

Meeting: Cobden Gift, 26th October 2024

Weather: Mild to warm afternoon into slightly cooler evening and light to moderate head winds

Track: 400m grass track

Commentators: Matthew Webster & Drew Semmens

Wind Gauge: Automatic

Starters: Rob McIntosh and Graeme Humphrey

Photo Finish: Chloe Blennerhassett + Shane Roberts

Results: Nila Blennerhassett

Stewards: Chief Richard Wearmouth, Chad Ryan & John Henry

Handicappers: Colin Lane

Official Media: Neil Jameson, Didier Le Miere & Max Blennerhassett

Colour Stewards: Di Tzilantonis

NAP's:

Break: 70m Open-Jack Johnson, 100m Mens-Hudson Downs & Blake Jones

Injury: 100m Mens-Daniel White-Alikakos

LOT (Loss of Time): 70m Open-Zane Eddleston, Kristerfer Kardakovski, Hamish Hopkins, Dominic Hoskins & 100m Womens-Ida Laherty, 100m Mens-Endale Mekonnen

OTR (Outside time Range): 70m Open-Chris Byron, Chloe Kinnersley, Vic Sharma, Jennifer King, Alex Tzilantonis, Daniel Martin, Corey Williams & Cam Dunbar + 100m Women-Liv Ryan, Kelsey Roberts, Tiana Shillito + 100m Men-Kevin Brittan, Darcy Ireland, Matthew Warren, Cam Dunbar, Paul Tancredi + 100m Masters- Paul Tancredi, Scott Shillito, Vic Sharma + 300m Masters-Elvis Cross, Paul Tancredi, Martin Amour, Tom Hecimovic, David Gill

Stewards Notes from the day: Congratulations to Cobden Recreation Reserve of Management on their excellent effort. Well, done to Jacob D for organisation and 400m track setup with all handicaps marked. This being a requirement for each VAL meeting. Also, great effort by Craig Dwyer and his crew.

As results indicated we had quality athletes from across Australia providing a great spectacle.

On a less positive note, our new VAL program system caused problems throughout the day. Many thanks to Nila, Chloe, Shane and the SAAL crew for their tireless efforts.

Donna B our new Race Day Co-ordinator did a great job assisting VAL officials.

Vis Sharma had cramps in both legs and was given permission on the Saturday to compete in flats but was informed he must run in spikes the following day at Mortlake.

300m Masters Final-Davina Strauss at the 150m mark crossed Greg Denner to sharply causing him to be checked and was reprimanded and informed that she must be 2m clear when overtaking, in future this will not be tolerated.

Stewarding Comments: It is the runner's responsibility to ensure they are at the start line for their heat.

It is the responsibility of runners to ensure their performance history outside of the VAL has been declared prior to a meeting. PB's should be notified immediately to the office and new runners should ensure their performance history is accurate. Failure to do so may result in sanctions being applied.

Runners are advised to re-read the Stewarding notes that were issued at the commencement of last season, particularly in regard to 'winning intent' and also competing with consistency from week to week. You can read the notes [HERE](#)

Registered Runners and Trainers only, should be on the ground and this should be limited to warming up and competing. Anyone outside of registered Runners and Trainers will be requested to leave the infield.

Breaking in a heat or semifinal and not progressing will result in an NAP at best. Breaking in a final is an automatic NAP at best.