

Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Strathalbyn
Racecourse by the Strathalbyn Racing Club on
Wednesday, 25 March 2026



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Stewards Panel: C. Warren (A/Chairman), M. Zarb (HT), L. Murch (M) & A. Deakin (F).
Deputy Stewards: M. Martin, H. Dini & P. Williams.
Veterinary Surgeons: Dr L. Walter.

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

RAIL: True.

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
4	STAR STUDED BELLE	M. Collett		Emergency - notified
5	SANDPIPER	S. Metcalfe		"

APPROVED WEIGHT CHANGE:

Race	Horse	Rider	Change	New Weight
2	MAYSOONFLY	J. Holder	+1.0kg	56.0kg

RACE 1: ADELAIDE HILLS GAS CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1100 Metres

POWER OF TIME (A. Goindasamy) - raced keenly in the middle stages of the event.

RULED BY THIEVES (A. Stead) - raced keenly and wide without cover for the majority of the event. Rider explained that in his opinion the gelding is better suited when able to be ridden more conservatively allowing it to finish its races off better. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

SASSY SOPHIE (T. Johnstone) - began awkwardly. When questioned rider explained that the filly would derive fitness from today's run and she would expect a better performance in events over further distances.

ELEGANT LILLY (L. Stojakovic) - difficult to load.

POLITICAL PROMISE (C. Jones) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

LIGHTLY SPARKLED (T. Hutchinson) - slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event, shifted wide from approaching the 900m and raced wide without cover thereafter. Obligated to shift to the inside of heels to obtain clear running on straightening.

SIX STARS (B. King) - slow into stride. Improved on to heels when racing keenly near the 600m and had to be eased.



RACE 2: VICTOR HARBOR MOTOR CO MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 Metres

BROTHER LAWRIE (J. Toeroek) - bumped heavily by MAYSOONFLY on jumping away and lost ground as a result. Was hampered and had to be momentarily eased near the 1000m when SUPREME VALKYRIE shifted out. Rider explained that his intention had been to settle further forward in the event; however, after being contacted at the start he was obliged to settle further back and wide, which was to the gelding's detriment.

HAKEBA (A. Stead) - near the 700m improved onto heels and had to be eased.

SIR CASTLETON (A. Goindasamy) - began awkwardly and shifted out. Raced keenly for the majority of the event.

MAGNA TORINO (R. Milnes) - near the 700m improved onto heels and had to be steadied. Was momentarily held up rounding the home turn, and then for the duration of the straight, and as a result was untested to the line.

MY IVA (I. Sit) - bumped and lost ground on jumping away. Raced keenly in the middle stages, improved onto heels near the 1000m, had to be steadied and then over-raced for some distance. Then improved onto heels again near the 700m and had to be steadied.

SUPREME VALKYRIE (D. Tourneur) - laid out and away from SILENT LEGACY approaching the 1000m and hampered BROTHER LAWRIE.

GOODWIN GURU (T. Johnstone) - began awkwardly.

MAYSOONFLY (J. Holder) - bumped heavily with BROTHER LAWRIE on jumping away. After being caught wide in the early stages of the event was ridden forward from the 1000m to obtain a leading position nearer the rail inside the 900m.

ZOU DOLL (K. Crowther) - bumped on jumping away. Raced keenly in the middle stages of the event and over-raced on heels near the 1000m having to be steadied, and again near the 700m. When questioned regarding the performance of the filly rider could offer no explanation. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. Sable representative advised on Thursday, 26 March 2026 that the filly had pulled up well and the intention would be to continue with its preparation after a short let up.

RACE 3: PESTKA SIGNS MAIDEN PLATE - 1600 Metres

GHAZI (NZ) (J. Murphy) - made the crossing near the 1500m awkwardly.

