

THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Strathalbyn Racecourse
by the Strathalbyn Racing Club on Wednesday, 1 April 2015

Stewards: M. Santoro (A/Chairman), J. Petzer (HT), D. Jonas (M) & D. Southgate (F) (Stewards) N. Castle, A. Quinton & M. Featherston (Deputy Stewards), Dr. P. Horridge (Veterinary Surgeon)

TRACK: Soft 5 (*Upgraded to a Good 4 @ 2.30 pm retrospective to Race 4*) **WEATHER:** Overcast

RAIL: True

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
1	DEVIL'S CHANCE	D. Tourneur	A. Herrmann	Indisposed
5	WINTERFELL	"	J. Maund	"
8	THOMASON	"	A. Herrmann	"

RACE 1 : 29TH APRIL MARY POTTER FOUNDATION DAY / SABOIS DISTANCE MAIDEN
PLATE - 2050 metres

On arrival at the start, the off fore plate on LADY CHORA turned, injuring that mare. LADY CHORA was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the mare unfit to race. Acting on this advice Stewards ordered the withdrawal of LADY CHORA at 12.35 pm.

MYSTIC'S FINALE (E. Boyd) and UNCLE BUCK (M. Neilson) came together and bumped on jumping away.

GREAT JOURNEY (J. Holder) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out inconveniencing EMAIL (K. Bishop).

EMAIL (K. Bishop) raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event and approaching the winning post on the first occasion DEVIL'S CHANCE (A. Herrmann) improved onto the heels of that mare, had to be steadied, and in doing so shifted out inconveniencing BIANCONNED (J. Toeroek), which was taken wider on the track.

MYSTIC'S FINALE (E. Boyd) hung out rounding the turn in the vicinity of the 1400 metres.

In the vicinity of the 800 metres DEVIL'S CHANCE (A. Herrmann) shifted out slightly onto BIANCONNED (J. Toeroek), which was inconvenienced when its hind quarters were turned out.

S. Price, the rider of HEIDI STAR, which performed below expectations, explained that the filly had travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event, however, when placed under pressure in the vicinity of the 400 metres had failed to respond to his riding and had finished the event off poorly. HEIDI STAR was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

J. Toeroek, the rider of BIANCONNED, which performed below expectations, explained that the mare had travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event and when placed under pressure in the vicinity of the 700 metres had only responded for a short distance and had become one paced to the line. He added that in the vicinity of the 600 metres he was of the opinion the mare had lost its action for a short distance. BIANCONNED was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 2 : APPLESEED CAFÉ / SABOIS FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1350 metres

POLLYWAGON (J. Holder) jumped away awkwardly.

DEGILIO (S. Carr) and KANPAI (E. Finnegan) came together and bumped on jumping away, momentarily unbalancing E. Finnegan.

DEGILIO (S. Carr) raced three wide without cover throughout the event.

Approaching the finish ALECIA BETH (M. Neilson) shifted out and away from the winning post structure.

**RACE 3: WHITTAM TRANSPORT / SABOIS THREE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE
– 1100 metres**

ONE TUFF CUPCAKE (T. Baker) raced three wide without cover throughout the event.

GALRIGUEZ (P. Gatt) was inclined to lay out in the early and middle stages of the event.

L. Stojakovic, the rider of EXCEL TO GLORY, which performed below expectations, explained that the gelding had travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event; however, when passed by other runners on entering the straight, the gelding was reluctant to stretch out and had finished the event off poorly. EXCEL TO GLORY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding to be lame in the near foreleg. Trainer Mr D. Clarken was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting the gelding for a future trial or race.

P. Gatt, the rider of GALRIGUEZ, was reminded of his obligations in relation to celebratory gestures.

RACE 4 : RAY MEMMLER MEMORIAL RATING 0-68 HANDICAP – 1600 metres

GRAND GROUP (S. Carr) was slow to begin.

MASTER OF MONEY (P. Gatt) raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

DANOULI (R. Stewart) was inclined to lay out rounding the home turn.

SET ON STONE (J. Potter) laid in under pressure in the straight and approaching the finish shifted in onto WHERE'S THAT (E. Finnegan), which was taken in onto DANOULI (R. Stewart), forcing that gelding to race in restricted room.

P. Gatt, the rider of MASTER OF MONEY, which performed below expectations, explained the gelding had raced a touch keen in the early stages and when placed under pressure inside the 600 metres failed to respond to his riding. He added that in his opinion the gelding would be better suited over a longer trip and with the addition of blinkers. MASTER OF MONEY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

ZOVISTA, which performed below expectations, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the mare to be lame in the off foreleg. Trainer Mr B. Mueller was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting the mare for a future trial or race.

RACE 5 : 24TH MAY DAISH IRRIGATION DAY / SABOIS CG&E 2UP MAIDEN PLATE
- 1350 metres

On jumping away EPONA REBEL (C. Lindop) and FIRETALE (T. Pannell) came together and bumped.

CYCLONE THOMAS (P. Gatt) over-raced in the early and middle stages of the event.

CHOICE DISCOVERY (J. Potter) raced wide without cover and was inclined to lay in throughout the event. CHOICE DISCOVERY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

Inside the 800 metres LITTLE SAMUEL (A. Herrmann) raced keenly for a number of strides whilst being restrained.

S. Carr, the rider of STARLARA, was questioned in relation to her riding of this gelding over the concluding stages. After considering her explanation, S. Carr was reprimanded under AR137(b) and advised in future she would be required to ride her mounts to the finish in accordance with the rule. STARLARA was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a slow recovery.

FIRETALE lost its near hind plate during the running of the event.

RACE 6 : HYGAIN COLTS, GELDING & ENTIRES RATING 0-62 HANDICAP
- 1200metres

COMBAT DANCER (J. Toeroek) was slow to begin and shortly after was unable to maintain its position when TIPSYP ON RED (C. Lindop) shifted out and away from KINETIC ENERGY (B. Claridge) which had been taken out by DAMAGE CONTROL (T. Baker).

KINETIC ENERGY (B. Claridge) was inclined to lay in over the concluding 600 metres and in the vicinity of the 300 metres shifted in onto TOKEN ONE (A. Herrmann), which had to be momentarily steadied. KINETIC ENERGY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

MASTER BLACK (P. Gatt) was inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

J. Bowditch, the rider of SHIPS'S CAPTAIN, was reminded of his obligations in relation to celebratory gestures.

RACE 7 : LION NATHAN / SABOIS FILLIES & MARES RATING 0-68 HANDICAP
- 1200 metres

LA BELLA BAROSSA (J. Maund) jumped away awkwardly.

THESPINIS (T. Pannell) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out hampering DASHING PEDRILLE (B. Claridge), which was taken out into the running line of COME FOLLOW ME (C. Lindop), which was initially slow to begin and then unable to hold its position.

NOVEL IDEA (E. Boyd) laid out over the concluding 800 metres. NOVEL IDEA was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

Inside the 500 metres THESPINIS (T. Pannell) shifted out momentarily onto LUCKY FLIPPER (J. Potter), which was taken out inconveniencing NOVEL IDEA (E. Boyd), which was forced wider on the track.

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

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

RED DAZZLE (J. Maund), which struck a perimeter fence on exiting the mounting yard, was examined on arrival at the start by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race.

ONWARD (A. Doyle), which became fractious in its barrier after being loaded and struck its head, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who passed the gelding fit to race.

SIMPATICO (M. Neilson), which was kicked by another runner on arrival at the barriers, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the gelding unfit to race. Acting on this advice Stewards ordered the withdrawal of SIMPATICO at 4.55 pm.

FAMOUS FLING (E. Boyd) was slow to begin.

THOMASON (A. Herrmann) was slow into stride.

Approaching the 1000 metres CLASSY DIAMOND (E. Finnegan), which was racing keenly on the heels of ONWARD (A. Doyle), shifted out and contacted SCHADUW (C. Lindop), which was inconvenienced when taken wider on the track.

In the vicinity of the 900 metres CLASSY DIAMOND (E. Finnegan) allowed her mount to shift back in behind ONWARD (A. Doyle) when insufficiently clear of ATOMIC HERO (K. Bishop), which was forced to check, and in doing so was taken in hampering LOOKING THROUGH (S. Carr). E. Finnegan pleaded guilty to a charge of Careless Riding under AR137(a) and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 6 April and to conclude at midnight on Sunday, 19 April 2015: a period of six (6) meetings. In addition E. Finnegan was referred to the Riding Skills Panel for mentoring.

In the vicinity of the 100 metres, Z. Spain, the rider of URANIA BELLE, accidentally dropped his whip. Z. Spain was reprimanded and advised future carelessness may result in a penalty being imposed.

Stewards questioned Mr D. Halliday, the Trainer of THOMASON, into the instructions provided to A. Herrmann for this event. Mr Halliday advised the only instructions provided to A. Herrmann was to attempt to have the horse settle in the early stages as the gelding had a tendency to over-race. He added that he had not expected THOMASON to be that far back in the early stages of the event. A. Herrmann, the rider of THOMASON, explained that after the gelding had been a touch slow to begin, she had restrained the gelding in an attempt to get back with cover, however, THOMASON had dropped the bit and she had got back further in the race than she had anticipated. She added the gelding had settled well in the run and had finished the event off competitively.

SCHADUW and DANCING POETESS were examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8):

- Race 1 – UNCLE BUCK (winner)
 - Race 2 – ALECIA BETH (winner)
 - Race 3 – GALRIGUEZ (winner)
 - Race 4 – SET ON STONE (winner)
 - Race 5 – MAVERICKS (winner)
 - Race 6 – SHIP'S CAPTAIN (winner)
 - Race 7 – LUCKY FLIPPER (winner)
 - Race 8 – ONWARD (winner)
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SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 5 – S. Carr (STARLARA) – AR137(b) – To ride mount out to the finish. Race 8 – Z. Spain – AR137(a) – Carelessness in dropping of whip.
SUSPENSIONS	Race 8 – E. Finnegan (CLASSY DIAMOND) – AR137(a) – Careless riding – From midnight 6/4/15 – 19/4/15 – 6 meetings.
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 3 – EXCEL TO GLORY – Not to race – Vet. Cert of Fitness required prior to presenting for trial or race – Lameness in near foreleg. Race 4 – ZOVISTA - Not to race – Vet. Cert of Fitness required prior to presenting for trial or race – Lameness in off foreleg.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil