

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2021

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS:

S SHINN (CHAIRMAN)

R BROWN

B PLUNKETT

G GRIFFIN (BIRDCAGE)

B BAUDINETTE (PANEL)

C ELLSON (DATA)

J AINSCOW (SWABS)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR F DUGGAN

STARTER: A EMERY

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

All horses backing up from the race meeting at Hobart 08/10/2021 underwent veterinary examinations on arrival at the course and were passed fit to start.

RACE 1 – TASSIE WASH PACE – 2200 METRES

LONGNWINDINGROAD – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail near the 1550 metres. Over raced throughout the middle stages.

KUZMA – Raced three wide for the first 400 metres whilst being restrained to the rear of the field. Failed to obtain a clear run to the finish – untested.

KICK IT TO JACK – Ran up onto the back of the preceding runner near the 1350 metre point when over racing simultaneous to the pace slackening. When checked by its driver the trailing runners were inconvenienced with SCOTLYNN BEACH NZ, which was trailing the field breaking stride for a short distance.

STAVROS THE TERROR NZ – Commenced a three wide run from mid field at the 1800 metres to take over the position leading the one wide line near 1550 metres. Trainer Mr B Yole was fined \$200 under the provisions of AHRR273(6)(b) for failing to have the gelding's gear accurately recorded.

ONE OFF NZ – Inconvenienced near the 1350 metres when the pace slackened.

SPORTS CANDY – Inconvenienced near the 1350 metres when the pace slackened.

SCOTLYNN BEACH NZ – Raced three wide for the first 500 metres whilst being restrained to the rear of the field. Checked then broke when the pace slackened appreciably near the 1350 metres. No action taken against the gelding.

RACE 2 – FAITHFUL PARK STUD PACE – 2200 METRES

HEZA SPORT – Commenced a three wide run at the 1000 metres.

FLASHY RULER – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 250 metres.

KARALTA COURAGE – Worked forward three wide to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1600 metres.

ASHLEYS BLUE CHIP – Worked forward to take over the position leading the one wide line after 250 metres. Obtained a one out one back trail near the 1600 metres. Broke free of interference in the early stages of the home straight on the final occasion - Placed on its last chance to race truly. Failed to obtain a clear run to the finish – untested.

DEBT TILL WE PART – Raced wide and worked forward to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1400 metres. Obtained a one out one back trail near the 1150 metres.

MAJOR DAVVIN – Raced three wide with a trail for the first 500 metres then worked forward three wide, eventually taking over the position leading the one wide line near the 1150 metres.

VELOCITY STRIDE – Failed to obtain a clear run to the finish – untested.

THE DEAL – Was held up for clear running until the latter stages of the home straight - Finished strongly once clear.

LIFES A JUNGLE – Three wide one back from the 1000 metres.

HEZ RAZOR SHARP – Three wide two back from the 1000 metres.

BORDER CROSS – Pulled hard throughout the middle stages of the race. Failed to obtain a clear run to the finish – untested.

RACE 3 – 6TY PACE – 2200 METRES

SYZATE – Led then surrendered the lead after 250 metres. Held up for clear running until the latter stages of the home straight - finished strongly once clear.

GRAPHITE STRIDE – Worked forward to take over the lead after 250 metres.

HUGHIE PLAYBOY – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 450 metres. Gave ground from the 400 metres.

MOST PERFECT MAJOR – Worked forward three wide to take over the position leading the one wide line after 450 metres.

INDIANNA SANZ – Raced three wide for the first 450 metres whilst being restrained to the rear of the field.

HILLBILLY BAND – Commenced a three wide run from midfield near the 1100 metres.

OUR ULTIMATE BONNY – Had a tendency to hang out at various stages of the race. A warning was issued.

AGOUDA RULER – Three wide one back from the 1100 metres.

LILY ROCKS – Three wide two back from the 1100 metres. Placed back in the draw in mobile barrier races.

CAMELLIA STRIDE – Placed back in the draw in mobile barrier races.

RACE 4 – CROWN LAGER PACE – 2200 METRES

LAFOND – Led then withstood a challenge for the lead over the first 350 metres prior surrendering the lead entering the back straight on the first occasion. Shifted out to lead the one wide line near the 1100 metres.

CEE EM JAMANE – Was retired from the race by its driver near the 1400 metres when the number two carrier strap became detached. Trainer Lindsay Tatnell was fined \$100 under provisions of AHHR273(2)(b) for racing the filly in insecure gear resulting in her having to be retired from the race.

BALDASARRE – Failed to obtain a clear run to the finish – untested.

NINEFORTWENTYTHREE – Challenged for the lead over the first 350 metres eventually taking over the lead. Gave ground over the concluding stages. When questioned regarding the exceptionally fast lead time in the race, driver Rodney Ashwood told the Stewards that NINEFORTWENTYTHREE had been working well at home and the gelding had “been running the gate lately” as Mr Ashwood put it. Having seen the replay of the qualifying trial of LAFOND, Mr Ashwood felt that he would easily clear that runner and he had high expectations that NINEFORTWENTYTHREE would perform well in front. He went onto say that NINEFORTWENTYTHREE

gained an immediate advantage on LAFOND to its inside however, Mr Ashwood believed that Todd Rattray, driver of LAFOND, was attempting to restrain that filly to surrender the lead and because of this he pressed forward, eventually crossing just prior entering the back straight on the first occasion. NINEFORTWENTYTHREE struggled, without losing a lot of ground, prior to entering the home straight on the final occasion. However, the gelding gave ground noticeably over the last 50 metres. Mr Ashwood went onto tell the Stewards that he was extremely disappointed in the performance of NINEFORTWENTYTHREE and that the gelding would be immediately sent for spell.

MAXI JOLT – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail near the 1100 metres.

TISU SKYE – Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 55 metres - Placed on its last chance to race competitively.

INDELIBLE – Commenced a three wide run from the rear of the field near the 950 metres.

RACE 5 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT SHOW CUP – 2200 METRES

RESURGENT STORM – Galloped away. Having considered the gelding's recent standing start record Stewards ordered that RESURGENT STORM be placed out of the draw in standing start races. Three wide one back from the 1000 metres. Driver Nathen Ford was fined \$200, Mr Ford having pleaded guilty to a charge issued under the provisions of AHRR156(2)(a) in that he utilised his whip with more than a wrist only flicking motion.

JAMES DEAN NZ – Galloped out - Placed on its last chance in the draw in standing start races.

BLACKBIRD POWER – Galloped away - Will continue to be placed out of the draw in standing start races.

SOMEDAN – Galloped away - Will continue to be placed right of the draw in standing start races.

HEZ THE ONE – Fractious before the start, then slowly away.

BE MAJOR THREAT – Commenced a three wide run from the 1000 metres.

SUNNY SANZ – Galloped away. Having considered the gelding's recent standing start record Stewards ordered that SUNNY SANZ be placed out of the draw in standing start races. Three wide three back three back from the 1000 metres. When questioned regarding the performance of SUNNY SANZ, trainer Kent Rattray told the Stewards that once the horse had missed the start from its 10 metre handicap, the subsequent extremely fast sectional times made it near impossible for SUNNY SANZ to make up the ground it lost with its tardy start. Mr Rattray continued on that he wasn't disappointed with the performance of SUNNY SANZ. Stewards' perusal of the sectional times for the race confirmed Mr Rattray's comments regarding the sectional times and his comments were noted for future reference.

IZAHA – When questioned regarding the horse's performance, trainer-driver Todd Rattray told the Stewards that he wasn't disappointed with the performance of IZAHA given that IZAHA had started from a 10 metre handicap and giving regard to the extremely fast sectional times in the race during which IZAHA had led the one wide line throughout. Stewards noted Mr Rattray's comments for future reference.

THE SHALLOWS – Three wide two back from the 1000 metres. When questioned regarding the performance of THE SHALLOWS, trainer-driver Heath Woods told the Stewards that he was a little disappointed with the performance of THE SHALLOWS which he believed raced flat, notwithstanding that the gelding had commenced from a 20 metre handicap with the race run in an extremely fast sectional time throughout. Mr Woods added that over the next few days he would be assessing the gelding's immediate racing program.

RACE 6 – DAKIN REFRIGERATION – 2200 METRES

This race started approximately three minutes behind the scheduled starting time due to the score up for the race being aborted subsequent to Rohan Hadley, driver of RISING HIGH, indicating to the starter that he had a gear problem. It was subsequently reported by the starter that the rein had become fouled in the score-up, placing Mr Hadley at a disadvantage.

HYDE PARK – Gave ground over the concluding stages after racing behind the leader throughout.

KABIBI – Hung in on the final turn and contacted a marker peg – a warning was issued.

KRISTAL – Led the one wide line and until obtaining a one out one back trail near the 1350 metres.

PACIFIC ROCK – Hung in in the score up and was out of position when the start was effected - Placed on its last chance in the draw in mobile barrier races. Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 73 metres.

Stewards placed the gelding on its last chance to race competitively. PACIFIC ROCK underwent a veterinary examination which failed to reveal any abnormalities.

LORD BAZALUP – Out of position in the start. Driver Kaleb Williams was reprimanded under the provisions of AHHR162(1)(h) for failing to have the gelding in its correct position at the start.

BUDVAR EYRE NZ – Raced greenly on a number of occasion during the race – a warning was issued.

CINOCAL JAMANE – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 1650 metres to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1350 metres.

RACE 7 – BEVAN LEE’S BUTCHERY STAKES – 2200 METRES

YOUNG ROOSTER – Led and with withstood a challenge for the lead over the first 350 metres. Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish. Driver Kaleb Williams was reprimanded under the provisions of AHHR168(1)(a) for allowing the gelding to shift up the track in the run to the finish. It was noted that the shift had no effect on the finishing order in the race.

ROCK ON PLAYBOY – Three wide from the 1000 metres.

IDEN FOREST – Mounted an unsuccessful challenge for the lead over the first 350 metres then obliged to lead the one wide line thereafter. Gave ground over the concluding stages. Had a tendency to hang out at the various stages of the race. Having considered that a warning was placed on IDEN FOREST at its previous start, Stewards placed IDEN FOREST on its last chance to race truly.

COLBY SANZ – Raced three wide for the first 800 metres, eventually being restrained to the rear of the field.

MOONLITE BAY – Raced three wide for the first 600 metres, eventually being restrained to the rear of the field.

THE BLACK ASSASSIN – Was held up and checked behind a tiring runner on the final turn.

AHA REACTION NZ – Three wide one back from the 1000 metres.

BELIEVE IN FOREVER – Three wide two back from the 1000 metres. Placed back in the draw in mobile barrier races.

RACE 8 – LEE’S ORCHARD STAKES – 1680 METRES

This race started approximately 3 minutes behind the scheduled starting time due to BIG GEM MONTANA being late onto the track.

SON OF RAYSON – Led and surrendered the lead after 250 metres. Held up and checked behind a tiring runner on the final turn.

CHRISTIAN JAZZ NZ – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail near the 1000 metre point.

BIG GEM MONTANA – Worked forward three wide to take over the lead after 250 metres. Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 105 metres. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to have suffered a cardiac arrhythmia. Acting on veterinary advice, Stewards ordered that BIG GEM MONTANA be stood down from racing for a period of 14 days and until the completion of a satisfactory requalifying trial. A veterinary certificate which includes an ECG report must also be submitted to the Office of Racing Integrity before the gelding is eligible to trial. Stewards questioned Mark Yole regarding the reason for BIG GEM MONTANA failing to be on the track by the prescribed time. After considering Mr Yole’s evidence, Mr Yole was fined \$100 under the provisions of AHHR135(5).

LETS SAVE THE DAY NZ – Was out of position when the start was effected. Driver, Ms Bronte Miller was reprimanded under the provisions of AHHR 162(1)(h) for failing to have the gelding in its correct position at the start.

MACHS MARETA NZ – Failed to obtain a clear run to the finish – untested.

LAIID BACK KENNY – Fractious in the score up. When questioned regarding what appeared to be an improved performance from the gelding, trainer Geoffrey Smith said that he had given the gelding a week off which must have suited a gelding. He added that he felt that the horse was driven in a way that best suited it, that being LAID BACK KENNY was given a conservative run throughout and saved for a final sprint. Mr Smith’s comments were noted for future reference.

IDEN GORGEOUS – Commenced a three wide run near the 1150 metres to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 950 metres.

ROQUEFORT CHEESE – Driver Rodney Ashwood was fined \$200, Mr Ashwood having pleaded guilty to a charge issued under the provisions of AHHR156(2)(a) for utilising his whip in the home straight with more than a wrist only flicking motion. Mr Ashwood was also reprimanded under the provisions of AHRR162(1)(j) for failing to maintain his correct position until the start.

JOBELLS IMAGE – Out of position at the start despite its driver’s best efforts – will continue out of the draw in mobile barrier races.

RACE 9 – LONGFORD EQUINE CLINIC STAKES – 2200 METRES

EMJAYS BLACK CHIP – Held up for clear running until the 150 metres – finished moderately once clear.

BRIAN WHO – Led then surrendered the lead after 250 metres. Hung in and contacted a marker peg on the final turn – a warning was issued.

SEAMARK NZ – Worked forward to the lead after 250 metres.

GUYS BETTOR BET – Out of position at the start – no action taken due to only four runners off the front row with this gelding being drawn outside the second row.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	R6 – K WILLIAMS – AHHR162(1)(h) – BARRIER POSITION R7 – K WILLIAMS – AHHR168(1)(a) – CARELESS DRIVING R8 – B MILLER – AHHR162(1)(h) – BARRIER POSITION R9 – R ASHWOOD – AHRR162(1)(j)- BARRIER POSITION
FINES	R4 – R ASHWOOD – AHHR272(11) - \$25 R4 – L TATNELL – AHHR273(2)(b) - \$100 R5 – N FORD – AHHR156(2)(a) - \$200 R8 – R ASHWOOD – AHHR156(2)(a) - \$200 R1 – B YOLE – AHHR273(6)(b) - \$200 R8 – M YOLE – AHHR135(5) - \$100
SUSPENSIONS	
HORSE ACTIONS	R3 – LILY ROCKS – BMD R3 – CAMELLIA STRIDE – BMD R5 – SUNNY SANZ – ODS R5 – RESURGENT STORM – ODS R7 – BELIEVE IN FOREVER – BMD R8 – BIG GEM MONTANA – SD14D SDVETCERT SDECG SD1T
LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	NIL

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	GRIZZLY MONTANA
Race 2	YEAH MATE LIFES A JUNGLE
Race 3	SYZATE INDIANNA SANZ
Race 4	CEE EM JAMANE INDELIBLE
Race 5	MISTER GENTLY
Race 6	PACIFIC ROCK
Race 7	COLBY SANZ
Race 8	ROQUEFORT CHEESE

Race 9	GUYS BETTOR BET
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POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	SPORTS CANDY
Race 2	HEZ RAZOR SHARP
Race 3	BAROOGA ROCK
Race 4	INDELIBLE
Race 5	RACKETEERS BOY NZ
Race 6	STAR WATCHING
Race 7	ROCK ON PLAYBOY
Race 8	GUIDO DA SIENA NZ
Race 9	JUNIPER

Supplementary:

Race 6 Tasmanian Trotting Club Hobart – Friday 8th October 2021.

Stewards commenced an inquiry into the circumstances that resulted in PERFECT MACH falling near the 300 metres. Additionally, in this incident Dylan Ford, driver of LIVE FOR PEACE, was dislodged from the sulky. After taking evidence from Rodney Ashwood, driver of ON MY OATH, and Jordan Chibnall, driver of PERFECT MACH, Ms Chibnall being accompanied by trainer, Ben Yole, Stewards adjourned the inquiry at the request of Mr Ashwood who advised that he wished to call driver Ricky Duggan to give evidence.

Supplementary

LPC 15 August 2021 Race 1

Stewards questioned Mitch Ford, driver of MAYLEEJAE EAGLE, Mr Ford being accompanied by driver Dylan Ford, regarding the trainer of that horse alleging on that night that Mr Ford had reported to him that drivers in the race had communicated to the detriment of MAYLEEJAE EAGLE. Mr Mitch Ford gave evidence that he had advised the trainer that he had heard something uttered by one of the drivers however, on reflection, he was unable to say conclusively what he had heard. Mr Dylan Ford added that he was in the race in question and that he also heard something uttered by one of the drivers however he felt it may have been the driver vocally urging his horse on. Stewards determined that no further action was necessary.

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CHAIRMAN

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