

Stillme is Bretcarlyle

ADELAIDE galloper Stillme will be sentimental favourite in the Group 2 \$175,000 Carlyon Stakes (1200m) at Moonee Valley tomorrow night.

The five-year-old makes his Melbourne debut but for good reason most will not recognise the name.

Tragic circumstances led to a change of name for the horse formally known as Bretcarlyle.

The owners originally named the horse after former trainer Pat Barns's son, who died last year.

Anguished, Barns requested a change after he sent the horse to David Jolly to be trained on the beaches of Goolwa.

Stillme, with Jolly for 10 weeks, has great talent but suspect legs.

The gelding suffered a tendon injury in August 2005 and a hairline fracture of a canon bone in March last year.

I've worked him on the beach, his legs are fine, I expect him to go well, Jolly said.

The son of Blevic resumes after 47 weeks. He has won five races in eight starts, and won two of three first-up starts.

Two failures have come on wet tracks, the other is blamed on a dubious ride which saw stewards open an inquiry.

If he handles Moonee Valley he will go on to the Australian Stakes in three weeks, otherwise I will have a rethink, Jolly said.

The Carlyon field contains a mix of top sprinters and stayers.

Trainer Mark Kavanagh declared both Maldivian and Tipungwuti will be below best with Group 1 targets later in their campaigns more suitable.

Lead stable rider Michael Rodd is ill and will be replaced by Corey Brown on Tipungwuti who shouldn't be ignored. He was runner-up to Miss Finland on debut at Flemington and other fresh efforts have been good.

All but Let Go Thommo and Cocinero are resuming, giving that pair a fitness advantage they share favouritism.

Cocinero ran El Segundo to a nose in the same race last year.

He won two starts back but failed last time because the sit and sprint tactics employed didn't suit him, he can win this, said trainer Robbie Griffiths.

Let Go Thommo was gallant when second to Here de Angels in the Rubiton Stakes at Caulfield on January 12 and ran third behind Miss Andretti and Gold Edition in the Schweppes Stakes (1200m) at Moonee Valley last October.

Racing Victoria stewards yesterday suspended Damien Oliver for 14 meetings after he was found guilty of careless riding in the Aare Handicap at Sandown.

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