

# Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report



RACINGSSA

Report on Race Meeting held at Bordertown  
Racecourse by the Bordertown Racing Club on  
Sunday, 17 December 2023

Stewards Panel: M. Zarb (A/Chairman), E. Scott (HT) & D. Holland (F)  
Deputy Stewards: J. Patton, K. Marnane & J. Foster  
Veterinary Surgeons: Dr D. Goulding

TRACK: Soft 5 (Track with a reasonable amount of give in it)  
Upgraded to a Good 4 at 2:14pm (Track with some give in it)

RAIL: True

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
2	PONTING	T. Pannell	D. Caboche	Indisposed
3	LAUDATORY	C. Murray	H. Grace	""
4	JOHNNY CIGAR	T. Pannell	D. Tourneur	""
8	BATTLECRUISER	T. Pannell	H. Grace	""

## RACE 1: CREASER CONSTRUCTIONS MAIDEN PLATE - 1100 Metres

EASE OFFA (S. Metcalfe) - over the concluding stages became unbalanced when bumped by THE PENSKE FILE, which was taken out by MR FERRARI.

MR FERRARI (S. Fawke) - held up for a clear run behind SANDHILL REBEL and to the inside of SHE SPARKLES from the 300m to the 200m. Shifted out near the 200m and tightened THE PENSKE FILE out onto EASE OFFA and as a result THE PENSKE FILE had to be checked. 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 Tuesday, 26 December 2023 and to conclude midnight Saturday, 30 December 2023, a period of three meetings. In determining penalty, Stewards took into account S. Fawke's record and his guilty plea. Over the concluding stages shifted out under pressure and forced THE PENSKE FILE wider on the track. Rider was severely reprimanded under AR131(a).

THE PENSKE FILE (D. Tourneur) - inside the 200m was tightened and checked between EASE OFFA and MR FERRARI, which shifted out. Over the concluding stages was hampered and forced wider by MR FERRARI and bumped EASE OFFA as a result.

## RACE 2: BORDER BLINDS & CURTAINS MAIDEN HANDICAP (1) - 1300 Metres

PONTING (D. Caboche) - slow to begin.

WINNING AURA (M. Collett) - rider reported the gelding had difficulty obtaining a clear run over the concluding stages and was not fully tested to the line.



RACE 2: BORDER BLINDS & CURTAINS MAIDEN HANDICAP (1) - 1300 Metres (cont'd)

FOREVER WAITING (K. Crowther) - momentarily steadied near the 400m between SOCIAL DANCER and BONANSKI, which shifted out slightly.

SOCIAL DANCER (J. Opperman) - slow to begin. When questioned in relation to the tactics adopted on the filly in today's event, rider explained that he expected to be sitting outside the leader; however, SOCIAL DANCER got its head up on a couple of occasions shortly after the start, lost ground and as a result raced further back than anticipated.

HASTA LA WIZARD (D. Tourneur) - when questioned in relation to the gelding's performance, rider was unable to offer any excuse. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MAVEN MISSILE (S. Fawke) - a little slow to begin and then attempted to buck for a couple of strides in the early stages. Trainer, Mr G. Lynch was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its racing manners.

RACE 3: MCCARTHY TRANSPORT MAIDEN HANDICAP (2) - 1300 Metres

LAUDATORY (H. Grace) - when questioned in relation to the gelding's poor performance, rider explained that LAUDATORY was under pressure from the 800m, hung out rounding the home turn and in the straight he became concerned with its action and for this reason did not ride his mount out in his usual manner. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. Stable representative, Miss K. Hair advised that the gelding lost its off hind plate during the event which in her opinion, may have contributed LAUDATORY's disappointing performance. Stewards requested the stable to contact them in the coming days if any further issues arise that may have affected its performance today.

ZESTY SPICE (D. Tourneur) - near the 150m when weakening shifted in and became awkwardly placed on the heels of LOVE YOU BELLE.

FREE FALLIN' (D. Caboche) - slow to begin.

LOVE YOU BELLE (K. Crowther) - Rider reported the mare did not begin as well as expected and raced further back than anticipated. Approaching the 100m shifted in to obtain a clear run.

FORTUNATE FRED (S. Fawke) - near the 1000m became keen, got its head up and shifted out.

RACE 4: BORDERTOWN STONE SUPPLIES BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1550 Metres

BOMBER'S KISS (A. Livesey) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination at the request of the trainer who advised the gelding was fractious en route to the course and revealed a small laceration on the bridge of its nose and was deemed suitable to race. Rider reported the gelding failed to travel throughout the event and proved disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

WEST CLIFF (J. Opperman) - when questioned in relation to the gelding's performance, Trainer, Mr J. Opperman explained that WEST CLIFF was uncomfortable on the Soft 6 track at its last start at Ararat on 27 November 2023. He added the gelding has worked well since its last start; however, it was not supported by the stable in today's event.

HEAVY ROTATION (T. Voorham) - rider reported the mare had a nice run and travelled well throughout; however, proved disappointing when placed under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near foreleg (1/5). Co-trainers, Mr J. & Mrs L. Dodgson were advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race.

RACE 5: BRANDT CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

CALL IT A HUNCH (H. Yuen) - bumped its hind quarters when leaving the parade ring. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and was deemed suitable to race.

SANDHILL KNIGHT (D. Caboche) - rider dropped his whip near the 200m.



RACE 5: BRANDT CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1200 Metres (cont'd)

BRIDIE JEAN (K. Crowther) - slow to begin and then hampered by KATE'S VALLEY, which shifted out. Raced three wide without cover for the majority of the event. Rider explained that it was her intention to be further forward at the start; however, due to the incident, she found herself further back than anticipated. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

KATE'S VALLEY (B. Wong) - jumped away awkwardly, shifted out and hampered BRIDIE JEAN.

RACE 6: BORDERTOWN PUMPS & REFRIGERATION BENCHMARK 66 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

ANRUSHKA (J. Maund) - raced wide without cover for the majority of the event.

SO YOU CAN (T. Voorham) - began awkwardly.

HASTA LA MISSILE (D. Tourneur) - raced keen in the middle stages and got its head up.

RACE 7: WOOLSHED INN BORDERTOWN CUP (BENCHMARK 72 HANDICAP) - 2000 Metres

BRUNGLE RAIDER (N. Farley) - when questioned in relation to the tactics adopted on the gelding, rider explained that from the wide barrier he was instructed to allow BRUNGLE RAIDER to find its own pace out of the gates as it can over race when pushed forward. He added that as a consequence the gelding raced in the second half of the field.

WHEELS (NZ) (T. Voorham) - from the 400m to 300m had difficulty obtaining a clear run and shifted wider on the track to improve.

DIRT ON HARRY (J. Opperman) - began awkwardly and shifted in and away from JAYWICK.

BADONKIDONK (K. Crowther) - began awkwardly, shifted out and as a result SPACE EQUITY on its outside had to be checked.

SPACE EQUITY (D. Caboche) - checked at the start when tightened by BADONKIDONK.

HASTA LA PRINCE (D. Tourneur) - raced awkwardly and shifted out rounding the turn between the 1550m and 1300m.

JAYWICK (R. Milnes) - began awkwardly and shifted in. Raced wide without cover for the majority of the event. Rider dropped her whip near the 200m.

RACE 8: HARPERS PARCEL FREIGHT RATING 0 - 54 HANDICAP - 1300 Metres

BON HOMBRE (S. Metcalfe) - raced wide without cover for the majority of the event.

REALTIN (K. Crowther) - when questioned in relation to the gelding's performance, rider explained that she received no firm instructions from the trainer. She added the gelding was under pressure for the majority of the event and never travelled. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

DABAY (M. Collett) - raced wide without cover for the majority of the event.

BATTLECRUISER (H. Grace) - Change of tactics - attempt to take up a forward position in the event if possible. Settled back. When questioned in relation to the tactics adopted in today's event, rider explained that he pushed the gelding from the gates; however, BATTLECRUISER failed to show any speed. Held up near the 200m and had to shift in and away from the heels of OAMARU POPPY, which was weakening.

JURA MAC (A. Lindsay) - slow to begin.

OAMARU POPPY (J. Maund) - lost its off fore plate during the event.

VALLEY RATTLER (H. Yuen) - tightened at the start between BATTLE MASTER and OAMARU POPPY.



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**ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8):**

Race 1 - SHE SPARKLES (winner)  
Race 2 - FOREVER WAITING (winner)  
Race 3 - BIG MAV (winner)  
Race 4 - WEST CLIFF (winner)  
Race 5 - QUIK RHAPID (winner)  
Race 6 - THE SISCOS KID (winner)  
Race 7 - BADONKIDONK (winner)  
Race 8 - VALLEY RATTLER (winner)

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SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 1 - S. Fawke (MR FERRARI) - AR131(a) - Careless riding
REPRIMANDS	Nil
SUSPENSIONS	Race 1 - S. Fawke (MR FERRARI) - AR131(a) - Careless Riding - From midnight 26/12/23 and to conclude at midnight 30/12/23 - 3 meetings
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 2 - MAVEN MISSILE - Warned - Bucked Race 4 - HEAVY ROTATION - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to jump-out, trial or race - Lameness near foreleg (1/5)
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	C. Murray T. Pannell