

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Morphetville Parks
Racecourse by the South Australian Jockey Club on
Saturday, 22 August 2026



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Stewards Panel: M. Santoro (Chairman), C. Warren (HT), C. Deakin (F) & L. Murch (M).

Deputy Stewards: R. Kenny, M. Arthur, M. Martin, P. Williams & K. Young.

Veterinary Surgeons: Dr S. McColgan & Dr B. Agnew.

TRACK: Soft 7 (Rain affected track that will chop out)

RAIL: Out 8 metres entire. Sectional 610m.

WEATHER: Overcast

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
1	IMAGE ARTIST	D. Tourneur	J. Murphy	Indisposed
4	EVERLASTING KISS	S. Ingelse		Late notification - explanation accepted
8	MYSTIC WONDER	D. Tourneur	A. Stead	Indisposed

RACE 1: DOMINANT CLEAN SWEEP HANDICAP - 1250 Metres

PRETTY BABY (C. Tootell) - jumped away awkwardly and was slow into stride. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

DUSTEE (J. Holder) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Laid out under pressure in the straight.

AZYTASS (C. Munro) - raced fiercely in the early and middle stages of the event. Laid out rounding the home turn and under pressure in the straight.

LAST WEEKS PAY (T. Hutchinson) - raced greenly throughout the event.

IMAGE ARTIST (J. Murphy) - rider reported that the filly was not suited by the quick early tempo of the event.

RACE 2: M&J CHICKENS MAIDEN PLATE - 1250 Metres

EXPEEARE (J. Opperman) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

POLAR EYES (H. Grace) - shifted out on jumping away and bumped THE DONFATHER. Laid out over the concluding 200m of the event.

REGAL TIME (S. Ingelse) - slow to begin.

THE DONFATHER (C. Murtagh) - contacted on jumping away. Laid in throughout the event. Rider reported that the gelding raced greenly throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.



RACE 2: M&J CHICKENS MAIDEN PLATE - 1250 Metres (cont'd)

FARTOO FRISKY (R. Hammond) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

NOTHIN' SURER (W. Price) - laid out under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 3: SPORTSBET GET ON EXTRA HANDICAP - 1579 Metres

HIDDEN BOUNTY (K. Crowther) - laid in slightly at the entrance to the straight and was awkwardly placed on the heels of AQUAHOLIC for a short distance.

CROWN MINT (I. Sit) - slow to begin.

RACE 4: THE JUNCTION HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

AMALFI DREAMER (R. Milnes) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

EXTRA HOT (J. Holder) - slow to begin. Rider reported that in his opinion the mare may have come to the end of its preparation.

PACKERS JOURNEY (A. Kelly) - jumped away awkwardly.

YOU SEXY THING (K. Crowther) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

HELL'S ON FIRE (B. Price) - rider reported that the mare never travelled, was under pressure earlier than he had expected and was not comfortable in its action in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the off hind leg (2/5). Trainer, Mr M. Hickmott, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

RACE 5: CANADIAN CLUB HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

HIS FINEST HOUR (NZ) (A. Kelly) - stood flat-footed and missed the start by several lengths.

NICAJON (C. Rawiller) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival on course and was deemed suitable to start. Held up from near the 400m until approaching the 200m. Approaching the 100m had to be steadied when taken out by BLACKJACK onto the heels of HIS FINEST HOUR (NZ), which rolled in slightly.

CANNY DEFENSE (S. Metcalfe) - held up from inside the 300m until approaching the 200m when racing on the heels of POLUNIN and inside IOANE (NZ). A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils. Trainer, Ms R. McDonald, was advised that as this was the gelding's second bi-lateral bleed it was now ineligible to start in a race in accordance with AR79(6).

FAST TEMPO (NZ) (J. Holder) - jumped away awkwardly. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

IOANE (NZ) (A. Stead) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

POLUNIN (N. Callow) - jumped away awkwardly. Rider reported that the gelding travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event; however, when placed under pressure became awkward in its action and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

BLACKJACK (J. Murphy) - approaching the 100m shifted out taking NICAJON out. Rider reminded of his obligations under AR131(a).

IRONBAR (A. Warren) - became awkwardly placed on the heels of CANNY DEFENSE when that gelding shifted out to improve at the entrance to the straight, and as a result was obliged to alter course to its inside to obtain clear ground.

AUSSIE PHAROAH (T. Hutchinson) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.





RACE 6: ADELAIDE GALVANISING INDUSTRIES HANDICAP - 1000 Metres

RICHE D'AMOUR (C. Murtagh) - slow to begin.

BRISTLER (I. Sit) - rider reported that in his opinion the gelding did not handle the track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near foreleg (2/5). Co-trainers, Mr G. Richards and Mr D. Moyle, were advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

KICK YOUR KNEES UP (D. Caboche) - rider reported that in his opinion the mare did not handle the track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

VINTAGE STAR (C. Munro) - held up for clear running from near the 400m until inside the 300m.

RACE 7: THE FOTOBASE GROUP HANDICAP - 1994 Metres

JANDAMI (A. Warren) - jumped away awkwardly. Rider reported that after being slow to begin the gelding was ungenuine in the early stages despite her efforts to improve, and as a result settled further back than she had anticipated. She added that from near the 600m the gelding responded to her efforts and finished the race off well.

MY ROCA FELLA (NZ) (B. Price) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Rider reported that the gelding was uncomfortable in its action in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near foreleg (1/5). Trainer, Mr J. McArdle, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

OFFICIATE (J. Murphy) - lost its near fore plate during the event. Laid out rounding the home turn and under pressure in the straight.

ROMANS LUCK (C. Murtagh) - shifted to the outside running rail near the 1000m. Rider explained that he had walked that section of the track and was of the opinion that it was superior to the inside and after discussion with the trainer a decision was made to shift to that area if circumstances permitted. Trainer, Mr G. Lynch, confirmed that it was a pre-race plan to shift to that section of the track. C. Murtagh added that after shifting to the outside running rail ROMANS LUCK over-raced and hung out, which in his opinion was detrimental to its performance.

ALMAIRAC (IRE) (W. Price) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

HOLMES (C. Tootell) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival on course and was deemed suitable to start.

RACE 8: SPORTSBET LEON MACDONALD STAKES - 1400 Metres

PUDDING (NZ) (J. Toeroek) - rider reported that the gelding did not handle the track condition. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

TIPPA (C. Tootell) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Laid out under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

SNOW PATROL (NZ) (B. Price) - change of tactics - attempt to settle further from the wide barrier - settled last with cover.

CICALA (R. Milnes) - rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that she used her whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100m and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence midnight Sunday, 23 August 2026 to conclude Friday, 28 August 2026, a period of two meetings and fined \$400. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by R. Milnes and noted that she used it on eight occasions over the final 100m of the event.

SWIFTIE HARRIET (W. Price) - jumped away awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.



RACE 8: SPORTSBET LEON MACDONALD STAKES - 1400 Metres (cont'd)

TOSEN WATER (T. Pannell) - approaching the finish had to be steadied when SWIFTIE HARRIET rolled out.

RACE 9: SPORTSBET FEED HANDICAP - 1250 Metres

JACKS ON ICE (T. Hutchinson) - shifted in on jumping away and contacted BOUNCING BEYOND.

BOUNCING BEYOND (R. Hammond) - inconvenienced when contacted on jumping away.

HEAVENBENT (C. Murtagh) - slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

HALLIWELL (NZ) (J. Opperman) - near the 200m was held up for a short distance when awkwardly placed on the heels of DIVERGENT, which rolled out slightly.

GAZELLE (A. Warren) - jumped away awkwardly and was slow into stride.

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (16):

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

Race 3 - MAXILDO, TOWER OF TUSCANY, NAVY ROK, AQUAHOLIC.

Race 5 - HIS FINEST HOUR (NZ), REGAL MIGHT, FAST TEMPO (NZ), PIERROPLANE.

Race 8 - COTE ATLANTIQUE (IRE), PUDDING (NZ), WILLIAMSBURG, SIR KINGSFORD, GURU WARRIOR, CICALA.

Race 9 - BROWN NOSE DAY GAL, GAZELLE.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (9):

Race 1 - PRETTY BABY (winner)

Race 2 - TORPEDOES (winner)

Race 3 - MAXILDO (winner)

Race 4 - AUSTRALIA FOREVER (winner)

Race 5 - FAST TEMPO (NZ) (winner)

Race 6 - STARLITE VALLEY (winner)

Race 7 - CRADLE OF JAZZ (winner)

Race 8 - BOOTLEGGER (winner)

Race 9 - JACKS ON ICE (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 7	B. King (JUST A BROTHER)	+3	3
Race 8	C. Murtagh (WILLIAMSBURG)	+2	2
Race 8	T. Hutchinson (BOOTLEGGER)	+3	4
Race 9	T. Hutchinson (JACKS ON ICE)	+1	7





SUMMARY	
FINES	Race 8 - R. Milnes (CICALA) - Fined \$400 - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - Whip offence [+5].
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
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SUSPENSIONS	Race 8 - R. Milnes (CICALA) - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - Whip offence [+5] - From midnight 23/08/26 to midnight 28/08/26 - 2 meetings.
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 4 - HELL'S ON FIRE - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness off hind leg (2/5). Race 5 - CANNY DEFENSE - Barred for life - Bi-lateral bleed (2 nd occurrence). Race 6 - BRISTLER - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness near foreleg (2/5). Race 7 - MY ROCA FELLA (NZ) - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness near foreleg (1/5).
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil

