

# Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge  
Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on  
Wednesday, 15 November 2023



RACINGSA

Stewards Panel: P. Ryan (A/Chairman), C. Deakin (HT), B. Jarman (M) & L. Murch (F)  
Deputy Stewards: J. Patton, M. Arthur & K. Santoro.  
Veterinary Surgeons: Dr T. Koenig.

TRACK: Soft 5 (Track with a reasonable amount of give in it)  
Upgraded to Good 4 @ 3.12pm retrospective to Race 4  
(Track with some give in it)

RAIL: Out 11 metres 1000m to winning post, out 6 metres 1200m chute, true remainder.

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
5	ENTERPRISE JEWEL	S. Payne	J. Potter	Overweight

## RACE 1: COONARA / NORMA & BUSHMAN'S TANKS MAIDEN PLATE - 1800 Metres

BACK ME UP BENNY (T. Voorham) - near the 500m raced tightly between INAGURATE and MAIDEN FLIGHT for a short distance. 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 fined \$200. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by T. Voorham and noted that she used it on six occasions over the final 100m of the event.

HOOD RAT (NZ) (J. Toeroek) - rider reported that the gelding stood flat-footed and lost considerable ground at the start, and for this reason HOOD RAT (NZ) settled further back than intended.

KEMI (H. Yuen) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

SANDHILL REBEL (D. Caboche) - slow to begin.

ABSOLUTELY STOKED (B. Price) - difficult to load. Trainer, Mr J. O'Connor, was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding. Rider reported that he felt there was something amiss with the gelding's action over the concluding stages of the event, and for this reason he did not fully ride ABSOLUTELY STOKED to the line. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

INAGURATE (D. Tourneur) - near the 500m, for a short distance, raced tight to the inside of MAIDEN FLIGHT. Rider reported that he felt there was something amiss with the mare's action over the concluding stages of the event and that it was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the near hind leg (2/5). Trainer, Mr D. McLeod, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

MAIDEN FLIGHT (A. Jordsjo) - near the 500m, for a short distance, raced tight between ABSOLUTELY STOKED and BACK ME UP BENNY.



RACE 1: COONARA / NORMA & BUSHMAN'S TANKS MAIDEN PLATE - 1800 Metres (cont'd)

NORTHERN DANE (J. Potter) - change of tactics - attempt to settle more forward - led. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than expected recovery. Connections indicated that they would now spell the mare.

RIVER RHINE (J. Maund) - rider reported that he felt there was something amiss with the mare's action. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the near hind leg and the near foreleg (2/5). Trainer, Mr S. Lenehan, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start. Mr Lenehan indicated that it was his intention to now retire the mare.

NORTHKEED (S. Logan) - rider reported that he felt there was something amiss with the filly's action. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 2: TEAM POLY TANKS MAIDEN PLATE - 900 Metres

DRAWN TO WIN (C. Reynolds) - laid out rounding the home turn and in the straight. Rider was reminded of her obligations under AR131(b) to ride her mounts out fully to the end of the race.

OH SHOW (S. Payne) - began awkwardly.

RITZ (E. Finnegan) - slow to begin.

STREETCAR APOLLO (K. Crowther) - reluctant to proceed to the start. Trainer, Mr D. Jolly, was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding. Began awkwardly.

OPPORTUNE CHANCE (H. Edgley) - slow into stride.

BONNY IMPACT (J. Potter) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

RIKKI RIKKARDO (B. Price) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

RACE 3: AAP INDUSTRIES CLASS ONE PLATE - 2000 Metres

CALL ME VEXATIOUS (C. Murray) - was kicked in the mounting yard by another runner. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was deemed suitable to start. Near the 1900m was taken out by NIGHT CRUISER, which shifted out and away from the rail when racing greenly.

NAMADJI (J. Potter) - rider could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

NIGHT CRUISER (R. Hurdle) - near the 1900m, when racing greenly, shifted out and away from the rail taking CALL ME VEXATIOUS wider. Raced keenly in the early stages of the event. Rider reported that the gelding raced greenly in the early stages and again when placed under pressure in the straight.

PICK ME (S. Metcalfe) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

FRUSCIANTE (S. Logan) - near the 1900m was hampered and taken out by CALL ME VEXATIOUS, which was taken out by NIGHT CRUISER.

MILITARY ACTION (D. Caboche) - began awkwardly.

HUSSLING (D. Tourneur) - rider could offer no explanation for the mare's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 4: VINIDEX & PHILMAC BENCHMARK 62 HANDICAP - 2000 Metres

EXOPIPI (L. Neindorf) - held up for clear running from near the 500m until near the 300m.

BENZ BARON (R. Milnes) - raced wide without cover throughout the event. Laid in under pressure in the straight.



RACE 4: VINIDEX & PHILMAC BENCHMARK 62 HANDICAP - 2000 Metres (cont'd)

RED SEQUOIA (D. Tourneur) – 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 \$300. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by D. Tourneur and noted that he used it on two occasions over the final 100m of the event, D. Tourneur's record in relation to this rule, and that he had won the race.

RACE 5: DAB PUMPS BENCHMARK 62 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres

BIT OF A REBEL (C. Munro) – rider accidentally dropped her whip near the 300m.

