

VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE
CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT

CARNIVAL – BALLARAT

<u>Date:</u>	12/2/05	<u>Weather Conditions:</u>	Fine, cool with blustery wind
<u>Track Dimensions:</u> the circular track was lined and measured 400m round. Ground surface in good condition but gift track slightly dead underfoot due to recent rains.			
	Circular:	400m	
	Straight:	120m	
	Lane Width:	1.2m	
	Finish Tape Length:	--	
	Tape Strength:	--	
<u>Change Room conditions:</u>	Football club rooms were available		
	Satisfactory:	Yes	
	Unsatisfactory:		
	If Unsatisfactory State Reason:		
<u>Standard of Officials:</u>			
<u>League:</u>	Satisfactory:	Yes	
	Unsatisfactory:		
	If Unsatisfactory State Reason:		
<u>Club:</u>	Satisfactory:	Yes	
	Unsatisfactory:		
	If Unsatisfactory State Reason:		
<u>Officials - League:</u>	Judges:		
	Timekeeper:	Nila Blennerhassett / Sue Dunbar	
	Starter:	Stawell Athletic Club Panel	
	Referee:	Graham Ireland	
	Starter's Assistants:	--	
<u>Officials - Club</u>	Judges:	R. Gilbert, I. McCarty, B. Clingan, T. Simpson, J. Wiltshire, G. Hills, P. Ledger	
	Timekeeper:	S. Schaper, J. Wiltshire, R. Gilbert.	
	Starter's Assistant:	P.Muller,L.Furmister,B.Brooks	

<u>Brief Report On The General Conduct Of The Carnival:</u>	
An excellent meeting with outstanding performances on the track and the most exciting finishes witnessed this year. The club to be commended on its organizing for the day. The only draw back being the announcer who whilst very enthusiastic with his commentary was slightly hampered by his lack knowledge of the competitors and not supplying the appropriate information to the public.	
<u>Report On Runners/Trainers Addressed, Cautioned Or Penalized For Rule Breeches:</u>	
<u>Verbally State Runners/Trainers Name And Reason For Reprimand</u>	
<u>Fines: State Runner/Trainer And Reason For Fine.</u>	
D. Steinhauser	Inconsistent performance 120 mts Gift- Fined \$300.00
A. Ratcliffe	Failing to declare to starters prior win and running from incorrect handicap 400 mts heat fined \$ 100.00.
W. Vale	Unsatisfactory performance 70 mts heat – fined \$ 200.00
C. Taft	Causing interference 400 mts B/M final – fined \$ 100.00
<u>Suspension/Disqualification/ Handicap Review:</u>	
D. Whittaker	Injury – 28 days
D. Steinhauser	Inconsistent performance – suspended till 1/4/05. Issued a handicap review over all distances.
<u>State Runner/Trainer Name And Reason For Suspension/Disqualifications/H.R</u>	
<p>D. Steinhauser. The runner had his first run over the 120 mt course at Wangaratta 22/1/05 in which he ran 13.54. Said runner was questioned and warned about running out his races. At no stage did he show any great ability and claimed he was a footballer only running to get fit. At Ballarat he ran 12.483 and improvement of over 1 second and well outside the extreme range as per the rules.</p> <p>When his trainer Marcus Arnold claimed that he had tendonitis and that he had received treatment for about a week and that was the reason for his rapid improvement. When we asked why he had not reported this tendonitis to the stewards, M. Arnold replied that “I’ve been in the game for sixty years and never knew that the runner had to.” We told D. Steinhauser and M. Arnold initially to report back to us after the semi finals(1 hour) but changed that to 20 minutes to allow him to warm up for the semis. When the runner did not appear we ruled that he was to taken out of the semi. Just prior to the semi final both the runner and trainer appeared and questioned why this was so and claimed to have misunderstood the instructions. We then allowed the runner to start but report back after the final if he should go so far in the interests of natural justice. He then ran fastest time of 12.353. and subsequently 12.598 in the final finishing 5th. M.Arnold and D. Steinhauser reported back to the stewards where we announced to him that in view of the marked and extreme improvement by said runner and that we did not believe that the reasons given for said improvement that we had no choice but to impose the penalties given. During all interviews the conversation were taped as per the guidelines issued by the VAL and that the runners and trainers representative was present.</p>	
<u>Drug Testing:</u>	
Nil	
<u>Compiled By:</u>	
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