

THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Strathalbyn Racecourse
by the Strathalbyn Racing Club on Wednesday, 18 February 2015

Stewards: M. Santoro (A/Chairman), C. Deakin (HT), S. Callanan (F) & D. Bucknell (M) (Stewards) A. Quinton & D. Southgate (Deputy Stewards), Dr. P. Horridge (Veterinary Surgeon)

TRACK: Soft 5 (*Upgraded to a Good 4 @10.55 am*)

WEATHER: Fine

RAIL: True

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
7	MILKWOOD	B. Claridge	A Herrmann	Injured
8	THOMASON	"	J. Frew	"

RACE 1 : BETFAIR / SABOIS FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1100 metres

EVERDEEN (T. Pannell) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out contacting PITCH DARK (A. Herrmann).

KASMARLAINE (J. Potter) and THESPINIS (J. Holder) jumped away awkwardly.

PRIOR TO THE FIRE (B. Claridge) was inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight and in the vicinity of the 100 metres shifted in and had to be momentarily steadied off the heels of EXALTED STRAWBERRY (M. Vance).

Stewards questioned S. Price, rider of COOMA MISS, into his riding of this mare over the concluding stages. After considering his explanation, S. Price was found guilty of a charge under AR137(b) in that he failed to ride COOMA MISS out to the end of the race and was fined \$100.

S. Carr, the rider of PRINCESS COSTA, reported the saddle on the mare had shifted back on jumping away and the mare was reluctant to race in the early stages of the event.

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

PRIOR TO THE FIRE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 2 : GRANT KLUSKE RACING / SABOIS DISTANE MAIDEN PLATE - 2050 metres

LIQUID COURAGE (J. Frew) jumped away awkwardly and was slow into stride.

From the vicinity of the 500 metres until the entrance to the straight FENTON LASS (A. Herrmann) became held up when awkwardly placed between the heels of EMAIL (K. Bishop) and FREECLOUD (M. Neilson).

FREECLOUD lost its off hind plate during the running of the event.

RACE 2 : GRANT KLUSKE RACING / SABOIS DISTANE MAIDEN PLATE - 2050 metres
(Cont'd)

M. Neilson, the rider of FREECLOUD, explained that the gelding had travelled fairly in the early and middle stages, however, when placed under pressure inside the 800 metres, had only responded moderately to his riding and had not finished the event in the manner he had expected. FREECLOUD was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

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

RACE 3 : LION NATHAN / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE -1200 metres

SLIPPERY DIP which struck a perimeter fence on leaving the mounting yard was examined on arrival at the start and passed fit to race.

RED JIAN (T. Pannell) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out inconveniencing JESTRA (R. Mayers).

KEY CODEX (J. Matthews) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out onto ROAD WISE (A. Herrmann).

DANISH VALUE (A. Doyle) dipped for no apparent reason in the vicinity of the 800 metres.

A. Doyle, the rider of DANISH VALUE, reported that after dipping in the vicinity of the 800 metres, he had become concerned with that gelding's action and for this reason did not ride DANISH VALUE out in his normal manner. DANISH VALUE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RIPABOY, which was uncompetitive, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities. Trainer Mr D. Halliday was advised that the gelding would be required to prove competitive in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race.

RACE 4 : JENNY SKIPWORTH MAIDEN PLATE – 1600 metres

Mr D. Shepherd representing Trainer Mr A. Dillon, advised Stewards that he would instruct J. Matthews, the rider of SCATHACH, to attempt to settle on pace or lead in this event, if possible.

MUMBLE BEE (E. Finnegan) jumped away awkwardly.

LAND OF THE FREE (J. Frew) and EMCEECEE (B. Claridge) slipped behind on jumping away and was slow into stride.

MONS ABILA (Z. Spain) and QUEEN KYLIE (S. Price) came together and bumped on jumping away.

Inside the 800 metres LAND OF THE FREE (J. Frew) improved onto the heels of KURTEOUS CAT (J. Toeroek) and was unable to obtain clear ground until the entrance to the straight due to the positioning of MONS ABILA (Z. Spain) to its outside.

K. Bishop, the rider of I'MTELLINGYOUNOW (NZ), was questioned regarding that gelding's settling further forward than expected. K. Bishop advised that she had not been instructed to take up a forward position, however, after jumping away extremely well, the gelding had naturally found a position on pace, was comfortable and she formed the opinion that it would be detrimental to her mount to attempt to restrain it.

RACE 4 : JENNY SKIPWORTH MAIDEN PLATE – 1600 metres (Cont'd)

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

RACE 5 : ROSEMARY HARVEY RATING 0-62 HANDICAP - 1600 metres

K. Cross the rider of STEP DANCE was dislodged en route to the barriers. K. Cross was examined by the First Care Medical Personnel and passed fit to ride. STEP DANCE became fractious behind the barriers and kicked a rail. STEP DANCE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who passed the mare fit to start.

LUSTREMAN (R. Hurdle) dipped on jumping away.

In the vicinity of the 200 metres CHAUTAUQUAU GIRL (C. Jokic) attempted to improve into restricted room to the inside of RIP APART (E. Finnegan) and had to be eased to alter course to the outside of that gelding to obtain clear ground. C. Jokic was advised to ensure there was sufficient room in future prior to attempting runs.

BAD MEDICINE (T. O' Donnell) hung in severely throughout the event. BAD MEDICINE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

BALLINGALL BOY (C. Jones) hung out severely under pressure over the concluding 600 metres. BALLINGALL BOY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 6 : GERALDINE CONLON CLASS 1 HANDICAP - 1350 metres

NOID and JOAMBLE, both which had not raced for a significant time, were examined on arrival on course by the Clubs Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to start.

Trainer Mr R. Balfour advised Stewards that he would instruct rider T. Pannell to attempt to settle NIGHT BREEZE on pace, if possible in this event.

The start of this event was delayed approximately three minutes owing to PETREL COVE proving reluctant to proceed to the start dislodging B. Claridge on two occasions. On arrival at the barriers, B. Claridge was examined by the First Care Medical Personnel and ruled unfit to ride for the remainder of the meeting. Acting on this advice PETREL COVE was declared a late scratching at 3.38 pm. Trainer Mr J. Stephens was advised a warning had been placed on the mare in relation to its proving difficult en route to the barriers.

SHADOWS ABOVE (J. Holder) and METRO CAT (A. Doyle) jumped away awkwardly and were slow to begin.

In the vicinity of the 400 metres the saddle on JOAMBLE shifted to the near side unbalancing its rider, S. Price for a number of strides.

In the vicinity of the 200 metres JOAMBLE (S. Price) improved onto the heels of NIGHT BREEZE (T. Pannell) and had to be steadied momentarily. Shortly after passing the winning post, the saddle of JOAMBLE shifted back slightly severely unbalancing S. Price. JOAMBLE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

TREASURE PEACE (K. Cross) was inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

RACE 6 : GERALDINE CONLON CLASS 1 HANDICAP - 1350 metres (Cont'd)

Stewards questioned R. Hurdle rider of BOMBER MISS into his riding of that mare over the concluding stages. After considering his explanation R. Hurdle was reprimanded and advised to ride his mounts out to the finish in future as required by AR137(b).

NOID was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities. Mr A. Muhlethaler, the Trainer of NOID, was advised that a warning had been placed on this gelding in relation to it being uncompetitive.

RACE 7 : JENNY HUSSIN BENCHMARK 72 HANDICAP - 1350 metres

In the vicinity of the 600 metres ALLEZ TARA (S. Price) shifted out in an attempt to improve and in doing so contacted INCANDESCENT unbalancing that gelding's rider J. Toeroek. S. Price was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground in future.

GO DREAMING (R. Mayers) was inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

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

K. Bishop, the rider of EXALTED FILLY, reported that she had become concerned with that mare's action over the concluding stages. EXALTED FILLY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the mare had a slower than expected recovery.

RACE 8 : JACKIE CHAPMAN RATING 0-68 HANDICAP – 1200 metres

Mr S. Trenowden, the Trainer of COSMIC KHELEYF, advised Stewards that he would instruct rider J. Toeroek to attempt to obtain a mid-field position with cover, if possible in this event.

The start of this event was delayed approximately four minutes owing to HOLIDAY HOST losing an off fore plate en route to the barriers and requiring Farrier attention. The start was further delayed owing to KNOCKFIN ROAD proving difficult en route to the barriers. Trainer Mr D. Jolly was advised that a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its tractability en route the barriers.

FORT CHAUVEL (J. Potter) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out inconveniencing KNOCKFIN ROAD (C. Jones).

CON'S GOLD (R. Mayers) dipped on jumping away and shifted in, brushing JOY FLIPPER (E. Finnegan).

MASTER BLACK (R. Hurdle) shifted out on jumping away tightening ARJAE (M. Vance) onto HOLIDAY HOST (A. Herrmann), which shifted in on jumping away.

FORT CHAUVEL (J. Potter) raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

KNOCKFIN ROAD (C. Jones) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

Approaching the 100 metres FORT CHAUVEL (J. Potter) shifted in and away from KNOCKFIN ROAD (C. Jones), which improved quickly to that gelding's outside onto VILLE DE BERNE (K. Bishop), which had to be steadied when taken in onto the heels of RED DAZZLE (J. Maund).

Over the final 100 metres CON'S GOLD (R. Mayers) shifted in under riding and approaching the finish shifted into the running line of JOY FLIPPER (E. Finnegan), which was forced to steady approaching the finish. R. Mayers was reprimanded and advised in future to make a greater effort to keep her mounts straight when they commence to shift ground.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8):

Race 1 – EXALTED STRAWBERRY (winner)
Race 2 – JOURNEY UNKNOWN (winner)
Race 3 – IMPULSE DIAVOLO (winner)
Race 4 – HYDRODYNAMIC (winner)

Race 5 – EXALTED GEM (winner)
Race 6 – JOAMBLE (winner)
Race 7 – SHEEZ ON TOP (winner)
Race 8 – CON'S GOLD (winner)

SUMMARY	
FINES	Race 1 – S. Price – Fined \$100 – AR137(b) – Failed to ride COOMA MISS out to the finish.
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 6 – R. Hurdle – AR137(b) – Failed to ride BOMBER MISS out to the finish. Race 8 – R. Mayers – AR137(a) – Careless riding
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 3 – RIPABOY – Suspended – Required to perform competitively in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future trial or race – Uncompetitive. Race 6 – PETREL COVE – Warned – Reluctant to proceed to the start. Race 6 – NOID – Warned – Uncompetitive. Race 7 – KNOCKFIN ROAD – Warned – Reluctant to proceed to the start.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil