

**THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED**  
**STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Report on Race Meeting held at Oakbank Racecourse**  
**by the Oakbank Racing Club on Saturday, 19 April 2014**

**Stewards:** J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro (M), C. Deakin (F) & P. Ryan (HT) (Stewards), D. Southgate, N. Castle, A. Quinton, V. Ferguson, D. Reynolds & S. Allen (Deputy Stewards), Dr. P. Horridge, Dr. B. Agnew & Dr. R. Haensel (Veterinary Surgeons).

**TRACK:** Dead 4

**WEATHER:** Overcast

**RAIL:** Normal

**RIDER CHANGES:**

<b>Race</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>Replaced By</b>	<b>Reason</b>
5	LENNYBE	B. Claridge	J. Holder	Stewards permission
6	JOOLI LAD	T. Ryan	P. Gallagher	Doubly engaged
8	SUTANOC	K. Bishop		Late notification

**RACE 1 : ACG HURDLE - 2900 metres**

The start of this race was delayed approximately two minutes owing to FLYING TAP (NZ) requiring re-saddling on arrival at the barriers.

MUST HAVE (NZ) (T. Ryan) was slow to begin.

DOC HENNESSY (P. Gallagher), which was inclined to hang out throughout the event, pulled very hard in the early stages and jumped the first of the double in the straight on the first occasion awkwardly.

DOC HENNESSY (P. Gallagher) jumped the first of the double in the vicinity of the 1000 metres on the second occasion awkwardly and became severely unbalanced on landing, resulting in P. Gallagher losing his footing from his off side iron. P. Gallagher regained the use of his iron shortly thereafter.

AULD BURNS (GB) (D. O'Meachair) contacted the first of the double in the vicinity of the 1000 metres on the second occasion.

BLEVIC LAD (N. O'Shea) contacted the first of the double on the final occasion and landed awkwardly, unbalancing its rider who was dislodged. N. O'Shea was examined by the First Care Medical personnel who reported no notable abnormalities. BLEVIC LAD was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a minor laceration to the off foreleg.

AULD BURNS (GB) (D. O'Meachair) contacted the first of the double on the final occasion, landed awkwardly and became unbalanced behind.

MATESY (M. Kelly) was eased out of the event and did not jump the final hurdle. MATESY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a minor laceration to the near hind cannon.

MUST HAVE (NZ) (T. Ryan) contacted the second of the double on the final occasion, landed awkwardly, unbalancing its rider, placing him at a disadvantage. MUST HAVE (NZ) was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

Subsequent to this event, all runners were examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon.

## **RACE 2 : TATSBET HANDICAP - 3600 metres**

S. Carr, the rider of FLYING SKIPPER, advised Stewards she was unable to claim down to her minimum riding weight of 52.5 kg in this event. As there was no other claiming Apprentice available on course, Stewards permitted S. Carr to ride FLYING SKIPPER, claiming 0.5 kg. She pleaded guilty to a charge under AR120(b) for being overweight and was fined \$200.

On arrival at the barriers WHO SAYS I'M READY (NZ) was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the gelding fit to race.

FLYING SKIPPER (S. Carr) pulled hard in the early stages of the event and became awkward between the heels of TRENCHTOWN (IRE) (R. Stewart) and WHO SAYS I'M READY (NZ) (J. Bowditch) inside the 1600 metres.

WHO SAYS I'M READY (NZ) (J. Bowditch) and DUMOSA (A. Herrmann) over-raced in the early stages of the event.

In the vicinity of the 400 metres on the first occasion TRENCHTOWN (IRE) (R. Stewart) became awkward on the heels of NISHIAZABU (B. Claridge) for a short distance, got its head up and raced ungenerously when being restrained.

In the vicinity of the 1100 metres NISHIAZABU (B. Claridge) shifted out and contacted DUMOSA (A. Herrmann), which was taken out and severely hampered when tightened onto DUBHDARA (NZ) (A. Patterson), which had to be steadied when taken wider. B. Claridge pleaded guilty to a charge of Careless Riding under AR137(a) in that he shifted ground when insufficiently clear and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday, 23 April and to conclude at midnight on Sunday, 11 May 2014; a period of nine (9) meetings.

A. Herrmann, the rider of DUMOSA, reported her mount had been galloped on during the event. DUMOSA was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a laceration to the outside of the off fore knee and a minor abrasion to the off fore cannon.

WHO SAYS I'M READY (NZ) was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

## **RACE 3 : OAK HANDICAP - 1400 metres**

C. Forrest, the rider of HIGHLAND HENRY, advised Stewards she was unable to claim down to her minimum riding weight of 51 kg in this event. As there was no other claiming Apprentice available on course, Stewards permitted C. Forrest to ride HIGHLAND HENRY, claiming 2 kg. She pleaded guilty to a charge under AR120(b) for being overweight and was fined \$100.

HANK'S NEPHEW (S. Westover) pulled very hard in the early stages of the event.

HIGHLAND HENRY (C. Forrest) over-raced in the early stages of the event.

CORNISH LAD (S. Carr) became held up for clear running shortly after the entrance to the straight between the heels of HIGHLAND HENRY (C. Forrest) and STREETCAR VALOUR (J. Potter) and shifted in to obtain clear running at the same time as HANK'S NEPHEW (S. Westover) improved to the outside of HIGHLAND HENRY, resulting in HANK'S NEPHEW having to be steadied for several strides when awkward between CORNISH LAD and HIGHLAND HENRY.

C. Forrest, the rider of HIGHLAND HENRY, reported she felt there may be something amiss with the gelding. HIGHLAND HENRY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

### **RACE 3 : OAK HANDICAP - 1400 metres (Cont'd)**

D. Tourneur, the rider of WHITTEN'S DELIGHT, explained he was comfortable with his position in running in the early stages of the event but the mare was under pressure from inside the 600 metres, performed disappointingly and failed to finish the race off. WHITTEN'S DELIGHT was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

### **RACE 4 : TRIPLE M HANDICAP - 1100 metres**

AZZCOOL (M. Neilson) and SECRETMENSBUSINESS (J. Bowditch) jumped away awkwardly, tightening POTICHE (D. Tourneur),

MISS JOOLIA (H. McKechnie) and SHEEZ ON TOP (C. Forrest) jumped away awkwardly and contacted FRILLY SKURT (L. Hopwood) was tightened between these two runners. As a result H. McKechnie became severely unbalanced resulting in her seat on the mare shifting to the offside. Shortly thereafter L. Hopwood, the rider of FRILLY SKURT, which was racing to the immediate outside of MISS JOOLIA, used her left hand in an attempt to support H. McKechnie and prevent her from falling. As a consequence of making this attempt, FRILLY SKURT shifted out abruptly and tightened SHEEZ ON TOP onto AZZCOOL (M. Neilson).

BELLA DOLCE (S. Carr) was inclined to lay in, in the straight, resulting in S. Carr having to stop riding and straighten her mount on several occasions.

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow Stewards to review of the official footage of the start in relation to L. Hopwood's actions. It was established L. Hopwood reacted instinctively in the circumstances in an attempt to assist and prevent H. McKechnie from being dislodged. Stewards were satisfied in the circumstances L. Hopwood's actions were not in breach of the Rules, however, she was advised in similar circumstances in future to refrain from making contact with other riders. Stewards further considered that regardless of the action taken by L. Hopwood, H. McKechnie appeared to have regained her balance and in all likelihood would have maintained her seat in the saddle without any assistance.

### **RACE 5 : THE ADVERTISER ONKAPARINGA CUP - 2150 metres**

S. Carr, the rider of WAR IS OVER, advised Stewards she was unable to claim down to her minimum riding weight of 52.5 kg in this event. As there was no other claiming Apprentice available on course, Stewards permitted S. Carr to ride WAR IS OVER, claiming 0.5 kg.

Approaching the 200 metres TEXAN WARNEY (H. McKechnie) improved into a tight run between AMALGAMATE (A. Herrmann) and POWER TO POSSESS (R. Stewart), which initially shifted out of its own accord and shortly thereafter was taken out when contacted by CHIEFTAIN JACK (D. Tourneur), which hung out and shifted out. As a result TEXAN WARNEY was obliged to be checked and alter course to the outside of AMALGAMATE to obtain clear running.

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow H. McKechnie, the rider of the fifth placegetter TEXAN WARNEY, to view the official footage in the straight. After doing so, H. McKechnie lodged an objection against CHIEFTAIN JACK (D. Tourneur) being declared the third placegetter on the grounds of alleged interference in the vicinity of the 200 metres. After considering the evidence, on viewing the official footage and acting on their own observations, Stewards *dismissed* H. McKechnie's objection.

**RACE 6 : THOMAS FOODS INTERNATIONAL VON DOUSSA STEEPLECHASE - 3250 metres**

The start of this race was delayed approximately four minutes owing to maintenance work being required on the first steeple.

RANGATIRA (NZ) (I. Lupton) contacted the fallen log on the second occasion and knuckled on landing, losing its balance and unbalancing its rider. As a consequence I. Lupton lost his footing from his off side iron but regained it shortly thereafter. As a result of this incident, PALMERO (S. Pateman), which was following, was hampered.

After passing the winning post LORD OF THE SONG (R. Cully) and WAITAHA TOA (NZ) (M. Cropp) both ducked in sharply in an attempt to run up the steeple lane. As a consequence LORD OF THE SONG slipped, fell and dislodged R. Cully, who was uninjured in the incident, and WAITAHA TOA (NZ) became unbalanced and dislodged M. Cropp, who contacted the inside running rail. M. Cropp was attended to by the First Care Medical personnel and transported to hospital for observation. WAITAHA TOA (NZ) was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding to be lame in the off fore fetlock. Mr. B. Campbell, the Trainer of WAITAHA TOA (NZ), was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting the gelding for a future trial or race.

