

# Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge  
Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on  
Wednesday, 14 August 2024



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Stewards Panel: P. Ryan (A/Chairman), M. Zarb (MT), E. Scott (HT) & H. Matthews (F)  
Deputy Stewards: L. Martin, K. Santoro & A. Turner.  
Veterinary Surgeon: Dr S. McColgan & Dr B. Agnew.

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

RAIL: Out 1.5 metres 1200m chute, out 4.5 metres remainder.

WEATHER: Fine

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
2	OUR HOST	C. Jones		Late notification - explanation accepted
6	TOYETIC	T. Johnstone		"
9	GENERAL MINT	R. Milnes		Emergency - notified

APPROVED RIDER OVERWEIGHTS:

Race	Horse	Rider	Change	New Weight
4	CAMBERWOOD	A. Lindsay	0.5kg	55.0kg

## RACE 1: SPORTSBET JOCKEY WATCH MAIDEN PLATE - 900 Metres

PRODIGAL LAD (J. Toeroek) - performed below market expectations. Rider reported that the gelding did not quicken when placed under pressure, as he had anticipated and, in his opinion, was slightly disappointing. He added that PRODIGAL LAD may be suited in races of longer distances than today's event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

ROCKTAGON (C. Munro) - slow to begin.

HOLYDAMUS (J. Holder) - slow to begin.

STAR GLADIATOR (S. Logan) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

PETROULA (B. Price) - shortly after the start commenced to buck for a considerable distance before being eased of the event by its rider near the 500m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. Trainer, Mr H. Dwyer, was advised the filly must perform to the Stewards' satisfaction in an Official Barrier Trial prior to a future race.

## RACE 2: THOMAS FARMS MAIDEN PLATE - 900 Metres

MY RICH BOY (S. Logan) - laid out rounding the home turn.



RACE 2: THOMAS FARMS MAIDEN PLATE - 900 Metres (cont'd)

RADIANT KNIGHT (J. Eaton) - lost its off hind plate during the event.

KISS KISS KISS (T. Hutchinson) - hampered shortly after the start when bumped heavily by STEEL TSUNAMI, which had begun awkwardly, knuckled and then shifted out. Rider reported that she felt that there may be something amiss with the mare's action behind. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

STEEL TSUNAMI (K. Crowther) - began extremely awkwardly and then shortly after the start knuckled, shifted out and made heavy contact with KISS KISS KISS. Rider reported that the gelding, which was having its first start today, raced greenly for the majority of the event; however, when placed under pressure in the straight, responded to her riding and she was satisfied with STEEL TSUNAMI's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

THE PLASTICS (B. King) - slow to begin.

RACE 3: THOMAS FARMS MAIDEN PLATE - 1800 Metres

BUSH INFLUENCE (B. Price) - slow to begin. Held up and unable to improve from near the 300m until the winning post and finished the event off not fully tested.

GILDED AGE (D. Tourneur) - performed below market expectations. Rider reported that the gelding raced ungenerously and greenly when placed under pressure in the straight and, in his opinion, was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MANDINO (T. Johnstone) - laid in under pressure in the early part of the straight.

NORMIE NO SHOW (T. Hutchinson) - rider reported that the gelding raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

RHINESTONE RORY (S. Payne) - slow to begin.

FOXY EAGLE (R. Milnes) - held up for clear running from near the 200m until near the 100m when the mare shifted to the outside of GILDED AGE to obtain a clear run. Rider reported that the mare was slow to muster early speed and as a result settled back in the field. She added that the mare laid in under pressure in the straight.

HASTA LA PEACE (C. Jones) - near the 200m raced in restricted room for a short distance to the inside of ALWAYS BOLD, which when giving ground, shifted in slightly.

IVA DREAM (I. Lam) - raced wide without cover throughout.

MAJESTIC MOSHE (S. Logan) - near the 200m was steadied when awkwardly placed near the heels of GLACIES HEART, which had shifted in under pressure.

RACE 4: SPORTSBET PHOTO FINISH REFUND BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 2500 Metres

NEW WORLD TAPESTRY (USA) (A. Livesey) - near the 500m was steadied when racing in restricted room between VALAROC, which when weakening shifted out slightly onto LIMITED RISK, which when improving shifted in marginally.

STORMSARRIVED (J. Opperman) - raced wide in the early stages before being permitted to stride forward to sit outside the leader near the 1800m. Gave ground quickly in the straight. Rider reported that the mare over raced in the early stages; however, did not respond to his riding when placed under pressure and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. The stable will be contacted in the coming days to see if any issue has arisen post-race that may have affected the mare's performance today.

STAYING STRONG (J. Eaton) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 4: SPORTSBET PHOTO FINISH REFUND BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 2500 Metres  
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SASUN (R. Milnes) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was deemed suitable to race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

SCAMSTER (D. Tourneur) - passing the 500m was steadied when awkwardly placed near the heels of STORMSARRIVED, which had commenced to weaken. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the off foreleg (3/5). Trainer, Mr C. Reardon was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race.

ROAD TO BLUE SKY (NZ) (Z. Lloyd) - raced wide without cover throughout.

WARRANTYTE ROAD (T. Voorham) - Change of tactics - attempt to take up a forward position in the event if possible. Settled outside the leader in the early stages before gaining cover passing the winning post on the first occasion. Near the 1100m was permitted to stride forward by its rider to obtain the lead shortly after.

CAMBERWOOD (A. Lindsay) - rider reported that the gelding hung out under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 5: SWANPORT HOTEL BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 900 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately two minutes owing to AZTEC DANCER having to be re-shod.

KAIDO (M. Wolanin) - hung in under pressure in the straight.

LIMITED RISK (J. Opperman) - raced keenly in the early stages. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

SUGGESTIVE MISS (B. Price) - rider reported that the mare was tightened for room on jumping away between BABAYKA and VALENTINA CHARM, when both runners shifted ground.

AZTEC DANCER (T. Voorham) - had to be re-shod on arrival at the barriers. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was deemed suitable to race.

VALENTINA CHARM (J. Toeroek) - began very awkwardly, shifted out and as a result lost ground. Performed below market expectations. Rider could offer no explanation for the mare's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 6: CARLTON DRAUGHT MURRAY BRIDGE GOLD CUP 12TH OCTOBER BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

HARBOURING (T. Hutchinson) - began awkwardly.

ABIT RATTLEY (S. Payne) - raced wide without cover throughout the event.

EASY BEAST (NZ) (B. King) - rider reported that, in her opinion, the gelding was not suited to the solid early pace of today's event.

TOYETIC (T. Johnstone) - began awkwardly.

ZURI MISS (J. Opperman) - fractious in its barrier before the start was affected. Trainer, Mr H. Dwyer, was advised that a warning had been placed on the mare. Began awkwardly and lost considerable ground. Rider reported that when placed under pressure, the mare did not respond to his riding and, in his opinion, was disappointing.

DARE TO BE FREE (A. Lai) - rider reported that when placed under pressure the mare did not respond to his riding as anticipated.

EVENTUALLY (C. Jones) - laid in under pressure over the concluding stages.



RACE 7: SWAN REACH HOTEL BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1400 Metres

ENLIST (C. Munro) - near the 100m was steadied when racing tight between HASSLEFREE, which shifted out slightly and RUBBLE, which shifted in slightly.

WILD INFERENCE (S. Payne) - over raced badly in the early and middle stages.

CHELSEA CUBE (H. Yuen) - raced wide without cover throughout. Hung in prior to the home turn and in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

HASSLEFREE (T. Voorham) - approaching the winning post was eased when racing close to the heels of LAST WAR, which had shifted in marginally.

HOBO BOB (Z. Lloyd) - began awkwardly.

OBI (S. Fawke) - slow to begin. raced keenly in the early stages.

BLIXTEN (T. Hutchinson) - slow to begin.

LAST WAR (B. Price) - raced keenly in the early stages.

RACE 8: MANNUM & TERMINUS HOTEL BALAKLAVA RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1800 Metres

MOTO MOTO (D. Tourneur) - rider reported that the gelding laid out in the straight.

FLYING ASSASSIN (T. Hutchinson) - near the 300m shifted in making slight contact with SALUTE THE STARS. Over the final 100m of the event shifted in taking SALUTE THE STARS in onto LEADER'S PRIDE, which in turn was taken in. Rider was severely reprimanded under AR131(a) and advised that in future she would be required to make a far greater effort to prevent her mounts from shifting ground. Rider reported that the gelding laid in, in the straight.

SPELMAN (H. Yuen) - began extremely awkwardly losing considerable ground (approximately four lengths).

LEADER'S PRIDE (C. Tootell) - near the 300m shifted out to improve tightening MORTGAGE MAN out onto FLYING ASSASSIN, which had shifted in slightly. Rider was severely reprimanded under AR131(a). Near the 200m shifted in making heavy contact with SALUTE THE STARS before being straightened by its rider. Over the concluding stages of the event raced in restricted room to the inside of FLYING ASSASSIN, which shifted in.

FLIGHT DECK (NZ) (I. Lam) - held up from near the 500m until near the 300m. Approaching the winning post had to be steadied to avoid the heels of WANNASCHMACK, which had been bumped by SALUTE THE STARS.

MORTGAGE MAN (J. Holder) - near the 300m rider was obliged to take hold of his mount when tightened for room between FLYING ASSASSIN, which shifted in slightly, and LEADER'S PRIDE, which shifted out.

SALUTE THE STARS (J. Toeroek) - near the 200m was bumped heavily by LEADER'S PRIDE, which shifted in. Over the concluding stages raced in restricted room to the inside of LEADER'S PRIDE, which in turn was taken in by FLYING ASSASSIN.

SESAR (B. Price) - shortly after the start was eased when tightened for room by MORTGAGE MAN, which shifted in.

WANNASCHMACK (C. Murray) - raced wide for the majority of the event. Laid in, in the straight. Near the 200m was hampered when bumped by SALUTE THE STARS, which shifted in after being bumped by LEADER'S PRIDE. Approaching the winning post raced in restricted room to the inside of SALUTE THE STARS, which was taken in.



PROJECT GUTENBERG (NZ) (B. King) - over-raced in the early stages of the event. Near the 100m was steadied to avoid the heels of WANNASCHMACK, which shifted in after being bumped.

Correct weight for this event was delayed to allow H. Yuen (SPELMAN), and trainer, Mr M. Lewis, to view the vision of the start.

RACE 8: MANNUM & TERMINUS HOTEL BALAKLAVA RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1800 Metres  
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Correct weight was further delayed to allow J. Holder (MORTGAGE MAN), placed third, and trainer, Mr A. Gluyas, to view the vision in the straight.

Correct weight was further delayed to allow J. Toeroek (SALUTE THE STARS), placed fifth, and trainer, Ms E. Hubbard, to view the vision in the straight. After doing so J. Toeroek lodged an objection against LEADER'S PRIDE (C. Tootell) being declared the fourth placegetter on the grounds of alleged interference near the 200m. After considering the evidence, viewing the vision and acting on their own observations Stewards *upheld* the protest and amended the result to:

First	No. 2	FLYING ASSASSIN
Second	No. 11	COWLEY'S CREEK
Third	No. 7	MORTGAGE MAN
Fourth	No. 8	SALUTE THE STARS
Fifth	No. 4	LEADER'S PRIDE

RACE 9: THE MURRAY BRIDGE HOTEL RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

EIGHT ON THE DOT (NZ) (C. Tootell) - began extremely awkwardly and lost ground as a result. Laid out in the straight and approaching the winning post was steadied when awkwardly placed near the heels of LIMBERING.

GRUELLING (H. Yuen) - began awkwardly. Laid in, in the straight.

PINCHBECK (T. Hutchinson) - began awkwardly and took SELLIX out.

HAUNUI (NZ) (S. Logan) - shifted in at the start and tightened ARCHDEACON.

TRAK CHILLER (A. Livesey) - rider reported that in her opinion the mare was not suited to today's track condition.

ARCHDEACON (S. Mitchell) - shortly after the start was steadied when tightened between HAUNUI (NZ), which shifted in, and SELLIX, which shifted out.

LIMBERING (J. Eaton) - near the 500m raced in restricted room for a short distance to the inside of STREETCAR APOLLO.

SELLIX (A. Jordsjo) - taken out by PINCHBECK at the start. Rider reported that the mare began awkwardly.

Correct weight was delayed to allow J. Eaton (LIMBERING), placed third, to view the vision near the 500m. After doing so J. Eaton lodged an objection against STREETCAR APOLLO (B. Price) begin declared the second placegetter on the grounds of alleged interference near the 500m. After considering the evidence, viewing the vision and acting on their own observations Stewards *dismissed* the protest.

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ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (9):

Race 1 - IN LOVE (winner)  
Race 2 - TRULY ELSA (winner)  
Race 3 - SAVSONIC (NZ) (winner)  
Race 4 - SHEARMAN DYER (winner)  
Race 5 - AZTEC DANCER (winner)  
Race 6 - MR TRAFFICANTI (NZ) (winner)  
Race 7 - HATEECH (winner)  
Race 8 - FLYING ASSASSIN (winner)  
Race 9 - GUSTY WAY (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 2	C. Murray (STEALTH INVADER)	+1	0
Race 5	A. Lai (LINKING)	+2	3
Race 6	S. Payne (ABIT RATTLEY)	+1	8
Race 6	A. Lai (DARE TO BE FREE)	+3	3
Race 9	J. Eaton (LIMBERING)	+3	1

**SUMMARY**

FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 8 - T. Hutchinson (FLYING ASSASSIN) - AR131(a) - Careless riding. Race 8 - C. Tootell (LEADER'S PRIDE) - AR131(a) - Careless riding.
REPRIMANDS	Nil
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 1 - PETROULA - Suspended - Must perform satisfactory in Official Barrier Trial prior to a future race - Bucked after the start. Race 4 - SCAMSTER - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to jump-out, trial or race - Lameness off foreleg (3/5). Race 6 - ZURI MISS - Warned - Fractious in the barrier.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil