

# MEDIA RELEASE



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

## TRSA STATEMENT RE: TRAINER PHILLIP STOKES

*The following can be attributed to a TRSA spokesman:*

Thoroughbred Racing SA (TRSA) confirms that Morphettville based Trainer Phillip Stokes was injured in an unfortunate incident at the Gawler Trials this morning. Phillip was in the process of leading one of his horses off the horse float when the horse became fractious and kicked out, making contact with him.

Phillip was attended to by the First Care Medical personnel on duty, stabilised and transported to the Royal Adelaide Hospital for treatment and observation. Phillip has this afternoon advised that he has suffered two broken ribs and concussion in the incident and would remain at the RAH overnight for further observation.

TRSA can also confirm that Phillip's promising two-year old filly, Samara Dancer, which bled from one nostril after recently winning the fillies Blue Diamond Prelude at Caulfield, will gallop in the presence of TRSA Stewards on Tuesday morning, 23 February at Morphettville racecourse over 1000 metres as required under the Rules of Racing, to enable her to be cleared to race in the Group 1 - Blue Diamond Stakes run over 1200 metres at Caulfield this Saturday, 27 February 2016. Samara Dancer is currently third favourite for the Blue Diamond.

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