

# Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Balaklava  
Racecourse by the Balaklava Racing Club on  
Wednesday, 6 December 2023



RACINGSAA

Stewards Panel: S. Callanan (A/Chairman), M. Zarb (HT), C. Deakin (M) & B. Jarman (F)  
Deputy Stewards: L. Martin, K. Santoro & M. Arthur.  
Veterinary Surgeons: Dr T. Koenig.

TRACK: Good 4 (Track with some give in it)  
Upgraded to Good 3 at 2.37pm  
(Track with good grass coverage and cushion)

RAIL: True.

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
2	ZESTY SPICE	T. Pannell	J. Holder	Overweight
2	WINNERS CLUB	C. Murray		Emergency - notified
5	DJANGO EXPRESS	S. Logan	J. Potter	Indisposed

RACE 1: BTR EXCAVATIONS MAIDEN PLATE - 1050 Metres

BIG MAV (T. Voorham) - near the 700m rolled out marginally onto RICH LADY, which was inconvenienced.

JAMAICAN GOLD (H. Yuen) - when questioned in relation to her riding of the gelding, in particular in the straight and coming away from the rail allowing a run for SUPER ALANA (NZ) to improve to her inside, rider explained that she felt that JAMAICAN GOLD was racing greenly and after encouraging the gelding along it was travelling well, and rather than correcting the gelding she elected to ride it out in her usual manner to give it the best possible opportunity to finish the race off. She added that SUPER ALANA (NZ) only improved to her inside and went past her near the 150m and JAMAICAN GOLD finished the event off well though still racing greenly and working hard in the early stages to gain the lead.

TESTA DURA (J. Holder) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted out. Near the 200m, when racing greenly, shifted in abruptly and as a result became held up between YIP YIP YIP and MISS RUBICK, and near the 100m was obliged to shift out in an attempt to gain clear running. Rider explained in relation to the gelding's performance that it raced greenly throughout the event and may benefit from the removal of the tongue-tie. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RICH LADY (J. Potter) - near the 700m was inconvenienced by BIG MAV, which rolled out. Rider explained that the mare travelled well during the event; however, after being strongly encourage from shortly after the entrance to the straight from near the 200m commenced to race flat and did not finish the event off as he had anticipated. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.



RACE 1: BTR EXCAVATIONS MAIDEN PLATE - 1050 Metres (cont'd)

SUPER ALANA (NZ) (C. Reynolds) - held up for clear running from rounding the home turn until near the 300m behind JAMACIAN GOLD.

YIP YIP YIP (A. Livesey) - jumped away awkwardly, shifted in and bumped LUNASHA.

LUNASHA (E. Finnegan) - on jumping away bumped with YIP YIP YIP, which shifted in.

RACE 2: SUMMER SUNDAY RACES - 4TH FEBRUARY MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 Metres

ALPINE FALLS (NZ) (J. Doyle) - jumped away awkwardly and as a result was slow into stride. Near the 200m was inconvenienced when tight between LIFESTYLES, which was hanging in, and HE'S MAVERICK, which rolled out.

COLUMBIAN SPICE (D. Caboche) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival on course and was deemed suitable to start. Hung in under pressure in the straight.

JACOBS GATE (T. Voorham) - from its wide barrier shifted in, in an attempt to gain cover.

HE'S MAVERICK (R. Milnes) - on jumping away was inconvenienced by TIPPA, which shifted in. Near the 200m rolled out. Rider reported that the gelding over-raced in the early stages.

LIFESTYLES (D. Tourneur) - jumped away awkwardly. Hung in under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

THINKINGNINTYNINE (A. Livesey) - over-raced in the early and middle stages. Near the 200m was inconvenienced when awkwardly placed between the heels of WINNERS CLUB and JACOBS GATE. Rider reported that the gelding raced greenly throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

TIPPA (B. Price) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted in onto HE'S MAVERICK, which was inconvenienced.

ZESTY SPICE (J. Holder) - jumped away awkwardly.

