

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Strathalbyn
Racecourse by the Strathalbyn Racing Club on
Wednesday, 19 August 2026



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

Deputy Stewards: L. Murch, A. Deakin, P. Williams & K. Young.

Veterinary Surgeons: Dr S. McColgan.

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

RAIL: True.

WEATHER: Overcast

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
5	SUIT OF WANDS	C. Rawiller		Late notification - explanation accepted
5	SHADOW HAWK (NZ)	C. Tootell		Emergency - notified
6	DARCI LANE (NZ)	J. Toeroek		Late notification
6	SPELMAN	D. Tourneur	R. Milnes	Indisposed
7	DISTILLERY	C. Rawiller	"	"
7	OUTPOST	D. Tourneur	A. Stead	"
7	KORATORA	C. Munro		Late notification

RACE 1: ADELAIDE GALVANISING INDUSTRIES MAIDEN PLATE - 1350 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately two minutes owing to First Care Medical personnel attending to an industry participant.

BLAZING RED (C. Murtagh) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

EMPIRE RULER (B. Price) - laid out marginally near the 800m and momentarily hampered ESTICON, which was laying in.

GOLDFIELDS GREY (C. Rawiller) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the off hind leg (2/5). Trainer, Mr L. O'Connor, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

WINNING ALL ROUND (J. Murphy) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

ESTICON (L. Stojakovic) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Laid in near the 800m and became awkwardly placed on the heels of EMPIRE RULER.



RACE 1: ADELAIDE GALVANISING INDUSTRIES MAIDEN PLATE – 1350 Metres (cont'd)

WINGS OF DESTINY (J. Holder) – rider explained that the mare raced flat throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. Co-trainer, Mrs B. Callanan, advised on Thursday, 20 August 2026 that the gelding had pulled up well, had come to the end of its preparation and would now be sent for a spell.

RACE 2: SPORTSBET FAST FORM MAIDEN PLATE – 1600 Metres

IMPENDING FURY (C. Murtagh) – raced keenly in the early stages of the event when being restrained to obtain a position with cover. Raced wide without cover from the 800m.

WINSTON'S PRIDE (J. Toeroek) – bumped by EXTRA CHILL on jumping away. Raced keenly in the early stages of the event and over-raced onto the heels of IMPENDING FURY approaching the 1200m before shifting wider.

EXTRA CHILL (R. Milnes) – began awkwardly, shifted out and bumped WINSTON'S PRIDE. Raced keenly near the 800m.

OR AM I (W. Price) – raced keenly in the middle stages of the event. Laid out under pressure in the straight.

STAR SERPENT (H. Grace) – held up for clear running for a short distance passing the 400m.

RACE 3: ADELAIDE HILLS GAS MAIDEN PLATE – 1200 Metres

FRENCH DETECTIVE (W. Cave) – bumped by LUNAR VISTA approaching the 1000m. Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

LOYALTY REIGNS (A. Goindasamy) – raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Rider reported that gelding had travelled comfortably in running; however, when placed under pressure in the straight failed to respond to his riding. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than expected recovery.

LUNAR VISTA (S. Metcalfe) – raced keenly in the middle stages of the event. Shifted in and bumped FRENCH DETECTIVE approaching the 1000m.

ZEREALM (C. Murtagh) – raced keenly in the early stages of the event when being restrained in an attempt to obtain a position with cover. Held up for clear running from the 600m until inside the 400m.

MY CHERIE AMOR (C. Tootell) – bumped by SECRET OWL on jumping away.

PRETTY MORSEL (A. Warren) – raced keenly for the majority of the event. Laid out rounding the turn near the 800m. Raced wide throughout the event.

SECRET OWL (K. Crowther) – began awkwardly, shifted in and bumped MY CHERIE AMOR. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

THINE MAJESTIC (J. Gutte) – began awkwardly and lost ground. When questioned in relation to the tactics she had adopted in today's event, in particular her decision to shift excessively wide in the home straight when there appeared to be runs available nearer the inside running rail, rider explained that her instructions had been to leave the inside running rail rounding the home turn and to obtain clear running in better going. However, with the benefit of hindsight J. Gutte agreed that she may have erred by shifting so wide as runs had presented nearer the inside running rail, which she would have been better suited to have utilised.

RACE 4: GOODYEAR TYRES CLASS ONE HANDICAP – 1100 Metres

WHISKEY TUMBLER (S. Potter) – raced wide until the 700m. Rider accidentally dropped her whip approaching the 100m.





RACE 4: GOODYEAR TYRES CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1100 Metres (cont'd)

CHARKA (S. Metcalfe) - had its hindquarters contacted shortly after jumping away and became momentarily unbalanced. Laid out rounding the turn near the 800m. Momentarily held up for clear running near the 400m when laying in. Laid in under pressure in the straight and became momentarily awkward on the heels of WHISKEY TUMBLER approaching the winning post.

