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Statement: Simone Montgomerie

The following can be attributed to Jim Watters, CEO of Thoroughbred Racing SA:

On behalf of all racing participants in South Australia, Thoroughbred Racing SA extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Simone Montgomerie following her tragic death as a result of a race fall at the Darwin Cup race meeting.

Simone's young daughter and parents will be stunned at the loss of a precious and loved mother and daughter and our thoughts are with them at this sad time.

Racing is a highly competitive sport and industry. However it is also a close knit community, especially in times of adversity, and the pain of Simone's death is felt by everyone in racing.

Despite the efforts made by the racing industry to provide as safe as possible a working environment for all who participate in racing, accidents such as Simone's provide a stark reminder of the dangers faced by riders in particular.

From her beginnings with the Apprentice Academy in South Australia, Simone had become very successful in her chosen profession and was regarded with great esteem not only as a rider but also as a person by all who knew her or competed against her.

TRSA, through its own Stewards' Department and the Apprentice Academy, is liaising with its rider group to provide whatever assistance, support and counselling is necessary at this time.

Note: Black armbands will be worn by all riders at Balaklava tomorrow and at Saturday's meeting at Morphettville as a mark of respect.

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