANDICAP - 2294 Metres

EL JAMES (NZ) (J. Toeroek) - contacted on jumping away. Rider reported that the gelding travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event; however, when asked for an effort was unable to quicken with the field and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have the thumps and a poor recovery.

BRING FORTH (NZ) (J. Opperman) - fractious in the barriers after being loaded. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was deemed suitable to start.

SENTIMENTAL FLAME (C. Tootell) - slow to begin.

THEODOR (K. Crowther) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Rider reported that the gelding raced fiercely in the early and middle stages of the event, and then dropped the bit near the 800m and did not respond to her riding for the remainder of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

THE TANK (I. Sit) - shifted in on jumping away and contacted EL JAMES (NZ). Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

RACE 5: THE FOTOBASE GROUP MAIDEN PLATE- 1250 Metres

ARAMOSO (B. King) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

CHARMING DEXTER (T. Johnstone) - near the 1100m shifted in and away from ARAMOSO onto CITY PRO (NZ). Near the 600m became awkwardly placed on the heels of SCOOTATHEWOOTA for a number of strides initially when racing to the inside of CITY PRO (NZ), and then when HARRINO improved quickly to its outside.

CITY PRO (NZ) (T. Pannell) - near the 1100m was momentarily inconvenienced when tightened by CHARMING DEXTER, which shifted in and away from ARAMOSO.

HARRINO (J. Holder) - rider reported that the gelding raced greenly in the straight.

LA PERENTIE (D. Caboche) - slow to begin.

ARIZONA WILDFIRE (S. Metcalfe) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

COSMIC INTERLUDE (C. Murtagh) - jumped away awkwardly, shifted in onto GWYLLGI, commenced to buck for a short distance and lost ground. Rider reported that after losing significant ground on jumping away the filly was always under pressure in attempting to regain contact with the field and as a result was not able to finish its race off. Trainer, Ms S. Rutten, was advised that a warning had been placed on the filly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

GWYLLGI (D. Tourneur) - inconvenienced on jumping away when tightened onto LITTLE ONE by COSMIC INTERLUDE. Laid in over the concluding 400m of the event.

RACE 6: LOWE'S MEAT CO MT BARKER HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

BAMYAN BUDDHA (B. King) - jumped away awkwardly and contacted EASY CAMPESE.

CINQUE TORRI (A. Warren) - inclined to lay out rounding the home turn.

PUDDING (NZ) (J. Toeroek) - near the 1000m shifted in and inconvenienced EASY CAMPESE. Rider was severely reprimanded under AR131(a).



RACE 6: LOWE'S MEAT CO MT BARKER HANDICAP - 1400 Metres (cont'd)

A SAMURAI MIND (T. Pannell) - raced keenly in the middle stages of the event. Inclined to lay out under pressure in the straight.

EASY CAMPESE (K. Crowther) - inconvenienced near the 1000m when PUDDING (NZ) shifted in.

EXALTED FIRE (T. Johnstone) - rider reported that her mount had been inclined to shift ground under pressure in the early stages of the straight and as such she could not fully test her mount to the finish.

RACE 7: CHARLIE HOILE HANDICAP (HEAT 1 OF ADELAIDE IN AUTUMN SERIES)- 1400 Metres

HOT DIGITY BOOM (C. Tootell) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

FINE FUTURE (JPN) (J. Murphy) - jumped away awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

TEXAN WINDSTORM (R. Milnes) - inconvenienced at the entrance to the straight when its hindquarters were contacted by TAPINFORPAR.

TAPINFORPAR (T. Johnstone) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. At the entrance to the straight shifted out in an attempt to improve and in doing so contacted the hindquarters of TEXAN WINDSTORM.

ANNIHILATE (C. Jones) - held up from near the 500m until inside the 300m.

Prior to the declaration of correct weight trainer, Mr J. Macmillan, viewed the vision in the straight.

RACE 8: CROSER HANDICAP - 1000 Metres

MORRIS MINOR (B. King) - inconvenienced shortly after the start when IN LOVE shifted out.

IN LOVE (I. Sit) - shifted out shortly after the start onto MORRIS MINOR.

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

HALLSTATT (C. Murtagh) - slow to begin.

BLUE AKOYA (T. Pannell) - had difficulty obtaining clear ground from the entrance to the straight until near the 200m.

EFFUSIV (C. Jones) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

ONE WHIM (D. Tourneur) - had difficulty obtaining clear ground over the concluding 50m of the event when awkwardly placed between EFFUSIV and SMASHING ACTION.

BEYOND MYSTI (J. Toeroek) - laid out rounding the home turn and under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 9: THOMAS FARMS HANDICAP (HEAT 2 OF FESTIVAL STATE SPRINT SERIES) - 1250 Metres

The start of this event was initially delayed by one minute to avoid a clash with an interstate event, and was then delayed by a further minute.

