

CLUB: LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST 2021

TRACK: RAIN AFFECTED

WEATHER: SHOWERY

STEWARDS:

S SHINN (CHAIRMAN)

B PLUNKETT (PANEL)

J STEELE (DATA)

B BAUDINETTE

D LUTTRELL (SWABS)

C BRYDON (BIRDCAGE)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR I COLLIER

STARTER: A EMERY

As a result of the inclement weather that had persisted in the lead up to the meeting the track underwent a number of inspections during the day. After remedial work by track staff and testing that the mobile barrier had safe traction the track was found to be safe for racing.

Stewards ordered that mud guards and splash sheets be fitted for all races.

No action was taken against any driver exceeding the sectional time standard due to the inclement weather and the rain affected track conditions.

Trainers with multiple runners engaged in any race were questioned as to their intended driving tactics.

Driver Gareth Rattray, who was indisposed, was replaced on his drives as follows:

Race 3 #9 GUIDO DA SIENA NZ Rohan Hillier

Race 4 #3 ALL ABOUT PAISLEY Conor Crook

Race 5 #5 HEZ THE ONE Rohan Hadley

Race 6 #5 EARL JUJON Conor Crook

Race 7 #7 ASHLEYS BLUE CHIP Mark Yole

Race 8 #13 THE BLACK ASSASSIN Dylan Ford

Race 9 #1 STAVROS THE TERROR NZ Hannah Van Dongen

Race 10 #3 BOOKER BAY Hannah Van Dongen

RACE 1 – 6TY TWO YEAR OLD – 1680 METRES

MAYLEEJAE EAGLE – Slightly out of position when the start was effected - No action taken, due to the rain affected track and this race was for inexperienced two-year-olds.

MALLEN – Shifted out under pressure in the home straight on the final occasion. Driver T Rattray was reprimanded under provisions of AHHR168(1)(a) for allowing MALLEN to shift up the track in the run to the finish which did not affect the finishing order. Raced slightly rough on the final turn. It was noted that the gelding completed the race having cast a shoe.

MAEBEE – Led the one wide line throughout.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATOR – Slightly out of position when the start was effected. No action taken due to the rain affected track and this was a race for inexperienced two-year-olds.

LOU LOUS ALLGOLD – Was well out of position when the start was effected - will continue to be placed out of the draw in mobile barrier races. Commenced a three wide run from the rear of the field near the 900 metres.

General

Stewards inquired into a complaint lodged by Barrie Rattray, driver of second placed MAEBEE, subsequent to the race alleging that subsequent to the race he had been abused by Ben Woodsford, trainer of fourth placed MAYLEEJAE EAGLE with Mr Woodsford alleging that ‘team driving’ had taken place by Barrie Rattray and Todd Rattray, drivers of the two Todd Rattray-trained runners in the race. After taking evidence from Mr Barrie Rattray, Mr Todd Rattray and Mr Ben Woodsford Stewards reprimanded Mr Woodford, his having pleaded guilty to a charge issued under the provisions of AHRR231(1)(d). In determining penalty Stewards took into account Mr Woodsford’s clear record under the rule, his early guilty plea and the nature of the abuse. It is noted that the allegation by Mr Woodsford were in the opinion of the Stewards unsubstantiated.

RACE 2 – CROWN LAGER PACE – 2200 METRES

CAMELLIA STRIDE – Broke as the start was effected - placed out of the draw in mobile barrier races.

LONGFELLOW – Led the one wide line throughout. Had a tendency to over race throughout the middle stages of the race.

IFITSTOBEITSUPTOME – Held off for clear running until the latter stages of the home straight - finished strongly once clear. Stewards ordered post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which failed to reveal any abnormalities.

FURY DAN – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field near 900 metres.

WRITTEN IN SILK – Three wide one back from 900 metres.

General

Stewards questioned Rohan Hillier, driver of IFITSTOBEITSUPTOME, regarding his driving tactics in the race, most specifically why he didn’t shift out near the 800 metres prior to being covered by a three wide runner resulting in him being held up for clear running until the concluding stages of the race. Mr Hillier explained to the Stewards that he had been looking to shift three wide near the 800 metres however when he commenced to shift wider the horse advancing three wide had come so quickly the he had to return to the true one wide position as had he continued his shift out he would have forced the advancing runner four wide which could have resulting in him receiving a suspension as this happened prior to reaching the designated ease out pole. Mr Hillier added that although IFITSTOBEITSUPTOME had done no work in the run it had finished only fairly once it gained clear running in the latter stages of the home straight. A review of the official race videos confirmed Mr Hillier’s evidence and no further action was taken other than to note the circumstances.

RACE 3 – GREAT NORTHERN SUPER CRISP PACE – 2200 METRES

This race started approximately a minute and half behind the starting schedule time, due to a runner requiring a gear adjustment prior to the start.

DENWEN DANCER – Led and withstood a mid-race challenge for the lead.

ALBAYZIN – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 400 metres. Commenced a three wide run from mid field approaching the 1000 metre point.

EMRITES – Worked forward three wide, to take over the position leading the one wide line after 400 metres. Obtained a one out one back trail near the 1350 metres.

ONEOFHELADS – Raced three wide with a trail for the first 400 metres. Restrained to a rearward three wide position prior to working forward to issue an unsuccessful mid-race challenge for the lead then obliged to lead the one wide line thereafter.

GRIZZLY MONTANA – Three wide two back for the 1000 metre point.

GORDIEVSKY LEIS – Failed to obtain a clear run to the finish – untested.

GUIDO DA SIENA NZ – Three wide one back from the 1000 metres.

SOMEHOWSOMEWAY – Raced roughly when checked by its driver when the gelding raced up onto the back of the sulky in front near the 1150 metre point.

MY CELEBRITY – Failed to obtain a clear run to the finish. No action was taken against driver Connor Crook, for momentarily dropping his foot in the back straight on the final occasion this being a result of the gear activation cord becoming fouled with the splash sheet which require Mr Crook to drop his foot in order to activate the gear. The viewing of the official race videos confirmed that the foot had at no stage pointed his foot forward when it was outside the sulky stirrup.

DONNY IN PARIS – Three wide three back from the 1000 metre point.

RACE 4 – CHARTLEY ESTATE STAKES – 2200 METRES

LIVING ON PRARE – Shied at an object near the 1100 metres when leading.

BOLD CENTURIAN – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail near the 1700 metres. Held up for clear running until the latter stages of the home straight.

NINEFORTWENTYTHREE – Worked forward three wide to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1700 metres. Obtained a one out one back trail near the 1100 metres.

TOMMY HILLFIGURE – Out of position when the start was effected. Having considered the gelding's record, Stewards placed TOMMY HILLFIGURE out of the draw in the mobile barrier races. Raced three wide until working forward to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1100 metres.

STAR WATCHING – Commenced a three wide run from midfield near the 900 metres.

HUGHIE PLAYBOY – Failed to obtain a clear run to the finish – untested.

IDEN DELIGHT – Broke leaving the front straight on the first occasion -placed on its last chance to race truly.

LAHOOD – Commenced a three wide run from the rear of the field approaching the 1000 metre point. Three wide one back from the 900 metres.

RACE 5 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2200 METRES

YOUNG ROOSTER – Over raced whilst leading. Hung out in the latter stages of the back straight on the final occasion. Gave ground over the concluding stages. Stewards questioned driver Ms Bronte Miller, regarding the circumstances which resulted in SOMEDAN, which was trailing YOUNG ROOSTER, gaining an inside run in the back straight on the final occasion. After viewing the official race videos and taking evidence from Ms Miller who was accompanied by trainer Ben Yole, Stewards established that in the back straight on the final occasion YOUNG ROOSTER had hung up the track despite its driver's best efforts which afforded an inside run to the trailing runner. Having given consideration to the relative seriousness of the consequences Stewards ordered that YOUNG ROOSTER be stood down from racing until the completion of a satisfactory requalifying trial.

MURRY – Out of position when the start was effected. Driver Ben Woodsford was reprimanded under the provisions of AHHR162(1)(j) for failing to maintain his correct position until the start.

BOSTON BUSKER – Led the one wide line until obtaining one out one back trail after 400 metres.

RAMBLEON – Worked forward three wide to take over the position leading the one wide line after 400 metres. Over raced throughout the middle stages.

MONTANA LAD NZ – Commenced a three wide run from the rear of the field near the 1200 metres. Three wide one back from the 1000 metres. Held up for clear running around the final turn - finished strongly once clear.