KIKKULI (K. Crowther) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

THE PUNK ROCKER (C. Murtagh) - blundered on jumping away, shifted in and bumped MEHIRAKOOL. Bumped by MISS PUISSANCE near the 1300m and again near the 1000m. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

WHISKEY WARRIOR (NZ) (D. Caboche) - bumped shortly after the start and became momentarily awkward on heels. Bumped with SAUNTERING approaching the winning post.

KELORIK (J. Toeroek) - began awkwardly.

KOPITIM (T. Pannell) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

SAUNTERING (D. Tourneur) - bumped with WHISKEY WARRIOR approaching the winning post.

MEHIRAKOOL (I. Sit) - buffeted on jumping away.

MISS PUISSANCE (A. Jordsjo) - raced keenly in the middle stages of the event, improved onto the heels of KOPITIM near the 1300m and then shifted out and bumped with THE PUNK ROCKER. Continued to race keenly and over-raced onto the heels of KOPITIM again near the 1000m, shifted out and bumped with THE PUNK ROCKER. Rider reported that as her mount had over-raced with the slower tempo it was her opinion that the mare would be suited to races over shorter distances with more genuine pace.



RACE 3: PESTKA SIGNS MAIDEN PLATE – 1600 Metres (cont'd)

DINNER (A. Goindasamy) – began awkwardly shifted out and bumped with MEHIRAKOOL. Raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

INNOMINATE (T. Johnstone) – bumped shortly after the start. Laid in under pressure in the straight and had to be corrected near the 100m.

BORCHARD (S. Terachi) – change of tactics – attempt to settle more forward – settled on pace. Raced wide without cover throughout the event.

RACE 4: ANGOVE MCLAREN VALE CLASS ONE PLATE – 2050 Metres

ARLO'S DREAM (C. Murtagh) – raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Weakened in the straight. Rider reported that the gelding travelled fairly in running; however, failed to respond to his riding and lost ground in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination no visible abnormalities. Stewards will follow up with the trainer as to how the gelding pulled up.

HOTCH POTCH (C. Jones) – raced keenly in the middle stages of the event. Bumped with THE HIGHLANDER near the 350m when attempting to shift out to improve, resulting in THE HIGHLANDER being tightened and losing ground. Rider was reminded of her obligations under AR131(a) when shifting ground.

NIGHTSUN (T. Johnstone) – fractious in the horse transport vehicle. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival on course and was deemed unsuitable to start. First aid administered. Acting on this advice Stewards declared NIGHTSUN a late scratching at 12.25pm. Trainer, Mr B. Jones, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

CRESPIANO (J. Opperman) – bumped on jumping away. Raced keenly near the 1300m.

THE HIGHLANDER (A. Stead) – bumped on jumping away. Rider was obliged to take hold near the 350m when tightened between HOTCH POTCH, which shifted out, and CAPTAIN LOVE, which was laying in, and lost its position as a result.

VALUED (NZ) (T. Hutchinson) – began awkwardly and bumped with STAR STUDDER BELLE.

CAPTAIN LOVE (D. Tourneur) – laid in near the 350m and bumped with THE HIGHLANDER and tightened that gelding, in onto HOTCH POTCH. Rider was reprimanded under AR131(a) and advised he would be required to make a greater effort to straighten his mounts in similar circumstances. Continued to lay in and got onto heels approaching the winning post and had to be straightened.

MIKKI TANGO (T. Pannell) – laid out under pressure in the straight.

ROLL START (C. Tootell) – held up on the heels of THE HIGHLANDER near the 350m prior to shifting wider to obtain clear running. Rider reported that the mare laid in under pressure in the straight.

SASSY SUMMER (L. Stojakovic) – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

STAR STUDDER BELLE (M. Collett) – bumped on jumping away. Raced keenly in the early stages when being restrained to obtain cover and continued to race keenly for some distance thereafter.

RACE 5: SPORTSBET JOCKEY WATCH BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP – 2050 Metres

SAVSONIC (NZ) (I. Sit) – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival on course and was deemed suitable to start.