TOSEN WATER (R. Milnes) - laid in under pressure in the straight and near the 300m became awkwardly placed on the heels of NICISH until near the 150m.

VEXATIOUS DANCER (J. Murphy) - difficult to load. Trainer, Ms N. Irwin, was advised that a warning had been placed on the mare. Ms Irwin advised that the mare would now likely go for a spell. Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

RACE 9: THOMAS FARMS HANDICAP (HEAT 2 OF FESTIVAL STATE SPRINT SERIES) - 1250 Metres (cont'd)

WINE BARRON (NZ) (W. Price) - hampered on jumping away when taken across the heels of STREETCAR APOLLO by DELIGHTFUL SHECKY.

CORK HARBOUR (B. King) - shifted in on jumping away onto DELIGHTFUL SHECKY. Laid out under pressure in the straight.

DELIGHTFUL SHECKY (T. Pannell) - inconvenienced on jumping away when tightened onto WINE BARRON (NZ) by CORK HARBOUR.

NICISH (J. Opperman) - rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100m and was fined \$500. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use whip by J. Opperman and noted that he used it on nine occasions over the final 100m of the event.

VOLTAGE POINT (I. Sit) - raced fiercely in the early and middle stages of the event.

MYSTIC WONDER (T. Johnstone) - rider was severely reprimanded under AR131(b) for failing to ride her mount out fully to the finish of the event.

RACE 10: PFD FOOD SERVICES HANDICAP (HEAT 1 OF PROVINCIAL PATHWAYS SERIES) - 1550 Metres

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

TOP OF THE RIDGE (J. Opperman) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

GRUELLING (K. Crowther) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Held up from the entrance to the straight until approaching the 100m.

SERINITE ILLUSION (J. Holder) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

SAFE BET (C. Tootell) - rider reported that the gelding never travelled, when placed under pressure commenced to weaken of its own accord and she had become concerned with its action approaching the finish. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have cardiac arrhythmia (1st occurrence). Trainer, Mr. M. Huxtable, 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.

SIR RANDOLPH (A. Warren) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Had difficulty obtaining clear ground in the straight.

HYSTERICAL LADY (D. Tourneur) - raced fiercely in the early and middle stages of the event. Near the 300m became awkwardly placed on the heels of SMOTHER for a short distance.

STRATUM PRIDE (R. Milnes) - had difficulty obtaining clear ground from the entrance to the straight until near the 100m.

BARGAIN BOY (C. Jones) - lost its off fore plate during the event.

MAGIC PRINCESS (C. Murtagh) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Rider reported that the mare raced keenly and when asked for an effort was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

GENERAL:

Co-trainers, Messrs T. and C. McEvoy, and Messrs A. & S. Freedman, were reprimanded under LR11.4.4 for failing to notify Racing SA Integrity department of their horse's travel arrangements as required.

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (18):

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

- Race 4 - EL JAMES (NZ), BURNING BRIGHT, BRING FORTH (NZ), SAVSONIC (NZ), THEODOR,
THE TRUE BELIEVER (NZ).
Race 6 - CINQUE TORRI, PUDDING (NZ), TEST THE LAW, A SAMURAI MIND.
Race 7 - SUPER LAD, CASH, TEXAN WINDSTORM, TAPINFORPAR.
Race 9 - STREETCAR APOLLO, NICISH.
Race 10 - SMOTHER, DUO PERNA.
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ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (10):

- Race 1 - THE SPEED MACHINE (winner)
Race 2 - MISS SLIPSTREAM (winner)
Race 3 - MORE THAN HOPE (winner)
Race 4 - BRING FORTH (NZ) (winner)
Race 5 - CITY PRO (NZ) (winner)
Race 6 - PUDDING (NZ) (winner)
Race 7 - JILLADORA (winner)
Race 8 - OMAHA DAWN (winner)
Race 9 - STREETCAR APOLLO (winner)
Race 10 - BARGAIN BOY (winner)
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SUMMARY	
FINES	Race 9 - J. Opperman (NICISH) - Fined \$500 - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - Whip offence [+2].
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 6 - J. Toeroek (PUDDING (NZ)) - AR131(a) - Careless riding. Race 9 - T. Johnstone (MYSTIC WONDER) - AR131(b) - Failure to ride her mount out to the finish of the event.
REPRIMANDS	Messrs T. & C. McEvoy - LR11.4.4 - Failure to notify Racing SA Integrity Dept. of horses' travel arrangements as required. Messrs A. & S. Freedman - LR11.4.4 - Failure to notify Racing SA Integrity Dept. of horses' travel arrangements as required.
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 5 - COSMIC INTERLUDE - Warned - Attempted to buck. Race 9 - VEXATIOUS DANCER - Warned - Difficult to load. Race 10 - SAFE BET - Not to race - Cardiac arrhythmia and (1 st occurrence) - Required to comply with the Racing Australia Code of Practice.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	J. Huxtable