

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Mount Gambier
Racecourse by the Mount Gambier Racing Club on
Friday, 22 May 2026



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Stewards Panel: C. Deakin (A/Chairman), E. Scott (MT), R. Kenny (HT) & D. Holland (F).
Deputy Stewards: K. Marnane, A. Turner & M. Martin.
Veterinary Surgeons: Dr S. McColgan & Dr T. Tully.

TRACK: Soft 6 (Moist but not badly affected track)
Downgraded to a Soft 7, retrospective to Race 4, at 1:20pm.
(Rain affected track that will chop out)

RAIL: True.

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
2	WHERE'S BEN	D. Caboche		Emergency notified.
2	I AM EXPRESS	S. Metcalfe	S. Terachi	Transport difficulties
3	ROCK ON FOXY	A. Warren		Emergency notified.
6	OUR ELLIE ROSE (NZ)	"		"
9	TURN IT UP TOMMY (NZ)	H. Grace	L. Williams	Dual engagement - explanation accepted
9	FAST 'N' FORWARD	K. Walters		Emergency notified
9	LAST DREAM (NZ)	C. Puls		"

RACE 1: GAMBIER EARTH MOVERS VOLCANO SPRINT - 1200 Metres

The start of this event was rescheduled to 11:30am owing to a request from Sky Racing.

CAWDOR (GB) (J. Hill) - rider could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance in today's event and in his opinion CAWDOR (GB) would be better suited over more ground. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

COMIC HERO (NZ) (C. MacRedmond) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. In the vicinity of the 1000m became awkwardly placed between the heels of CORK HARBOUR and FREE BEER.

FREE BEER (A. Warren) - held up for clear running between the 500m and the 350m, after shifting out to obtain a clear run to the finish.

WORLD ACTION (T. Madden) - slow to begin. Rider explained he was anticipating taking up a forward position in today's event, however after only jumping away fairly, the mare did not show its normal early pace. He further added that WORLD ACTION only finished off the race fairly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.



RACE 2: SPORTSBET MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 Metres

BIG LUCK (NZ) (K. Walters) - slow into stride.

HASTA LA DUBAI (C. Rawiller) - inside the 700m rider had to take hold to avoid the heels of BLACK HEX which shifted in.

BLACK HEX (V. Le Boeuf) - raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages of the event. Inside the 700m shifted in when insufficiently clear of HASTA LA DUBAI resulting in its rider having to steady his mount to avoid heels of BLACK HEX. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge of Careless Riding under AR131(a) and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence midnight Sunday, 31 May 2026 and to conclude midnight Sunday, 07 June 2026, a period of 3 meetings.

DEL LIRENZA (W. Price) - laid out under pressure in the straight. Rider reported that he became concerned with the filly's action over the final 100m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

NORTHERN GOLD (M. Julius) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. In the vicinity of the 1000m had to be checked to avoid the heels of I AM EXPRESS which shifted in.

I AM EXPRESS (S. Terachi) - in the vicinity of the 1000m shifted in when insufficiently clear of NORTHERN GOLD resulting in its rider having to check her mount to avoid the heels of I AM EXPRESS. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge of Careless Riding under AR131(a) and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence midnight Sunday, 31 May 2026 and to conclude midnight Sunday, 07 June 2026, a period of 3 meetings.

RACE 3: THOMAS FOODS INTERNATIONAL MAIDEN PLATE - 1550 Metres

INFER (V. Le Boeuf) - slow to begin.

LIBBY ANN (NZ) (K. Walters) - raced keenly in the middle stages of the event.

MEHIRAKOOL (D. Caboche) - slow to begin. Raced wide without cover in the middle stages of the event.

PIERRO'S REWARD (S. Terachi) - in the vicinity of the 500m was contacted by ROCK ON FOXY.

PIKLEMEGRANMOTHER (H. Grace) - reluctant to proceed to the start. Trainer, Ms B. O'Loughlin, was advised a warning had been placed on the filly.

ROCK ON FOXY (A. Warren) - in the vicinity of the 500m shifted out and contacted PIERRO'S REWARD.

RACE 4: BIO GRO GREEN FUTURE BLUE LAKE HANDICAP - 1550 Metres

THE NARRATOR (NZ) (J. Hill) - jumped away awkwardly. Rider explained that the gelding raced without cover throughout the event as the leaders raced in a 3 wide line throughout the event and inside the 600m he asked THE NARRATOR (NZ) to improve however inside the 200m did not let down as expected. He added that in his opinion the gelding is better ridden with cover.

GEFFINA (T. Madden) - jumped away awkwardly and as a result was slow to begin.


RACE 5: HARD RATED RATING 0 - 54 HANDICAP (1)- 1400 Metres

RUSCELLO (T. Madden) - slow to begin.

SUNSET PRAYER (NZ) (T. Voorham) - rider reported that shortly after the start the mare dropped the bridle and did not travel throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MR FERRARI (S. Metcalfe) - in the vicinity of the 1100m dipped for no apparent reason.

MELISSA KATE (NZ) (K. Walters) - got its head up on jumping away for a short distance.



RACE 5: HARD RATED RATING 0 - 54 HANDICAP (1)- 1400 Metres (cont'd)

ALEKHINE'S GUN (C. Puls) - slow to begin.

RACE 6: RAY WHITE MT GAMBIER-ROBE-PENOLA RATING 0 - 54 HANDICAP (2)- 1400 Metres

PRIVATE JET (R. Milnes) - shortly after the start shifted out and bumped BLACK CHERRY. Rider explained that the gelding never travelled and did not respond to her riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

BLACK CHERRY (W. Price) - bumped shortly after the start.

MANDARA SUN (T. Voorham) - jumped away awkwardly. Rider reported that the mare did not handle today's track conditions.

LES VOSGES (K. Walters) - slow into stride.

RACE 7: WINTV BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

QUIK RHAPID (M. Julius) - acting on confirmed advise from trainer, Mr J. Opperman, that the gelding had swelling in its near foreleg and therefore would be unsuitable to start, Stewards declared QUIK RHAPID a late scratching at 10:00am. Trainer, Mr J. Opperman, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

THUNDERANLIGHTNING (L. Williams) - in the vicinity of the 900m dipped on a number of occasions. Rider reported that the gelding never travelled throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

LIBERTY RAE (C. Rawiller) - rider could offer no explanation for the mare's performance in today's event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 8: SCOTT GROUP OF COMPANIES MOUNT GAMBIER GOLD CUP - 2050 Metres

ASTRADEEL (R. Milnes) - laid in, in the straight.

VAN ROY (T. Madden) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ROYAL MILE (K. Crowther) - laid out in the straight.

DUAL FUEL (NZ) (H. Grace) - slow to begin.

KELLY ANN (NZ) (C. Puls) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Rider explained that after racing fiercely in the early stages of the event, she allowed the mare to stride forward in an attempt to allow KELLY ANN (NZ) to settle.

RACE 9: WINNING EDGE PRESENTATIONS & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT RATING 0 - 60 HANDICAP - 1550 Metres

LISA LASS (T. Madden) - in the vicinity of the 50m was bumped by EYES TO ME.

RHINESTONE RORY (C. Rawiller) - raced to the outside of the track in the early stages until the 1000m. Rider explained that he elected to shift to the outside of the track in shortly after the start as he was of the opinion it was far superior going and at the turn at near the 1000m he elected to come back to move closer to the inside rail.

EYES TO ME (W. Price) - inside the 100m became held up on the heels of ROYAL INFERENCE. Approaching the 50m shifted out and bumped LISA LASS. Rider was reprimanded under AR131(a) and advised in future to only shift ground when entitled to do so.



RACE 9: WINNING EDGE PRESENTATIONS & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT RATING 0 - 60
HANDICAP - 1550 Metres (cont'd)

AMBUSHED (A. Stead) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination as the mare had slipped over in the stalling area which revealed the mare to be lame and therefore unsuitable to start. Acting on this advice Stewards declared AMBUSHED a late scratching at 3:50pm. Trainer, Mr C. Stewart, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

ELSIE GIRL (D. Caboche) - jumped away awkwardly. Race keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

LAST DREAM (NZ) (C. Puls) - stood flat footed as the start was affected and was slow to begin (approximately 2 lengths).

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (14):

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

Race 1: COSMIC HERO (NZ), HOT STRUT.

Race 3: GIDDY UP BANKCHECK (NZ), MEHIRAKOOL.

Race 5: HARD LEAF, BRUZANI.

Race 8: ANY LUCK (NZ), TEST THE LAW, ASTRADEEL, VAN ROY, LODBROK (FR), ROYAL MILE, DUAL FUEL (NZ), KELLY ANN (NZ).

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (9):

Race 1 - COSMIC HERO (NZ) (winner)

Race 2 - GAZELLE (winner)

Race 3 - GIDDY UP BANKCHECK (NZ) (winner)

Race 4 - GEFFINA (winner)

Race 5 - HARD LEAF (winner)

Race 6 - SUPREME THUNDER (winner)

Race 7 - NARALINGA (winner)

Race 8 - ROYAL MILE (winner)

Race 9 - SCENIC HOST (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 8	J. Opperman (TEST THE LAW)	+3	2
Race 8	K. Crowther (ROYAL MILE)	+2	5

SUMMARY

FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 9 - W. Price (EYES TO ME) - AR131(a) - Careless Riding.
SUSPENSIONS	Race 2 - V. Le Boeuf (BLACK HEX) - AR131(a) - Careless Riding - From midnight 31/05/26 and to conclude at midnight 04/06/26 - 3 meetings. Race 2 - S. Terachi (I AM EXPRESS) - AR131(a) - Careless Riding - From midnight 31/05/26 and to conclude at midnight 07/06/26 - 3 meetings.
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 3 - PICKLEMEGRANMOTHER - Warned - Reluctant to proceed to start.



SUMMARY (cont'd)	
HORSE ACTIONS (cont'd)	Race 7 - QUIK RHAPID - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Swelling in the near fore (late scratching). Race 9 - AMBUSHED - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness on the near side (Late scratching).
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil

