THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED  
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT  

Report on Race Meeting held at Oakbank Racecourse  
by the Oakbank Racing Club on Sunday, 15 March 2015

Stewards: J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro, A. Hayles (HT), C. Deakin (F) & S. Callanan (M) (Stewards), D. Jonas, A. Quinton, M. Featherston, V. Ferguson & F Williams (Deputy Stewards), Dr. P. Horridge & Dr. B. Agnew (Veterinary Surgeons).

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RACE 1: SOMERLED WINES HURDLE – 2900 metres

Prior to this race, all runners were examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeons and were ruled fit to race.

CROSS CONSTANCE (N. O'Shea) contacted the hurdle in the vicinity of the 700 metres and landed awkwardly.

Approaching the 400 metres THUBIAAN (USA) (M. Kelly) was held up for clear running for a short distance when racing behind CROSS CONSTANCE (N. O’Shea), which commenced to weaken, and to the inside of URBAN EXPLORER (NZ) (S. Pateman).

THUBIAAN (M. Kelly) jumped the first of the double in the straight on the final occasion awkwardly.

N. O'Shea, the rider of CROSS CONSTANCE, explained it was not his intention to lead to the extent he did in the event. He added he was reluctant to restrain the gelding in the early stages as it is inclined to pull hard. Mr W. Smart, the Trainer of CROSS CONSTANCE, advised he will explore different gear options which may allow the gelding to settle in the early stages of an event.

All runners in this event were examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeons, after the event, who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 2: PIKE & JOYCE WINES / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE – 1900 metres

PRESIDE (NZ) (C. Lindop) laid in from in the vicinity of the 600 metres.

DIRECT DEAL (E. Boyd) laid out rounding the home turn and over the concluding stages.
RACE 2: PIKE & JOYCE WINES / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE – 1900 metres (Cont’d)

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow R. Stewart, the rider of the third placegetter MYSTIC’S FINALE, and Mr. J. Hickmott, the trainer of the mare, to view the official footage in the vicinity of the 500 metres.

PRESIDE (NZ) was examined by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding presented with a quartered heel to the near foreleg.

RACE 3: THOMAS FOODS INTERNATIONAL STEEPLECHASE - 3250 metres

Prior to the race, all runners were examined by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeons, who ruled them fit to race.

Following a submission by Mr. E. Musgrove, the Trainer of RABBUKA, Stewards granted permission for R. Eynon to ride the gelding 1 kg over its allotted weight. R. Eynon pleaded guilty to a charge under AR.120(b) for being overweight and was fined $300.

G. Bedggood, the rider of KING TRITON, became unbalanced after jumping the first steeple and was dislodged. KING TRITON galloped riderless for some distance before galloping to the outside of the course proper after passing the winning post on the first occasion, leaving the steeple track. G. Bedggood was attended to by the First Care Medical staff and was transported to hospital for further observation and treatment.

As a consequence of G. Bedggood being dislodged, PALEMO (NZ) (S. Pateman) and TAKE OUT (M. Kelly) were hampered when avoiding the fallen rider.

All runners in this event were examined by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeons, after the event, who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 4: SIDEWOOD WINES / SABOIS FILLIES & MARES RATING 0-68 HANDICAP – 1100 metres

The start of this race was delayed approximately two minutes owing to OUR ROYAL ROSE brushing a section of the rail behind the barriers. OUR ROYAL ROSE was examined by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the mare fit to race.

NOVEL IDEA (J. Kah) jumped away awkwardly and was slow to begin.

RHINESTONE RUBY (J. Holder) laid in from the vicinity of the 200 metres and as a result J. Holder was obliged to stop riding and straighten his mount near the 100 metres.

OUR ROYAL ROSE (S. Price) was obliged to race in restricted room over the concluding stages between RHINESTONE RUBY, which laid in, and CALIFORNIAN DEVIL (C. Jones), which shifted out under riding. C. Jones was reminded of her obligations when shifting ground in future. As a consequence of racing in restricted room, S. Price was unable to fully ride his mount to the finish.