RACE 5: SPORTSBET JOCKEY WATCH BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 2050 Metres (cont'd)

ZAIN PRINCE (T. Hutchinson) - raced keenly throughout the event. Weakened in the straight. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted on the gelding, in particular the extended lead established to the body of the field, rider explained that her instructions had been to be positive from the barrier as per the gelding's usual racing pattern, and that the gelding had raced keenly throughout the event, and on leaving the home straight on the first occasion when SHARMA PRINCESS (NZ) was improving to her outside the gelding took up the bit, improved of its own accord and she was unable to restrain it. She added that, in her opinion, the gelding may benefit from the removal of blinkers from its gears. Stewards noted her explanation. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ENCIPHERING (J. Gutte) - bumped shortly after the start. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted on the gelding, in particular the extended lead established to the body of the field, rider explained that she had been instructed to be positive and attempt to settle in forward position just behind the leaders. She explained that she had not been aware of the notable lead the leading group had established, but her mount had been keen in the early stages of the event, and in her opinion her mount had travelled comfortably throughout the event. Stewards, mindful of the rider's relative inexperience, noted the explanation.

AITCH D'AMICO (J. Holder) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

TEMBU BOY (E. Finnegan) - bumped shortly after the start.

WARRANTYTE ROAD (A. Stead) - slow to begin.

SHARMA PRINCESS (NZ) (C. Tootell) - raced wide in the early stages of the event. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted on the mare, in particular the extended lead established to the body of the field, rider explained that she had been instructed to be positive on the mare as is its normal racing pattern. She added that after being caught wide early she had elected to continue forward and take up the lead; however, when improving to the outside of ZAIN PRINCE that gelding had commenced to over-race, and as she was committed to her forward move she was obliged to continue to press forward to establish a leading position closer to the rail. She further added that she was unaware of the notable lead that had been established to the body of the field. Stewards queried whether an opportunity had presented during the middle stages to steady the pace somewhat. C. Tootell explained that her instructions had been to permit the mare to roll along and not excessively restrain it, and as such she had not attempted to steady her mount during the middle stages. Stewards noted her explanation.

RACE 6: SPORTSBET GET ON EXTRA BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately three minutes.

HIGH SOCIETY GIRL (NZ) (I. Sit) - slow to begin.

TUPOLEU (J. Kerr) - weakened in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

COOL THE JETS (B. King) - laid out near the 800m taking ROB THE BANK wider.

ROB THE BANK (M. Chadwick) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

TRANTORO (J. Toeroek) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

LOCA BELLA (J. Holder) - lost its near fore plate en route to the barrier and required farrier attention. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was deemed suitable to start. Rider reported that in his opinion the mare is better suited in events over further distances and would derive a fitness benefit from today's run.



RACE 7: ROADSIDE SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres

JOVIALE (R. Milnes) - held up for clear running from approaching the 400m until passing the 300m.

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

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

TOFINO (C. Murtagh) - raced keenly in the early stages of the event, over-raced onto heels near the 1100m and had to be steadied.

EIGHT ON THE DOT (NZ) (C. Tootell) - raced keenly and improved onto heels near the 1000m and had to be eased.

NIGHT CRUISER (L. Stojakovic) - began awkwardly. Shifted out and away from GIN RUMMY near the 100m.

RUE BUNGAN (J. Gutte) - slow to begin.

PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (2):

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

Race 4 - VALUED (NZ).

Race 5 - SAVSONIC (NZ).

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (7):

Race 1 - POWER OF TIME (winner)

Race 2 - MAYSOONFLY (winner)

Race 3 - KIKKULI (winner)

Race 4 - MIKKI TANGO (winner)

Race 5 - SAVSONIC (NZ) (winner)

Race 6 - TRANTORO (winner)

Race 7 - JOVIALE (winner)

SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 4 - D. Tourneur (CAPTAIN LOVE) - AR131(a) - Careless riding.
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 4 - NIGHTSUN - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Multiple lacerations to its legs (late scratching).
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil