

# Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Strathalbyn  
Racecourse by the Strathalbyn Racing Club on  
Wednesday, 13 December 2023



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Stewards Panel: S. Callanan (A/Chairman), P. Ryan (F), M. Zarb (MT) & L. Murch (HT)  
Deputy Stewards: J. Patton, L. Martin & A. Turner.  
Veterinary Surgeons: Dr T. Koenig.

TRACK: Heavy 8 (Rain affected track that horses will get into)  
Upgraded to Soft 7 at 4.42pm (Rain affected track that will chop out)

RAIL: True.

WEATHER: Overcast

RIDER CHANGES:

| Race | Horse         | Rider      | Replaced By | Reason     |
|------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1    | SHEPMATE      | J. Toeroek | B. Price    | Indisposed |
| 3    | EXALTED BELLE | "          | J. Opperman | "          |
| 6    | JIVE BABY     | "          | S. Metcalfe | "          |

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RACE 1: FLEURIEU MILK COMPANY MAIDEN PLATE - 2050 Metres

CAMBERWOOD (A. Lindsay) - change of tactics - attempt to gain cover - settled without cover. Raced keenly in the early stages.

KETCHIKAN (A. Livesey) - laid out under pressure in the straight.

SHEPMATE (B. Price) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the off foreleg (2/5). Trainer, Mr M. Shepherdson, was advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start. Mr Shepherdson advised Stewards that it was his intention to retire the gelding.

RACE 2: SIMONE MONTGOMERIE CAITLIN FORREST APPRENTICE RACE SERIES FINAL - 1350 Metres

THE ICE CUTTER (C. Tootell) - raced greenly under pressure in the straight.

REALITY CHECK (B. Wong) - laid out rounding the home turn. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

OUR JOURNEYMAN (R. Milnes) - jumped away awkwardly.

RACE 3: COMMERCIAL HOTEL FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1350 Metres

AU NATUREL (D. Caboche) - slow into stride. Held up for clear running from the 200m until inside the 100m where it shifted out and bumped DEVINE ASSASSIN.



RACE 3: COMMERCIAL HOTEL FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1350 Metres (cont'd)

COLOUR ME GONE (R. Milnes) – slow to begin.

DEVINE ASSASSIN (M. Collett) – inside the 100m bumped with AU NATUREL, which shifted out.

EXALTED BELLE (J. Opperman) – laid in under pressure in the straight.

THE POSTIE (J. Potter) – held up for clear running from the entrance to the straight until near the 100m.

GUMERACHA CRACKER (J. Holder) – held up for a short distance near the 300m. Difficulty obtaining clear ground from shortly after entering the straight until near the 150m.

SHIFFANY (S. Metcalfe) – jumped away awkwardly and shifted in. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event. Changed its lead leg on a number of occasions in the straight and was inclined to shift about.

TIPSY VIXEN (K. Crowther) – shortly after the start stumbled. Laid out from the 600m. Rider was questioned in relation to the tactics adopted in the event. She explained that at its last start at Gawler on 29 November 2023 TIPSY VIXEN had began well; however, from its barrier she was caught wide and as a result she elected to restrain the filly and settled towards the rear. She added that in today's event she had no specific instructions other than not to restrain as she had done last start. She further added that TIPSY VIXEN jumped away well; however, shortly after dipped and became awkward in its action and rather than allow the filly to attempt to buck or become ungenerous in its racing manners she elected to encourage TIPSY VIXEN forward and after being wide she elected to take up a position in the lead. Co-trainer, Mr R. Jolly, confirmed the instructions.

RACE 4: NORTH EAST AUTO WHOLESALE COLTS, GELDINGS & ENTIRES MAIDEN PLATE - 1350 Metres

TOSEN LAD (J. Opperman) – jumped away awkwardly and as a result was slow into stride. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

TOSEN ROYALE (M. Collett) – performed poorly. Rider explained in relation to the gelding's performance that it never travelled during the event despite her efforts. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

BUSH INFLUENCE (B. Price) – raced wide and without cover throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

HE'S MAVERICK (J. Potter) – near the 1200m was momentarily steadied when tightened by SUNDOGG, which shifted in and away from FRESH AIR FRED.

SHEZI (S. Metcalfe) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be exhibiting signs of the thumps.

SUNDOGG (H. Yuen) – on jumping away was inclined to rear. Near the 1200m shifted in and away from FRESH AIR FRED onto HE'S MAVERICK, which was obliged to be steadied momentarily. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages and was awkwardly placed on the heels of SHEZI on a number of occasions. Near the 600m when awkwardly placed on the heels of SHEZI, which had commenced to weaken, was held up until near the 400m. Difficulty obtaining clear ground at the entrance to the straight for a short distance. Hung in under pressure in the straight. Rider reported that her instructions were to be further forward in the event; however, due to the way the gelding commenced she was unable to do so. Trainer, Mr J. Hyam, confirmed the instructions.



RACE 5: MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately one minute.

LORD MORTON (C. Munro) – laid out under pressure in the straight.



RACE 5: MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1200 Metres (cont'd)

FAMILY ADDITION (R. Milnes) - raced wide without cover from the 1000m.

ZAC'S BACK (C. Tootell) - post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

SPLISH SPLASH (D. Gillett) - stood flat-footed as the start was affected and as a result was slow to begin approximately four to five lengths. Co-trainer, Mr R. Jolly, was advised that a warning had been placed on the filly.

STARLITE REBEL (J. Potter) - over-raced in the early and middle stages. Laid out and away from LORD MORTON, which was laying out, in the straight. Near the 100m was accidentally struck across the nose by the whip of C. Munro (LORD MORTON).

VALKUR (S. Logan) - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and was deemed suitable to start. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 6: GOOLWA CENTRAL MEATS RATING 0 - 56 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

CULLEN SKINK (L. Neindorf) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted in taking NOT A SINGLE BID in. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

SWANKYTOFF (T. Pannell) - shortly after the start lost its position when tightened between ROC THE WOLF (NZ), which rolled out, and NOT A SINGLE BID, which was taken in.

EXALTED TRAVELLER (R. Milnes) - raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

ROC THE WOLF (NZ) (K. Crowther) - shortly after the start rolled out.

PHILLYVONNE (J. Potter) - near the 400m was awkwardly placed on the heels of SEE YOU LATER NOW, which had commenced to weaken, for some distance.

JIVE BABY (S. Metcalfe) - laid in under pressure in the straight.

NOT A SINGLE BID (J. Eaton) - on jumping away was taken in onto SWANKYTOFF by CULLEN SKINK.

SEE YOU LATER NOW (S. Logan) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted out. Commenced to weaken from near the 400m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare had bled from both nostrils. Trainer, Mr D. Hewitt, was advised that as this was the mare's first bi-lateral bleed SEE YOU LATER NOW would now be suspended from racing for a period of three months in accordance with AR79(4) and would be required to gallop 1000 metres in the presence of a Steward prior to accepting for a future trial or race.

RACE 7: FAREWELL KRISTY MARTIN RATING 0 - 54 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately one minute.

FIORENTE STAR (B. Price) - became fractious in its barrier after being loaded. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was deemed unsuitable to start. Acting on this advice Stewards declared FIORENTE STAR a late scratching at 6.41pm. Trainer, Mr K. Healy, was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding. Mr Healy was further advised that a Veterinary Clearance would be required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start.

BENZ BARON (J. Eaton) - laid out under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.



RACE 7: FAREWELL KRISTY MARTIN RATING 0 - 54 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres (cont'd)

OLD NEWMARKET (L. Neindorf) - laid out under pressure in the straight. When questioned in relation to the tactics adopted in the event the rider explained he had no firm instructions however envisaged he would settle in a one out one back position. He added the gelding was very fresh prior to the event compared to last start and this may have been due to the addition of the off-side Blinker for the first time. He stated OLD NEWMARKET (NZ) commenced well from its wide barrier, the gelding then raced keenly in the early and middle stages therefore he permitted it to stride forward and settle in the lead. He further added OLD NEWMARKET (NZ) was under pressure from the 600m did not finish the race off.

PROJECT GUTENBERG (NZ) (R. Milnes) - When questioned in relation to the tactics adopted in the event the rider explained she was instructed to lead in the event. She added she was able to obtain the lead on the rail early and felt the pace of the race was at a moderate speed, however when OLD NEWMARKET went forward she felt it was of benefit to hand up the lead although hold the position on the rail.

LANGWORTHY (NZ) (K. Crowther) - When questioned in relation to the tactics adopted in the event the rider explained she had no firm instructions however envisaged she would settle in the box seat. She added that in the run she would have liked to be a pair further forward however the gelding was travelling well and finished the event off strongly.

STONEFIELD (M. Collett) - slow to begin. When questioned in relation to the tactics adopted in the event the rider explained she was instructed to settle at the rear of the field and make one long sustained run around the field.

When questioned in relation to the tactics provided to his runners for this event, Trainer Mr. G. Lynch, confirmed the instructions provided to the riders of PROJECT GUTTENBERG (NZ) and STONEFIELD and also confirmed there were no firm instructions provided to the riders of OLD NEWMARKET and LANGWORTHY (NZ). Mr. Lynch added he was surprised to see OLD NEWMARKET settle outside the leader however noted it was racing keenly. Mr Lynch advised he had only had each horse for a minimum of one start and was still becoming familiar with each horse, their racing patterns and possible gear they may wear going forward.

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ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (7):

- Race 1 - CAMBERWOOD (winner)
- Race 2 - THE ICE CUTTER (winner)
- Race 3 - TIPSY VIXEN (winner)
- Race 4 - EVEN SHARPER (winner)
- Race 5 - STARLITE REBEL (winner)
- Race 6 - CULLEN SKINK (winner)
- Race 7 - LANGWORTHY (NZ) (winner)

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| SUMMARY           |     |
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| FINES             | Nil |
| SEVERE REPRIMANDS | Nil |
| REPRIMANDS        | Nil |
| SUSPENSIONS       | Nil |



| SUMMARY (cont'd)    |   |
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| HORSE ACTIONS       | <p>Race 1 - SHEPMATE - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Lameness off foreleg (2/5).</p> <p>Race 5 - SPLISH SPLASH - Warned - Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin.</p> <p>Race 6 - SEE YOU LATER NOW - Suspended 3 months - AR79(4) - Required to gallop 1000 metres in the presence of a Steward prior to a future trial or race - Bi-lateral bleed (1<sup>st</sup> occurrence).</p> <p>Race 7 - FIORENTE STAR - Warned - Fractious in the barrier.</p> <p>Race 7 - FIORENTE STAR - Not to race - Vet Clearance required prior to a future jump-out, trial or race start - Abrasions over left side of poll and left eye (Late scratching).</p> |
| ADJOURNED INQUIRIES | Nil   |
| MEDICAL CLEARANCE   | J. Toeroek  |