I. Lupton, the rider of RANGATIRA (NZ), explained that after the horse contacted the fallen log it felt awkward in its action for a short distance thereafter and as a consequence he did not persist with his riding in his normal manner. RANGATIRA (NZ) was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported slight swelling over the near fore knee.

Subsequent to this event, all runners were examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon.

**RACE 7 : YALUMBA OAKBANK STAKES - 1100 metres**

The start of this race was delayed approximately eight minutes owing to the First Care Medical personnel attending to a rider in the previous event.

DEE BEE NINE (C. Forrest) laid out in the straight.

In the vicinity of the 100 metres SIWA LADY (J. Bowditch) shifted in under riding and inconvenienced WHITLAM (D. Tourneur), which had improved to its inside, resulting in D. Tourneur having to take hold and alter course to the outside of SIWA LADY inside the 50 metres. J. Bowditch was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground in future.

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow D. Tourneur, the rider of the second placegetter, to view the official footage in the straight.

C. Forrest, the rider of DEE BEE NINE, reported her mount performed disappointingly. DEE BEE NINE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a rapid heart rate and slow recovery.

POPULATION was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding had suffered a bi-lateral bleeding attack. Mr. M. Hickmott, the Trainer of POPULATION, was advised the gelding was now suspended for a period of three months in accordance with AR53A. Mr. Hickmott advised Stewards the gelding would now be retired.

**RACE 8 : MAC JUST OVER JUST DON'T DRIVE HANDICAP - 1050 metres**

Inside the 700 metres DIGNITARY (J. Potter) raced in restricted room for a number of strides when tightened onto MITFORD GIRL (J. Bowditch) by BEARDED DRAGON (J. Maund). Thereafter DIGNITARY commenced to race ungenerously for some distance.

## **RACE 8 : MAC JUST OVER JUST DON'T DRIVE HANDICAP - 1050 metres (Cont'd)**

In the vicinity of the 600 metres SHISO (C. Forrest) shifted in and crossed the running of AMODINI (A. Herrmann), which had to be steadied and altered course to the outside of SHISO. C. Forrest was reminded of her obligations when shifting ground in future.

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow S. Carr, the rider of the fourth placegetter YELLOW JERSEY, and that gelding's Trainer, Mr. M. Hickmott, to view the official footage in the vicinity of the 500 metres.

### **GENERAL:**

Following Race 6 Mr. J. Wheeler, the Trainer of THE DEMOCRAT (NZ), approached Stewards seeking permission for the gelding to wear blinkers in Race 5, the Thomas Foods International Great Eastern Steeplechase, at Oakbank on Monday, 21 April 2014. Stewards acceded to this request.

### **JOCKEY SAMPLES:**

A. Herrmann, K. Bishop, J. Bowditch, S. Pateman, P. Gallagher & N. O'Shea provided urine samples.

All thirty-five (35) riders were breathalysed prior to taking their first ride for the day - all returned negative.

### **PRE RACE SAMPLES (21):**

Blood Samples were taken from the following horses for the purpose of TCO<sub>2</sub> testing:

- Race 1 FAIR SCRIPT (NZ), AULD BURNS (GB), BLEVIC LAD, DOC HENNESSY, HE'S HOT TO TROT.  
Race 2 NISHIAZABU, WHO SAYS I'M READY (NZ).  
Race 5 DISTILLATION, TEXAN WARNEY, LENNYBE, CHIEFTAIN JACK, WAR IS OVER.  
Race 6 LORD OF THE SONG, PALMERO, RANGATIRA (NZ), JERVOIS (NZ), KING TRITON, WAITAHA TOA (NZ).  
Race 7 SIWA LADY, DEE BEE NINE, LADY OF HARRODS.

### **ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (11):**

- Race 1 – AULD BURNS (GB) (winner)                      Race 6 – PALMERO (winner)  
Race 2 – NISHIAZABU (winner)                              Race 6 – JERVOIS (NZ) (second)  
Race 3 – SATURDAY AFFAIR (winner)                      Race 7 – SIWA LADY (winner)  
Race 4 – BELLA DOLCE (winner)                              Race 7 – WHITLAM (second)  
Race 5 – AMALGAMATE (winner)                              Race 8 – KING'S PARDON (winner)  
Race 5 – DISTILLATION (second)

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>FINES</b>	S. Carr (FLYING SKIPPER) (Race 2) and (WAR IS OVER) (Race 5) – Fined \$300 – AR120(b) – Overweight. Race 3 – C. Forrest (HIGHLAND HENRY) – Fined \$100 – AR120(b) – Overweight.
<b>SEVERE REPRIMANDS</b>	Nil
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<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	Race 2 – B. Claridge (NISHIAZABU) – AR137(a) – Careless riding – From midnight 23/4/14 to conclude at midnight 11/5/14 – 9 meetings.

<b>SUMMARY (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>HORSE ACTIONS</b>	Race 6 – WAITAHA TOA (NZ) - Not to race – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to trial or race – Lameness off fore fetlock. Race 7 – POPULATION – Bled First time – Suspended for 3 months – AR53A.
<b>ADJOURNED INQUIRIES</b>	Nil

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