FLYING YANK (NZ) (H. Yuen) - rider explained that her instructions in the event were to be positive from the barrier with the Winkers On for the First Time as the filly has been slow away its first two starts and attempt to gain cover midfield. She added that after commencing well and being trapped wide and without cover in the early stages rather than being caught wide she elected to roll forward to take up the lead and encouraged the filly to do so. She stated after gaining the lead FLYING YANK (NZ) was travelling well and being mindful to allow the filly to stride freely without restraining too much she elected to maintain a moderate pace. She added that the filly changed stride on a number of occasions rounding the home turn and in the straight; however, finished the race off well. Trainer Mr. J. Hyam confirmed the instruction provided. A post-race veterinary examination revealed speedy cuts to both hind legs.

ZARKANA (J. Potter) - at the entrance to the straight was taken wider by WINNERS CLUB, which shifted out. Hung in under pressure to the straight.

WINNERS CLUB (C. Murray) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event. At the entrance to the straight shifted out and away from TIPPA onto ZARKANA, which was taken wider.

RACE 3: BETTA BUILT GREEN RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres

ENLIST (T. Pannell) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

ALPINE BEAU (S. Payne) - slow to begin. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

DISTANT LOVER (S. Metcalfe) - raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

MR NAFPLION (NZ) (E. Finnegan) - Stewards permitted E. Finnegan to ride the gelding 0.5kg over its allocated weight of 54.0kg.



#### RACE 4: COOPERS BREWERY CLASS TWO HANDICAP - 1300 Metres

LANCELOTTO (B. Wong) - jumped away awkwardly, shifted in and bumped BASE OF FIRE. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

BASE OF FIRE (J. Doyle) - on jumping away bumped with LANCELOTTO, which shifted in. Raced wide without cover from the 900m. Hung out from the 700m until the finish. Rider reported that the gelding may not have been suited to the firm track conditions.

COSTLESS (S. Metcalfe) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Laid out over the concluding stages.

TAHNEE TREASURE (C. Murray) - shortly after the start, from its wide barrier, was restrained and shifted in, in an attempt to gain cover.

TOBIWASHI (A. Livesey) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

#### RACE 5: BARRY FLITTER 75TH BIRTHDAY BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 2200 Metres

DJANGO EXPRESS (J. Potter) - rider reported that the gelding did not feel comfortable in its action, with particular reference to its off foreleg, on return to the mounting yard. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than expected recovery.

POINTLESS PRAISE (T. Pannell) - following the declaration of acceptances co-trainer, Miss C. Jolly, made a gear application, at approximately 10am on race morning, to add Blinkers to the gelding's race gear. Stewards acceded to this request and acting under AR206(2) fined the training partnership \$200.

CHARTIN (NZ) (J. Doyle) - over-raced in the early and middle stages. Near the 1200m, when over-racing became awkwardly placed on the heels of POINTLESS PRAISE, shifted out onto PICK ME which was inconvenienced when taken wider. Hung in under pressure in the straight, and near the 200m was awkwardly placed between the heels of LANGWORTHY (NZ) and RADEGAST (NZ) for a short distance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than expected recovery.

ITALIAN REDWOOD (NZ) (J. Holder) - held up for clear running from the entrance to the straight until inside the 400m when racing between DJANGO EXPRESS and BACK ME UP BENNY and was obliged to shift in to obtain clear running.

LEADER'S PRIDE (E. Finnegan) - 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 Saturday, 9 December 2023 to conclude midnight Wednesday, 13 December 2023, a period of two meetings. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the totality of the use of the whip by E. Finnegan and noted that she used it on seven occasions over the final 100m of the event.

PICK ME (C. Murray) - raced wide and without cover throughout the event. Approaching the 1200m was inconvenienced when taken wider by CHARTIN (NZ), which was over-racing and awkwardly placed on the heels of POINTLESS PRAISE and shifted out. Rider explained in relation to the gelding performance that it was obliged to work hard throughout the event when racing wide and without cover and this was a detriment to its performance. He added that PICK ME may not have been suited to the relatively quick back up from its last race start at Mount Gambier on Friday 1 December 2023. A post-race veterinary examination revealed speedy cuts to the near hind fetlock.

LANGWORTHY (NZ) (S. Fawke) - inside the 2000m was awkwardly placed to the inside of the heels of LEADER'S PRIDE and shifted in and away from that gelding onto BACK ME UP BENNY, which was obliged to be momentarily steadied.

BACK ME UP BENNY (T. Voorham) - inside the 2000m was obliged to be momentarily steadied as LANGWORTHY (NZ) shifted in and away from LEADER'S PRIDE.





RACE 6: JOYCE ROSS AM MEMORIAL RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1050 Metres

RICH MEMORIES (B. Price) - raced wide and without cover throughout the event and was inclined to hang out near the 700m for a short distance. Rider explained that from the wide barrier his instructions were to ride the gelding where comfortable and be mindful to not allow the gelding to over-race. He added that after it commenced RICH MEMORIES did not feel comfortable in its action and in his opinion seemed reluctant to stretch out due to the track conditions. He further added that the gelding never travelled during the event, was inclined to hang out near the 700m and was very disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

LITTLE RICH BOY (S. Payne) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed a slower than expected recovery.

ELSA'S PRIDE (T. Pannell) - jumped away awkwardly, shifted in and bumped heavily with STARLITE REBEL.

MAGIC DELTA (H. Yuen) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

STARLITE REBEL (C. Tootell) - jumped away awkwardly, shifted out and bumped heavily with ELSA'S PRIDE, and as a result was inconvenienced for a number of strides. Near the 300m was held up for clear running when awkwardly placed on the heels of VALHALLA FELLA for a short distance and shifted out in an attempt to gain clear running. Near the 200m had difficulty obtaining clear running for a short distance. Near the 100m was held up for clear running when racing between LITTLE RICH BOY, which had commenced to weaken and MAGIC DELTA, which both shifted ground and was obliged to be steadied for a number of strides.

VALHALLA FELLA (S. Metcalfe) - held up for clear running from the entrance to the straight when racing between ELSA'S PRIDE and MAGIC DELTA, and approaching the 200m was obliged to shift in, in an attempt to gain clear running.

CLASS AFFAIR (J. Potter) - slow to begin and failed to muster speed in the early stages.

RACE 7: MCARDLE PTY LTD BALAKLAVA RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately two minutes.

RANGER FRANK (J. Potter) - slow to begin. At the entrance to the straight shifted out when insufficiently clear of OLD NEWMARKET, which clipped the heels of LOOKS LIKE A LADY when tightened onto that mare. 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 Wednesday, 13 December 2023 to conclude midnight Sunday, 17 December 2023, a period of three meetings. In assessing the penalty Stewards considered J. Potter's guilty plea and his very good record. Hung in under pressure in the straight.

SWANKYTOFF (S. Fawke) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival on course and was deemed suitable to start. Held up for clear running from the entrance to the straight until inside the 400m.

LOOKS LIKE A LADY (C. Murray) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

FLITTELL (B. Price) - raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Shortly after the entrance to the straight was steadied when awkward on the heels of OLD NEWMARKET, which had received interference.

RUN ON (NZ) (S. Metcalfe) - raced wide and without cover throughout the event. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

OLD NEWMARKET (L. Neindorf) - at the entrance was tightened onto and clipped the heels of LOOKS LIKE A LADY by RANGER FRANK, which shifted out when insufficiently clear. As a result OLD NEWMARKET dipped and lost ground. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

BONJOUR BLUE (D. Caboche) - Stewards permitted D. Caboche to ride the gelding 0.5kg over its allocated weight of 54.0kg.

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**ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (7):**

Race 1 - SUPER ALANA (NZ) (winner)  
Race 2 - ZARKANA (winner)  
Race 3 - VEE ROD (NZ) (winner)  
Race 4 - COSTLESS (winner)  
Race 5 - POINTLESS PRAISE (winner)  
Race 6 - JUST LIKE LISA (winner)  
Race 7 - PLAISIR (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 4	C. Murray (TAHNEE TREASURE)	+3	3
Race 7	S. Fawke (SWANKYTOFF)	+2	3

SUMMARY	
FINES	Mr R. Jolly & Miss C. Jolly - Fined \$200 - AR206(2) - Late gear application for POINTLESS PRAISE.
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	T. Pannell - AR190(3) - Overweight and having to be replaced on ZESTY SPICE (Race 2)
SUSPENSIONS	Race 5 - E. Finnegan (LEADER'S PRIDE) - AR132(7)(a)(ii) - Whip offence [+4] - From midnight 09/12/23 to midnight 13/12/23 - 2 meetings. Race 7 - J. Potter (RANGER FRANK) - AR131(a) - Careless riding - From midnight 13/12/23 to midnight 17/12/23 - 3 meetings.
HORSE ACTIONS	Nil
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	S. Logan