MON AMI (L. Stojakovic) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival on course and was deemed suitable to start. Bumped by REOFFER on jumping away, shifted out and contacted the hindquarters of CHARKA. Raced keenly inside the 800m. Rider explained that in her opinion the mare would derive a significant fitness benefit from the run. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than expected recovery. Trainer, Mr B. Peake, was advised that a warning had been placed on the mare.

REOFFER (M. Collett) - began awkwardly, shifted out and bumped MON AMI. Obligated to shift out around heels approaching the 100m.

BLINKED (J. Holder) - weakened over the concluding stages of the event. Rider explained that the early effort required to obtain a forward position near the inside running rail was telling in the finish. He added that in his opinion BLINKED may be better suited when ridden with cover.

SHE SPARKLES (W. Cave) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than expected recovery. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR131(b) in that he failed to ride his mount out fully to the finish of the event and was fined \$100. In determining penalty Stewards were comfortably satisfied that W. Cave's lack of vigour over the concluding two strides had not affected the horse's placing in today's event; however, fell well short of the expected standard.

RACE 5: HOLDFAST INSURANCE BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 2050 Metres

GRINZINGER JOY (NZ) (L. Stojakovic) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the off foreleg (3/5). Trainer, Ms S. Ratsch, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

SHADOW HAWK (NZ) (C. Tootell) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival on course at it had raced in the previous seven days and was deemed suitable to start.

Soon after passing the winning post on the first occasion GRINZINGER JOY (NZ) was checked by its rider before shifting out across the running of I LOVE THIS SONG, causing that gelding to be checked. Both L. Stojakovic (GRINZINGER JOY (NZ)) and D. Tourneur (I LOVE THIS SONG) were dislodged as a result. When it became apparent soon after that both riders were unable to be removed from the racing surfacing the remaining riders were alerted that the race had been abandoned. Consequently, the remainder of the field were safely restrained by their riders and the two riderless horses captured without incident. Stewards acting under the provisions of AR205 declared the race void and ordered that all monies invested on the race be refunded. L. Stojakovic was examined by the First Care Medical personnel and cleared from significant injuries; however, given the nature of the fall was stood down from riding pending further assessment. D. Tourneur was transported to hospital for further assessment and treatment. After reviewing the available vision Stewards determined GRINZINGER JOY (NZ) had been racing ungenerously in the early stages of the event and in the vicinity of the winning post shifted out abruptly of its own accord obliging its rider to check the mare, before continuing to shift out across the running of I LOVE THIS SONG causing that gelding to be checked and ultimately both riders to be dislodged. Given the apparent racing manners of GRINZINGER JOY (NZ), trainer, Ms S. Ratsch, was advised that GRINZINGER JOY (NZ) would now be required to prove tractable in an Official Barrier Trial prior around a bend in which it had begun from the inside most barrier prior to a future race start. An inquiry into the incident will be held at a date and time to be fixed.

RACE 6: COMMUNITY BANK FLEURIEU - BENDIGO BANK BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres



The start of this event was rescheduled to begin at 4.40pm owing to the incident in Race 5.

BIT OF A REBEL (S. Potter) - bumped by HAMNER SPRINGS (NZ) on jumping away. Raced keenly in the middle stages of the event. Contacted by YOROKOBI (NZ) inside the 100m.

RACE 6: COMMUNITY BANK FLEURIEU - BENDIGO BANK BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres (cont'd)

DARCI LANE (NZ) (J. Toeroek) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event when being restrained to obtain a position with cover. Rider explained that the gelding travelled comfortably in running; however, failed to respond to his riding in the early stages of the straight, but finished the event off strongly. He added that in his opinion the gelding may be better suited to events over further distances and firmer tracks. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ROBERT THE PUSS (A. Stead) - when questioned, rider explained that the gelding may be better suited to racing on firmer tracks.

YOROKOBI (NZ) (H. Grace) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Raced in restricted room between BIT OF A REBEL and HAMNER SPRINGS (NZ) for a short distance inside the 100m and contacted BIT OF A REBEL.

COSMIC SPY (C. Murtagh) - began awkwardly and then was restrained to obtain a position with cover closer to the inside running rail.

FLYWAY (W. Price) - trainer, Mr C Beig, advised on Thursday, 20 August 2026 that the gelding had pulled up well following the event. He added that he could offer no tangible explanation for the poor performance and undertook to advise Stewards should anything become apparent regarding the geldings condition in the coming days.

SPELMAN (R. Milnes) - Stewards questioned the rider in relation to her riding of the gelding over the final stages of the event, particularly whether she had ridden her mount out to the line over the final stride. Rider explained that given her proximity to the outside running rail in an effort to obtain better going she had been obliged when passing the winning post to immediately commence to direct her mount around the sharp turn out of the straight. She added that she felt her mount had peaked on its run approaching the winning post and that any apparent lack of vigour on her behalf was on passing the winning post, rather than approaching it. Stewards accepted her explanation. When asked to comment on the seemingly improved performance trainer, Mr M. Lewis, explained that the gelding had taken a significant fitness benefit from recent runs on rain affected tracks, and with the favourable barrier draw, noting the gelding does not appreciate racing amongst other horses, the stable had expected a more forward showing; however, were nonetheless pleasantly surprised by the win.

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM (A. Stone) - bumped with HAMNER SPRINGS (NZ) on jumping away. Raced keenly when momentarily steadied near the 1300m. Continued to race keenly for some distance thereafter. Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

HAMNER SPRINGS (NZ) (B. King) - tightened and bumped between FIGHT FOR FREEDOM and BIT OF A REBEL on jumping away. Shifted in near the 1300m momentarily hampering FIGHT FOR FREEDOM. Rider was advised to exercise greater care and to ensure she was fully clear when crossing other runners in future. Laid out under pressure inside the 100m and had to be corrected by its rider. When questioned regarding the improved performance trainer, Mr G. Young, advised that leading into today's event modifications had been made to the gelding's training regime and as a result it had been pleasing in its work. As such connections had expected a more forward showing; however, nonetheless were pleasantly surprised by the winning performance.

SAZERAC (M. Collett) - raced wide throughout the event.

RACE 7: VICTOR HARBOR MOTOR CO BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1350 Metres

The start of this event was rescheduled to begin at 5.20pm owing to the incident in Race 5.

CLASSY CLARET (A. Stone) - bumped with KALOSYNI on jumping away then shifted in and bumped with DREAMS FULFILLED. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

CHUR NIBBLE (NZ) (B. Price) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

DISTILLERY (R. Milnes) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.



RACE 7: VICTOR HARBOR MOTOR CO BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP – 1350 Metres (cont'd)

DREAMS FULFILLED (R. Hammond) – began awkwardly, was bumped by CLASSY CLARET and then shifted in and bumped SO GRAND. Raced ungenerously in the early stages of the event, and after being crossed continued to race ungenerously and had to be restrained off heels near the 800m.

KALOSYNI (W. Price) – bumped with CLASSY CLARET on jumping away. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

KORATORA (C. Munro) – laid out under pressure in the straight.

LADY ZELDA (K. Crowther) – raced wide throughout the event. Laid in near the 800m and rounding the home turn.

SHALHAVMUSIK (M. Collett) – after beginning well from the wide barrier was ridden positively in the early stages and consequently settled in a more forward position than may have been expected. Raced wide without cover throughout the event. Laid in near the 800m. Shifted ground under pressure in the straight.

DRAGONFACE (C. Tootell) – raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. Held up for clear running from the 600m to the 400m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils. Co-trainers, Mr L. Grantham and Ms E. Grantham, were advised that as this was the gelding's first bi-lateral bleed DRAGONFACE would now be suspended from racing for a period of three months in accordance with AR79(4) and would be required to have the gelding reinstated in accordance with AR79(4)(b) prior to a future race. Connections advised that they would consider the gelding's immediate racing future with thought given to retirement.

SO GRAND (A. Warren) – bumped by DREAMS FULFILLED shortly after the start before becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of CHUR NIBBLE (NZ) and losing ground.

GENERAL:

W. Cave was reprimanded under AR128(2) for leaving the course without permission of the Stewards.

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (2):

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

Race 6 – BIT OF A REBEL, FLYWAY.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (7):

Race 1 – WINNING ALL ROUND (winner)
Race 2 – EXTRA CHILL (winner)
Race 3 – MY CHERIE AMOR (winner)
Race 4 – WHISKEY TUMBLER (winner)
Race 6 – SPELMAN (winner – dead heat)
Race 6 – HAMNER SPRINGS (NZ) (winner – dead heat)
Race 7 – CHUR NIBBLE (NZ) (winner)





SUMMARY	
FINES	Race 4 - W. Cave (SHE SPARKLES) - Fined \$100 - AR131(b) - Failure to ride his mount out fully to the finish of the event. Mr M. Hickmott - Fined \$100 - LR18.1 - Late notification of rider for DARCI LANE (NZ) (Race 6). Mr T. Doudle - Fined \$100 - LR18.1 - Late notification of rider for KORATORA (Race 7).
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	W. Cave - AR128(2) - Left the course without permission.
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 1 - GOLDFIELDS GREY - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness off hind leg (2/5). Race 4 - MON AMI - Warned - Poor performance. Race 5 - GRINZINGER JOY (NZ) - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness off foreleg (3/5). Race 5 - GRINZINGER JOY (NZ) - Suspended - Must prove tractable in an Official Barrier Trial around a bend from an inside barrier prior to a future race start. Race 7 - DRAGONFACE - Suspended 3mths - AR79(4) - Must comply with AR79(4)(b) to be reinstated to race - Bi-lateral bleed (1 st occurrence).
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Race 5
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	D. Tourneur

