

THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at the Mount Gambier Racecourse
by the Mount Gambier Racing Club on Wednesday, 23 December 2015

Stewards: A. Hayles (A/Chairman) & S. Callanan (HT), R. Spillman & J. Foster (F) (Stewards), S. Bright (Deputy Stewards), Dr. D. Goulding (Veterinary Surgeon)

TRACK: Good 4 (*Upgraded to Good 3 @ 3.46 pm, retrospective to Race 6*) **WEATHER:** Fine

RAIL: True

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
1	REACT	H. McKechnie	E. Finnegan	Indisposed
2	HE'S A GENIUS (NZ)	"	D. Bates	"
5	RUBINSTEIN (NZ)	"	C. Puls	"
6	KAPAULENKO	"	"	"
7	LACHIE'S A STAR	"	D. Bates	"
8	FITS AND STARTS	"	C. Jokic	"

RACE 1 : SCOTT GROUP OF COMPANIES / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 900 metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately two minutes.

BLEVIC BOY (C. Jones) – slow to begin. Unable to obtain clear running from the vicinity of the 200 metres until the vicinity of the 50 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MINT WAY (P. Marks) – withdrawn by Stewards at 12.39 pm when the gelding refused to proceed to the start. Warning issued.

GATUM EXPRESS (C. Puls) – slow to begin. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

RACE 2 : CONGRATULATIONS MARGIE MCLEAN 100 CLUB WINNER / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE – 1550 metres

MIGHTY ACTION (E. Finnegan) – reared on jumping away and was very slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a minor abrasion above the off side eye.

IRANDASNIP (C. Jones) – hung out under pressure in the straight.

Correct weight for this event was delayed to allow Stewards to view the official footage of the start.

RACE 3 : MORELAND HOLDINGS BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP - 2050 metres

LUCKZAT (NZ) (J. Grob) – slow into stride.

SURPRISE US (P. Marks) – in the vicinity of the 200 metres had to momentarily steady to improve around heels.

UNICAJA (NZ) (D. Bates) – pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded.

CARBON CUT (Z. Spain) – rider explained the mare travelled well until in the vicinity of the 900 metres, where it felt awkward in its action and did not respond in the manner he expected. He added he could offer no explanation as to the mare's poor performance today. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

**RACE 4 : KOONARA WINES AUSSIE BEACH PARTY SUNDAY JAN 24 BENCHMARK 72
HANDICAP - 1300 metres**

ROYAL SPINNER (J. Cartwright) – on arrival course examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a minor laceration to the nose and ruled the gelding fit to race.

MORNIN' SAM (C. Puls) – slow to begin.

HOT AUGUSTA (NZ) (J. Grob) – raced three wide throughout.

RACE 5 : CARLTON UNITED BREWERY / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately two minutes.

HERE COMES DIGGER (J. Maund) – fractious barriers. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination ruled the gelding fit to race. In the vicinity of the 400 metres was momentarily inconvenienced.

THAI CONNECTION (J. Frew) – hung out throughout the event. In the vicinity of the 400 metres was momentarily inconvenienced. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities. Warning issued.

OLIFOET NZ (K. Walters) – stood flat footed and was very slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RUBINSTEIN (NZ) (C. Puls) – in the vicinity of the 50 metres was momentarily inconvenienced.

RACE 6 : WIN TV BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP - 1550 metres

LEAD THE WITNESS (D. Caboche) – slow to begin.

BEL CASA (J. Cartwright) – rider explained he did not feel comfortable with the mare's action throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

RACE 7 : HOLCIM SUMMER CUP SUNDAY JAN 24 RATING 0-58 HANDICAP – 1400 metres

OUR WANDO (C. Puls) – inconvenienced shortly after the start.

THE ARMANI (NZ) (J. Grob) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted in.

CASH JOB (D. Caboche) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted out.

VALENTINIAN (USA) (P. Marks) – raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages.

DIAMONDS UNCUT (J. Cartwright) – slow to begin.

**RACE 8 : SOUTH EAST WEDDINGS, MARQUEES & EVENTS RATING 0-58 HANDICAP
– 1200 metres**

FINNISS MOMENT (Z. Spain) – held up for clear running from the vicinity of the 250 metres to the vicinity of the 50 metres.

OUR FRECKLES (J. Grob) – performed below expectations. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

CHURCHILLA (E. Finnegan) – slow to begin.

POST RACE BLOOD SAMPLES (1):

Blood samples were taken from the following horses:

Race 2 – HE’S A GENIUS (NZ)

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (3):

Race 1 - GATUM EXPRESS (winner)

Race 2 – HE’S A GENIUS (NZ) (winner)

Race 6 – TZAREVNA (winner)

SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 1 – Mr M O’Leary – AR140A(2) – Presented MINT WAY to race in incorrect gear. Race 3 – D. Bates (UNICAJA (NZ)) - AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+5] – Whip offence.
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 1 – MINT WAY – Warned – Refused to proceed to start. Race 5 – THAI CONNECTION – Warned – hanging out.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCES	H. McKechnie