SOMEDAN – Obtained an inside run from behind the leader in the latter stages of the back straight on the final occasion. Driver Luke Hooper was reprimanded under the provisions of AHHR170(1)(a) for momentarily dropping his foot whilst activating just prior to entering the home straight on the final occasion.

TACTICAL RESPONSE – Broke in the score up and was well out of position when the start was effected - took no competitive part in the race. Placed out of the draw in mobile barrier races.

REIGN OF PAIN – Commenced a three wide run approaching the 1000 metre point.

FULL SPEED AHEAD NZ – Driver Ms Tiarna Ford was fined \$200, Ms Ford having pleaded guilty to a charge issued under provisions of AHHR156(2)(a), in that in the home straight on the final occasion she utilised her whip with more than a wrist only flicking motion. Placed back in the draw in mobile barrier races.

RACE 6 – VIZPIX BROADCAST SERVICES – 2200 METRES

CARDINAL RINGO – Held up and checked behind a tiring runner leaving the back straight on the final occasion.

KARDESLER NZ – Held up and checked behind a tiring runner leaving the back straight on the final occasion.

GOTTA GOOD REASON – Led then gave ground over the concluding stages. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

DEADY ASSASSIN – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail near the 1700 metres.

YORKSHIRE NZ – Commenced a three wide run from one out one back near the 1850 metres to take over the position leading the one wide line near 1700 metres.

RACE 7 – DAKIN REFRIGERATION PACE – 2200 METRES

VIVID STRIDE – Led and over raced throughout the middle stages.

KUYOMI NZ – Led the one wide line throughout. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which failed to reveal any abnormalities. When questioned regarding the mare's performance, driver Rohan Hillier told the Stewards that KUYOMI NZ had enjoyed a comfortable run through slow sectional times in the early and middle stages whilst racing outside the leader however the mare finished the race off only moderately. Trainer Conor Crook told the Stewards that he was extremely disappointed with the performance of KUYOMI NZ and could offer no explanation other than that the mare raced disappointingly when last she raced leading the one wide line. Stewards advised Mr Crook that if anything should become apparent in the coming days, which could explain the performance of KUYOMI NZ he is to notify the Stewards.

JUNIPER – Held up for clear running until the mid-stages of the home straight - finished moderately once clear.

JOBELLS IMAGE – Stewards questioned trainer Ben Yole regarding what appeared to be an improved performance from the mare. Mr Yole told the Stewards that at her last start JOBELLS IMAGE had broken at the start and taken no competitive part in the race however at the previous start she had raced well beaten only 8 metres after suffering some interference during the race. He added that in tonight's race the mare had secured a 'dream run' down in class and he was not surprised by her win. A review of the mare's recent starts confirmed Mr Yole's evidence and no further action was deemed necessary.

RACE 8 – LONGFORD EQUINE CLINIC STAKES – 1680 METRES

Prior to the all clear Mark Yole, driver of second placegetter SOMETHING BETTOR requested to view the official race videos. Having viewed the race videos, Mr Yole was satisfied that no action was necessary. The all clear was also delayed in order for the Stewards to ascertain whether RANIERI NZ had gained an unfair advantage from an incident which took place approaching the home straight on the final occasion where the inside sulky wheel of the gelding went inside or contacted a number of marker pegs. After viewing the official race videos, Stewards were satisfied that RANIERI NZ had initially advanced to the inside of THE DUDE NZ which had shifted wider from behind the leader then attempted to take a run to the inside of the leader which had hung out slightly. Ms Bronte Miller, driver of RANIERI NZ had then restrained back to a full trailing position behind the leader. Stewards were satisfied that RANIERI NZ had gained no unfair advantage and the all clear was given the judge's numbers. At a subsequent enquiry, Stewards established that around the final turn TURQUOISE STRIDE which was leading had hung up the track to some degree, at which stage Ms Bronte Miller, driver of RANIERI NZ, attempted to take a run inside that runner. Subsequently, the inside sulky wheel on RANIERI NZ raced inside a number of marker pegs prior to Ms Miller restraining RANIERI NZ back to a full trailing position behind TURQUOISE STRIDE. Stewards were unable to comfortably determine whether a full run existed to the inside of TURQUOISE STRIDE and if so whether Conor Crook, driver of TURQUOISE STRIDE, had shifted down and tightened RANIERI NZ. No further action was taken other than to remind the drivers of their obligations to ensure a full run is available when attempting to take a run to the inside of other runners and also that once vacating a position to ensure that regaining that position is done without causing any interference to other runners.

TURQUOISE STRIDE – Hung out slightly on the final turn.

CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ – Caught racing three wide for the first 500 metres, eventually being restrained to the rear of the field.

RANIERI NZ – Contacted a number of marker pegs just prior to entering the home straight on the final occasion.

THE BLACK ASSASSIN – Shifted out slightly under pressure in the run to the finish.

RACE 9 – FAITHFUL PARK STUD PACE – 2200 METRES

HEZA SPORT – Checked by a galloping runner in the home straight on the final occasion.

APHRODISIAC – Led then gave ground over the concluding stages.

KARALTA COURAGE – Led the one wide line, until obtaining a one out one back trail after 350 metres.

BOULDER CITY – Three wide one back from the 1000 metres.

ARTYBOY GLENWOOD – Hung out in the home straight, contacted the sulky wheel of another runner and broke stride - placed on its last chance to race truly. Three wide two back from the 900 metre point.

VELOCITY STRIDE – Worked forward three wide to take over the position leading the one wide line. After 350 metres, the sulky wheel contacted the home straight on the final occasion.

SOVEREIGNE BAY – Broke shortly after the start was effected - placed out of the draw in mobile barrier races. Hung in and contacted market pegs on the final turn - a warning was issued.

BETTOR SPORT – Commenced a three wide run near the 1000 metres.

ONLY IN ROME NZ – Pulled hard throughout the middle stages of the race. Checked by a galloping runner in the home straight on the final occasion.

RACE 10 – ELDERS INSURANCE LAUNCESTON STAKES – 2200 METRES

TRIPLE AITCH FELLA – Broke in the score up however, was in position when the start was effected - a warning was issued. Failed to obtain a clear run to the finish – not fully tested.

MY ULTIMATE MAJOR – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail near the 1350 metre point.

MACHAVELLI – Raced three wide in the early stages whilst being restrained to a rearward trailing position. Driver Luke Hooper was fined \$100, Mr Hooper having pleaded guilty to a charge issued under the provisions of AHHR170(1)(a) for dropping his foot from the inside sulky stirrup on the final turn. It was noted that Mr Hooper had at no stage pointed his foot forward.

YELLOW TAXI NZ – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field near 1600 metre point to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1350 metres.

| SUMMARY | |
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| REPRIMANDS | R1 -T RATTRAY – AHHR168(1)(a) R5 - L HOOPER – AHHR170(1)(a) R1 – B WOODSFORD – AHHR231(1)(d) R5 – B WOODSFORD – AHHR162(1)(j) |
| FINES | R5 – T FORD – AHHR156(2) - \$200 R10 – L HOOPER – AHHR170(1)(a) |
| SUSPENSIONS | NIL |
| HORSE ACTIONS | R2 CAMELLIA STRIDE – ODM R4 TOMMY HILFIGURE – ODM R5 TACTICAL RESPONSE – ODM R5 FULL SPEED AHEAD NZ – ODM R5 YOUNG ROOSTER – SD1T R9 SOVEREIGNE BAY - ODM |

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY

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| Race 1 | MAYLEEJAE EAGLE, LOU LOUS ALLGOLD |
| Race 2 | CAMELLIA STRIDE |
| Race 3 | EMRITES |
| Race 4 | ALL ABOUT PAISLEY |
| Race 5 | MONTANA LAD NZ, REIGN OF PAIN |
| Race 6 | SEA DOUBLE UGRANT |
| Race 7 | KUYOMI NZ, MYKINDOFFEELING |
| Race 8 | THE BLACK ASSASSIN |
| Race 9 | APHRODISIAC, BETTOR SPORT |
| Race 10 | MACH CHARM |

| POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY | |
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| Race 1 | MALLEN |
| Race 2 | STEPPING STONES |
| Race 3 | DENWEN DANCER |
| Race 4 | LIVING ON PRARE |
| Race 5 | FULL SPEED AHEAD NZ |
| Race 6 | YORKSHIRE NZ |
| Race 7 | JOBELLS IMAGE |
| Race 8 | THE BLACK ASSISIN |
| Race 9 | KARALTA COURAGE |
| Race 10 | DEAL BREAKER |

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CHAIRMAN

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