RHINESTONE RUBY was examined by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 5: KLOSE SUPERMARKETS / SABOIS 3YO MAIDEN PLATE - 1050 metres

Acting on confirmed advice from Mr G. Searle, the Trainer of SHEPHERDING, that the gelding was unfit to race, Stewards withdrew SHEPHERDING at 8.11 am.
RACE 5: KLOSE SUPERMARKETS / SABOIS 3YO MAIDEN PLATE - 1050 metres
(Cont.)

IDATWO (T. Baker) shifted out on jumping away and brushed WHITE JADE (E. Finnegan).

IDATWO (T. Baker) raced keenly in the early stages of the event and hung out from the vicinity of the 600 metres until the entrance to the straight.

SEPTEMBER STORM (M. Vance) had difficulty obtaining clear ground from the entrance to the straight until inside the 200 metres when awkwardly placed between the heels of STARLARA (S. Carr) and FINAL ARROW (J. Holder), which were both inclined to roll about under pressure.

FINAL ARROW was examined by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeon who reported a slow post race recovery.

IDATWO was examined by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 6: GOLDING WINES CLASS 1 HANDICAP - 1400 metres

J. Kah, the rider of PRIDE OF AMERICA, was dislodged from her mount en route to the barriers. J. Kah was examined by the First Care Medical staff who declared her fit to fulfil her engagement.

SOUND ALIBI (E. Boyd) laid in, in the straight.

T. Baker, the rider of MR BEE GEE, reported the gelding felt sore during the event. MR BEE GEE was examined by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

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

MASTER OF MONEY lost its off hind plate during the event.

RACE 7: HAHNDORF HILL WINES RATING 0-58 HANDICAP - 1100 metres

Approaching the 400 metres VINARD (S. Carr) rolled out onto HE’LL TELL US (E. Boyd), which was taken out onto the heels of THREE STAR GENERAL (A. Herrmann), which shifted in, resulting in HE’LL TELL US having to be steadied and alter course to the outside of THREE STAR GENERAL. A. Herrmann was reprimanded and advised to take greater care when shifting ground in future.

VINARD (S. Carr) raced awkwardly rounding the home turn and became awkward inside the heels of THREE STAR GENERAL (A. Herrmann) for several strides.

Approaching the 200 metres MAGISUE (O. Ridge), when improving, shifted out and became awkward on the heels of GOOD CONDUCT (J. Kah) for a number of strides and was obliged to shift out further to the outside of RAIN ATTACK (T. Zanker) to obtain clear running.

When questioned about his election to improve to the outside of GOOD CONDUCT (J. Kah) approaching the 200 metres, rather than to that horse’s inside, O. Ridge, the rider of MAGISUE, explained he had formed the view pre-race that the track conditions were better to the outside of the track and for that reason he had pursued a run to the outside of the field.
RACE 7 : HAHNDORF HILL WINES RATING 0-58 HANDICAP - 1100 metres (Cont.)

A. Herrmann, the rider of THREE STAR GENERAL, was questioned regarding her riding from the entrance to the straight until approaching the 150 metres. A. Herrmann explained that on straightening she was aware of the position of CHLOBOROUGH (M. Neilson), which had commenced to shift out, and that her mount had become awkwardly placed on the heels of that horse for several strides. She added, thereafter CHLOBOROUGH had a tendency to continue to shift outwards and she had remained conscious of its position and movement and elected not to improve into the run between that horse and OAKBANK REIGN (T. Pannell) until just inside the 200 metres. Stewards advised A. Herrmann, in their opinion, she had an opportunity to improve into the run between CHLOBOROUGH and OAKBANK REIGN sooner than she did and she erred in her judgement. A. Herrmann was advised to ensure she rides in a manner and standard expected of a rider that does not invite question by Stewards in future.

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow S. Carr, the rider of VINARD, to view the official footage of the start. It was established that VINARD got its head to the side of its barrier stall just prior to the start being effected and as a consequence jumped away awkwardly and was slow to begin.

HE’LL TELL US was examined by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding to be lame in the off foreleg. Mr. J. MacMillan, the Trainer of HE’LL TELL US, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting the gelding for a future trial or race.

RACE 8 : MT LOFTY RANGES WINES RATING 0-58 HANDICAP – 1900 metres

Ms. S. Kotz, the Trainer of HEZASMARTYPANTS, advised Stewards prior to the event she would instruct Jockey J. Potter to attempt to obtain a forward position in running.

S. Carr, the rider of ABLUDAY, who was unable to claim down to her minimum riding weight and only claimed 0.5kg, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR.120(b) and was fined $100.

OUTRAGEOUS MAN (E. Boyd) knuckled at the start.

HEZASMARTYPANTS (J. Potter) and WILLY THE RABBIT (A. Herrmann) raced wide without cover in the early stages of the event.

At the entrance to the straight DITCHED (D. Tourneur) became held up for a number of strides when racing behind HEZASMARTYPANTS (J. Potter) and to the inside of LOVE MOSCHINO (E. Finnegan), which shifted in and away from FRANK THE RIPPER (J. Matthews), which rolled in. As a consequence DITCHED was only able to obtain clear ground in the vicinity of the 200 metres. In the incident LOVE MOSCHINO became awkward for several strides.

LATIN HERO (J. Holder) had difficulty obtaining clear running from in the vicinity of the 300 metres until approaching the 100 metres and was obliged to shift to the outside of HEZASMARTYPANTS (J. Potter) to gain clear ground.

Approaching the 100 metres TOY’S OPINION (R. Stewart) and LOUISIANA (J. Kah) both shifted ground slightly and contacted.

WILLY THE RABBIT was examined by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.
GENERAL:
Apprentice R. Hurdle, who was unable to claim down to his minimum riding weight, was replaced on ATOMIC HERO (Race 6) and VINARD (Race 7) by Apprentice S. Carr. After the information was disseminated, it was established that S. Carr was also unable to claim down her minimum riding weight. In the circumstances Stewards permitted S. Carr to fulfil her engagements, only claiming 0.5kg on ATOMIC HERO and 1.5kg on VINARD. Stewards took no action against either rider.

PRE RACE SAMPLES (13):
Blood Samples were taken from the following horses:
Race 1 URBAN EXPLORER (NZ), THUBIAAN (USA), CROSS CONSTANCE, UNDERGROUNDFIGHTER.
Race 3 KING TRITON, PALEMO (NZ), RABBUKA, TAKE OUT, ISAIAH, NISHIAZABU.
Race 8 FRANK THE RIPPER, TOY'S OPINION, SHADY JAIDE.

POST RACE SAMPLES (1):
Blood Samples were taken from the following horses:
Race 3 – ISAIAH (winner)

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (9):
Race 1 – URBAN EXPLORER (winner)
Race 2 – QUESTO E VELOCE (winner)
Race 3 – ISAIAH (winner)
Race 4 – CALIFORNIAN DEVIL (winner)
Race 5 – IDATWO (winner)
Race 6 – JETMAKER (winner)
Race 7 – RAIN ATTACK (winner)
Race 8 – FRANK THE RIPPER (winner)

SUMMARY
FINES
Race 3 – Mr. E. Musgrove – Fined $50 – LR18.1 – Late declaration of riders for RABBUKA and TAKE OUT.
Race 3 – R. Eynon (RABBUKA) – Fined $300 – AR120(b) – Overweight.
Race 8 – S. Carr (ABLUDAY) – Fined $100 – AR120(b) – Unable to claim down to her minimum riding weight.

SEVERE REPRIMANDS
Nil

REPRIMANDS
Race 7 – A. Herrmann (THREE STAR GENERAL) – AR137(a) – Careless riding.

SUSPENSIONS
Nil

HORSE ACTIONS
Race 7 – HE’LL TELL US - Not to race – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to trial or race – Lame off foreleg.

ADJOURNED INQUIRIES
Nil