

THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Strathalbyn Racecourse
by the Strathalbyn Racing Club on Wednesday, 11 June 2014

Stewards: P. Ryan (A/Chairman), M. Santoro (HT), S. Callanan (F) & D. Bucknell (M) (Stewards), D. Southgate & A. Quinton (Deputy Stewards), Dr. P. Horridge & Dr. R. Haensel (Veterinary Surgeons)

TRACK: Slow 6

WEATHER: Fine

RAIL: True

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
7	CURACA HILL	B. Claridge	A. Herrmann	Overweight
7	DREAMIN' NINA	S. Carr		Notified
7	PIERREMONT ROCKS	T. Pannell	L. Hopwood	Overweight
8	TARGET EXPLORER	K. Bishop	L. Stojakovic	Doubly engaged – explanation accepted

RACE 1 : KWIK KOPY SABOIS DISTANCE MAIDEN PLATE - 2050 metres

URANIA BELLE (T. O'Donnell) was inclined to over-race in the early and middle stages and got its head up.

ROBOCOP (J. Potter) had a tendency to lay out rounding the home turn.

URANIA BELLE lost its off fore plate during the event.

RACE 2 : HOWLIN GALE WINES MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres

On arrival at the barriers K. Bishop, the rider of MAPPINGA LAD, was dislodged from her mount. K. Bishop was examined by the First Care Ambulance personnel and ruled fit to fulfil her engagements.

On jumping away EMAIL (S. Price) shifted out and made contact with JOY FLIPPER (A. Doyle).

Shortly after the start MAPPINGA LAD (K. Bishop), ORLANDO'S CHARM (J. Potter) and SCARBELLY BUTCH (L. Hopwood) were tightened for room between COPPER COAST RAIDA (M. Neilson), which shifted out, and SHEIK OF TWEAK (D. Tourneur). During the incident SCARBELLY BUTCH made contact with SHEIK OF TWEAK, unbalancing that gelding.

For the majority of the straight JOY FLIPPER (A. Doyle) shifted out under pressure and hampered COPPER COAST RAIDA (M. Neilson), taking that gelding out. A. Doyle was advised he must make a far greater effort to maintain a straight course when his mounts commence to shift ground in future.

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow M. Neilson, the rider of the second placegetter COPPER COAST RAIDA, to view the official footage from rounding the home turn.

RACE 2 : HOWLIN GALE WINES MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres (Cont'd)

D. Tourneur, the rider of SHEIK OF TWEAK, could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance today. SHEIK OF TWEAK, which was inclined to hang in, in the straight and performed poorly, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 3 : BETFAIR SABOIS THREE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE - 1350 metres

WHITE PIRANHA (D. Tourneur) and HALF SPEC (S. Price) over-raced in the early stages of the event.

Near the 800 metres WHITE PIRANHA (D. Tourneur), which continued to over-race, had to be steadied off the heels of FAMOUS FLING (R. Bell).

Rounding the home turn TRESPASSER (J. Holder) shifted out to improve, resulting in BOOTS 'N' HOOVES (A. Doyle), which was racing to that gelding's outside, having to steady to avoid the heels of TRESPASSER. J. Holder was advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances in future.

B. Claridge, the rider of MAPPINGA KING, was questioned regarding the use of his whip prior to the 100 metres. He pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip in a forehand manner on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded.

RACE 4 : BETFAIR SABOIS TWO-YEARS-OLD & OVER MAIDEN PLATE - 1600 metres

On jumping away CIVETTA (J. Holder) had to be steadied when tightened between KEETIMO (L. Hopwood), which shifted in, and LECHENAULTIA (T. O'Donnell), which shifted out.

Near the 1400 metres KEETIMO (L. Hopwood) commenced to over-race and had to be checked off the heels of WHERE'S PINO (J. Frew). KEETIMO continued to over-race until the middle stages of the event.

URBAN MIRACLE (P. Marks) was obliged to race wide without cover throughout the event.

Prior to straightening WHINCUP (NZ) (J. Toeroek) shifted in when weakening and tightened HASTA LA THOMAS (H. McKechnie) for a short distance before being straightened by its rider.

J. Toeroek, the rider of WHINCUP (NZ), reported his mount raced greenly throughout the event.

H. McKechnie, the rider of HASTA LA THOMAS, explained the gelding raced greenly and over-raced today, which in her opinion, was detrimental to the gelding's chances. HASTA LA THOMAS, which performed below expectations, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

URBAN MIRACLE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported low grade thumps. First Aid was administered.

RACE 5 : WESTLEY FENCING RATING 0-62 HANDICAP - 1200 metres

Whilst being loaded STONEHAVEN struck the back of its barrier gate with its chest. STONEHAVEN was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the gelding fit to race.

SMART JESTER (S. Cahill) and GREYBROW (C. Forrest) jumped away awkwardly.

GREYBROW (C. Forrest) was inclined to over-race in the middle stages of the event.

RACE 6 : SCHWEPES SABOIS FILLIES & MARES RATING 0-68 HANDICAP - 1100 metres

TWILIGHT DANCER (A. Herrmann) was slow to begin.

Shortly after the start OUR EXCHANGE (S. Price), which had been marginally slow to jump, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of SILVER SEBRING (R. Stewart), which shifted in.

In the straight TWILIGHT DANCER (A. Herrmann) had a tendency to lay in under pressure.

J. Toeroek, the rider of SCHADUW, which performed poorly, could offer no explanation for the mare's performance today. SCHADUW was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 7 : LION NATHAN SABOIS PLUS RATING 0-68 HANDICAP - 2050 metres

Ms. D. Quinton, the Trainer of DREAMIN' NINA, advised Stewards she would instruct Apprentice S. Carr to attempt to race more forward today if possible.

On arrival on course CALIBRIUM was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding to be lame in the off hind leg. Acting on that advice, Stewards withdrew CALIBRIUM at 3.07 pm. Mr. D. O'Leary, the Trainer of CALIBRIUM, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting the gelding for a future trial or race.

HALAYR JET (J. Holder) was slow to begin.

Approaching the Winning Post on the first occasion BARRIERS (T. Zanker), raced in restricted room to the inside of DREAMIN' NINA (S. Carr), which was taken in slightly by WOTZITWORTH (J. Maund). Shortly after BARRIERS got its head up, brushed the running rail and had to be checked. After taking into consideration all the circumstances, Stewards advised J. Maund that in similar circumstances in future he would be expected to do his utmost to protect his fellow riders.

CURACA HILL (A. Herrmann) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

MUSTANG SCHILLER, which performed below expectations, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

SHADY JADE, which performed poorly, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 8 : BETFAIR RATING 0-62 HANDICAP – 1350 metres

On arrival on course FINE FETTLE, which had not raced since October 2012, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the mare fit to race.

RACE 8 : BETFAIR RATING 0-62 HANDICAP – 1350 metres (Cont'd)

JOLLY BEL, which was kicked by another runner on arrival on course, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding to be lame in the off hind leg. First Aid was administered. Acting on that advice, Stewards withdrew JOLLY BEL at 3.02 pm.

SOCIAL FINALE (A. Herrmann) jumped away very awkwardly and lost ground.

FINE FETTLE (D. Tourneur) was slow to begin.

On jumping away BARELY A BEAT (J. Holder) was tightened for room between RED DAZZLE (J. Maund) and STATUE OF GLORY (J. Toeroek), which both shifted ground.

STATUE OF GLORY (J. Toeroek) had a tendency to over-race in the early stages of the event.

Near the 600 metres ALAKAZOO (T. O'Donnell) and BAIKAL (S. Price) both attempted neat runs to the inside of TARGET EXPLORER (L. Stojakovic) and to the outside of FINE FETTLE (D. Tourneur). Shortly after both runners obtained neat running. ALAKAZOO was then tightened for room by BAIKAL, which was taken out slightly by FINE FETTLE, which in turn, after being held up at this point, was taken out slightly by BARELY A BEAT (J. Holder). This incident was compounded by HIDDEN'S SISTER (M. Neilson), which was racing in front of BAIKAL, having to be steadied when taken out slightly by HEURIGER (S. Carr), which in turn was taken out by RED DAZZLE (J. Maund), which was being steadied to avoid heels. At this point the saddle on HIDDEN'S SISTER shifted sideways placing M. Neilson at a disadvantage for the remainder of the race. During the incident ALAKAZOO clipped the heels of TARGET EXPLORER resulting in T. O'Donnell almost being dislodged and her saddle shifting sideways, placing her at a disadvantage for the remainder of the race. After taking into consideration all the circumstances, Stewards could not attribute blame to any one rider or horse and as a result advised all those involved they would be expected to do their utmost to protect their fellow riders when in similar circumstances in future.

FINE FETTLE (D. Tourneur) was held up from the 600 metres until the 400 metres.

ALAKAZOO was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a minor laceration to the inside of the near fore knee.

J. Holder, the rider of BARELY A BEAT, reported, in his opinion, the mare did not handle today's track condition.

Mr. G. Lesnikowski, the Trainer of STURGIS (NZ), which had improved significantly from its previous start, explained the gelding was resuming from a spell, had been working well prior to the event and had previously performed quite well at this track. He could offer no other explanation for the gelding's improved performance today.

TARGET EXPLORER lost is near hind plate during the event.

PRE RACE SAMPLES (12):

Blood Samples were taken from the following horses for the purpose of TCO₂ testing:

- Race 1 THINK TO MYSELF, MOOSEM, ROBOCOP, SPEEDALLA, URANIA BELLE.
- Race 2 SHEIK OF TWEAK.
- Race 3 INFIDEL.
- Race 4 MAD COMMAND.
- Race 5 SLIDE OF HAND.
- Race 6 TWILIGHT DANCER.
- Race 7 ELGIRANA.
- Race 8 HEURIGER.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8):

Race 1 – ROBOCOP (winner)
Race 2 – JOY FLIPPER (winner)
Race 3 – CON'S GOLD (winner)
Race 4 – CIVETTA (winner)

Race 5 – COSMIC ROCK (winner)
Race 6 – RAISE A DREAM (winner)
Race 7 – WOTZITWORTH (winner)
Race 8 – STURGIS (NZ) (winner)

SUMMARY	
FINES	Race 7 – B. Claridge – Fined \$100 – AR120(b) – Overweight and having to be replaced on CURACA HILL. Race 7 – T. Pannell – Fined \$100 – AR120(b) – Overweight and having to be replaced on PIERREMONT ROCKS.
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 3 – B. Claridge (MAPPINGA KING) – AR137A(5)(a)(ii) +1 – Whip Offence.
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 7 – CALIBRIUM - Not to race – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to trial or race – Lameness off hind leg.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil

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