A TOUCH FROSTY (C. Murray) – near the 200m had to be steadied when tightened for room between CARAK and ANDREW'S MEMORY, which shifted in under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ANDREW'S MEMORY (J. Maund) – raced wide without cover throughout the event. Near the 800m shifted in before being straightened by its rider, resulting in DUAL FUEL (NZ) racing tightly to the inside of ANDREW'S MEMORY. Near the 200m shifted in tightening the running of A TOUCH FROSTY. Rider was reprimanded for careless riding and advised he would be required to stop riding and straighten his mounts sooner than he had on this occasion.

DJANGO EXPRESS (S. Logan) – slow to begin.

DUAL FUEL (NZ) (T. Voorham) – slow to begin. Near the 800m raced tightly for a short distance to the inside of ANDREW'S MEMORY, which shifted in before being straightened by its rider. Held up for clear running from near the 500m until near the 200m.

ARMAMENT (A. Jordsjo) – slow to begin. Near the 800m was hampered when racing tightly to the inside of DUAL FUEL (NZ), which was racing tight to the inside of ANDREW'S MEMORY.

RACE 6: DAVEY WATER BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 900 Metres

ROYAL TYKE (B. Wong) – near the 600m raced tight to the inside of CHEEKY CHEEKYBELLA, which in turn was racing tightly to the inside of LITTLE RICH BOY, which when laying in shifted in before being straightened by its rider.

WOLF CITY (H. Edgley) – laid in under pressure in the straight.

BELVAGO (A. Lindsay) – near the 600m had to be steadied when racing in restricted room to the inside of ROYAL TYKE, which was racing tight to the inside of CHEEKY CHEEKYBELLA.

CHEEKY CHEEKYBELLA (H. Yuen) – near the 600m raced in restricted room to the inside of LITTLE RICH BOY, which laid in before being straightened by its rider. Rider reported that she felt there was something amiss with the mare's action over the concluding stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the off foreleg (2/5). Trainer, Mr S. Burford, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

LITTLE RICH BOY (T. Voorham) – near the 600m laid in before being straightened by its rider resulting in CHEEKY CHEEKYBELLA being obliged to race in restricted room.

LOCHEND UMOSA (R. Milnes) – kicked a rail in the mounting yard prior to the event. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and was deemed suitable to start.

RACE 7: ORANGE PUMPS BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately five minutes, initially due to the tongue tie having to be reapplied on PORT ROYAL, and then during the loading process the Starter identified that a number of runners had been loaded into the incorrect barriers and had to be removed and reloaded prior to the start being effected.

PORT ROYAL (C. Tootell) – began awkwardly.



RACE 7: ORANGE PUMPS BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP - 1400 Metres (cont'd)

ARTERO (B. Price) – rider could offer no explanation for the gelding’s poor performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MAVETTE (R. Milnes) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed a laceration to the near hind leg.

WILLYBEAFACOR (S. Metcalfe) – held up for a short distance rounding the home turn when unable to improve.

IMPOSING SUSPECT (NZ) (C. Murray) – shortly after the start shifted out making contact with NAVY GOLD.

NAVY GOLD (J. Opperman) – hampered when bumped shortly after the start by IMPOSING SUSPECT (NZ), which shifted out.

LYNDA’S LEGACY (J. Doyle) – held up from near the 400m until approaching the 200m.

ARCHDEACON (B. Wong) – raced wide without cover throughout the event. Rider explained that in her opinion racing wide was detrimental to the gelding’s chances. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RULING GODDESS (S. Tomlinson) – laid in under pressure in the straight.

KEEP SWINGING (H. Edgley) – acting on confirmed advice from trainer, Mr B. Holtham, that the mare had a laceration to its near foreleg and would be unsuitable to start Stewards declared KEEP SWINGING a late scratching at 8.33am. Mr Holtham was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

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ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (7):

- Race 1 – CALL ME AL (winner)
- Race 2 – VINTAGE STAR (winner)
- Race 3 – CALL ME VEXATIOUS (winner)
- Race 4 – RED SEQUOIA (winner)
- Race 5 – DJANGO EXPRESS (winner)
- Race 6 – HUNTLEY LADY (winner)
- Race 7 – COMMANDER MEROO (winner)

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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 1	D. Tourneur (INAGURATE)	+2	3
Race 1	J. Opperman (JEWEL DE LUNE)	+2	2
Race 3	C. Murray (CALL ME VEXATIOUS)	+3	3
Race 3	S. Metcalfe (PICK ME)	+2	3
Race 4	S. Payne (MASTER OF ZERPRISE)	+2	3

SUMMARY	
FINES	Race 1 – T. Voorham (BACK ME UP BENNY) – Fined \$200 – AR132(7)(a)(ii) – Whip offence [+4]. Race 4 – D. Tourneur (RED SEQUOIA) – Fined \$300 – AR132(7)(a)(ii) – Whip offence [+5]. Race 5 – S. Payne – Fined \$100 – AR190(3) – Overweight and having to be replaced on ENTERPRISE JEWEL.

SUMMARY (cont'd)

SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 5 - J. Maund (ANDREW'S MEMORY) - AR131(a) - Careless riding.
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	<p>Race 1 - ABSOLUTELY STOKED - Warned - Difficult to load.</p> <p>Race 1 - INAGURATE - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness near hind leg (2/5).</p> <p>Race 1 - RIVER RHINE - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness near hind leg and near foreleg (2/5).</p> <p>Race 2 - STREETCAR APOLLO - Warned - Reluctant to proceed to the start.</p> <p>Race 6 - CHEEKY CHEEKYBELLA - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness off foreleg (2/5).</p> <p>Race 7 - KEEP SWINGING - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Laceration near foreleg (late scratching).</p>
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil