

**CLUB:** LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB

**DATE:** FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

**TRACK:** GOOD

**WEATHER:** FINE

**STEWARDS:**

- S SHINN (CHAIRMAN)
- G GRIFFIN
- B PLUNKETT
- J DENNIS (BIRDCAGE)
- B BAUDINETTE
- D LUTTRELL (SWABS)

**VETERINARY SURGEON:** DR I COLLIER

**STARTER:** A EMERY

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

In accordance with Tas Racing protocols Stewards distributed face masks to southern participants who arrived on course without face masks.

### **RACE 1 – LADBROKES RACING CENTRE STAKES – 2200 METRES**

**GOT THE GOODS** – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field approaching the 1000 metres.

**JAKES A JOY** – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail approaching the 1600 metres. Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 130 metres. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which failed to reveal any abnormalities. Stewards ordered that **JAKES A JOY** be stood down from racing until the completion of a satisfactory requalifying trial.

**MACH CHARM** – Worked forward three wide to take over the position leading the one wide line approaching 1600 metres. Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 75 metres. Stewards placed the mare on her last chance to race competitively.

**SOUTHERN GNP NZ** – Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the gelding to have bled from one nostril. Stewards ordered that, under the provisions of AHHR 101B(2), the gelding must complete a satisfactory trial before being eligible to race again. Sulky contacted leaving the front straight on the first occasion.

**MY ULTIMATE ROMEO** – Pulled hard whilst being restrained to a rearward trailing position then hung out slightly and contacted the sulky wheel of another runner and raced roughly leaving the front straight on the first occasion. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

**COVEFFE HUSTLER** – Pulled hard throughout the middle stages of the race.

**VIVID STRIDE** – Was held up for clear running until approximately 100 metre point - finished strongly once clear.

**POSTAL RUN** – Three wide one back from the 1000 metres.

**HEZA SPORT** – Three wide two back from the 1000 metres.

ONLY IN ROME NZ – Gave ground over the concluding stages.

## **RACE 2 – FIND US ON FACEBOOK PACE – 2200 METRES**

WAR CHEST – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 450 metres. Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 51 metres - Stewards placed WAR CHEST on its last chance to race competitively.

GUYS BETTOR BET – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 450 metres.

MY CELEBRITY – Worked forward three wide to take over the position leading the one wide line after 450 metres. Retired from the race by its driver near the 1500 metres subsequent to the near side hopple connecting strap breaking. The gear was examined by the Stewards post-race and found to be of good quality.

GLENRAE HANOVER – Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 56 metres - Placed on its last chance to race competitively.

PINK PONDER – Inconvenienced by a galloping runner shortly after the start was effected. Hung out in the back straight - A warning was issued. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

LONGWINDINGROAD – Broke shortly after the start was effected - Placed out of the draw in mobile barrier races.

TURQUOISE STRIDE – Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 99 metres. Having considered the gelding's recent race record, Stewards ordered that TURQUOISE STRIDE be stood down from racing until the completion of a satisfactory requalifying trial.

## **RACE 3 – BECOME AN LPC MEMBER STAKES – 2200 METRES**

### **General**

Stewards questioned Luke Hooper, driver of BOSTON BUSKER, Mr Hooper being accompanied by senior driver, Connor Crook regarding what appeared to be a lack of vigour from Mr Hooper over the final stages of the race. After taking evidence from Mr Hooper and Mr Crook, and viewing the official race videos, Stewards issued Mr Hooper a charge under the provisions of AHHR162(1)(z) in that over the concluding stages of the race, Mr Hooper failed to fully drive out the gelding. In laying the charge, Stewards took into consideration that BOSTON BUSKER had dead-heated for third place and also that the margin between second and BOSTON BUSKER was a half head. Mr Hooper pleaded guilty to the charge and after considering his submissions on penalty, Stewards suspended his licence to drive for five race meetings to commence midnight 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and to expire midnight 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021. In determining the penalty, Stewards took into consideration Mr Hooper's guilty plea, his 5 point concession driver status and his good record. Mr Hooper was advised of his right to appeal.

NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ – Led then broke free of interference near 1900 metres - Placed on its last chance to race truly.

CHRIS BE QUICK – Gave ground over the concluding stages.

KUYOMI NZ – Worked forward from outside the leader to take over the lead after 400 metres when the leader broke stride. Surrendered the lead near the 1300 metres. When questioned regarding his surrendering the lead driver Conor Crook explained to the Stewards that each time the mare had led in its races the driver had surrendered the lead, this being its preferred racing pattern. A review of the mare's race record confirmed Mr Crook's evidence which was noted for future reference.

MACHS MARETA NZ – Raced three wide for the first 450 metres, whilst being restrained to the rear of the field.

ARTHUR ELLIOTT – Worked forward three wide to take over the position leading the one wide line after 350 metres. Hung in at various stages of the race which resulted in near side head pole breaking. The gelding has been placed on its last chance to race truly. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

LETS SAVE THE DAY NZ – Obtained an inside run to the finish.

SPORTS CANDY – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field at the 950 metres.

BOSTON BUSKER – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field at the 1700 metres to work forward to the lead near the 1300 metres. Shifted out in the run to the finish when leading, resulting in another runner obtaining the inside run to win the race. Driver Luke Cooper fined \$100, Mr Hooper having pleaded guilty to a charge issued under the provisions of AHHR 162(1)(www) in that in the home straight on the final occasion he had allowed or failed to take sufficient action to prevent BOSTON BUSKER from shifting up the track,

resulting in another runner being advantaged. In not taking more severe action, Stewards took in consideration Mr Cooper's guilty plea and that he is claiming a five point concession driver with a clear record regarding this rule.

LAID BACK KENNY – Three wide one back from the 950 metres.

EMRITES – Three wide two back from the 950 metres. Placed back in the draw in mobile barrier races.

#### **RACE 4 – LONGFORD EQUINE CLINIC PACE – 2200 METRES**

##### **General**

Stewards questioned Gareth Rattray, driver of RISING HIGH, regarding that runner shifting out in the home straight which resulted in another runner gaining an inside run, which altered the finishing placings. Mr Rattray explained that he shifted away from the peg line deliberately to remain in the clear as he expected the leader BIG BANG RAJ to give ground over the concluding stages after it had sprinted hard between the 400 metres and the home straight. Having viewed the official race videos of the home straight, Stewards were satisfied that Mr Rattray's evidence was correct in that, although BIG BANG RAJ had a significant margin on RISING HIGH into the home straight, that margin had decreased to only 3.6 metres by the finish. Under the circumstances no action was taken against Mr Rattray.

ASHLEYS BLUE CHIP – Commenced a three wide run from mid field near the 1200 metres.

ROCKS ROY – Raced three wide for the first 400 metres whilst being restrained to a one out four back trailing position.

SIR JUJON – Pulled extremely hard as the driver was attempting to restrain the horse from the start. Worked forward to eventually gain a three wide one back position near the 1200 metres. Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 74 metres. Having considered the gelding's recent race record, as well as the gelding over racing to its own detriment, Stewards ordered that SIR JUJON be stood down from racing until the completion of a satisfactory requalifying trial.

RISING HIGH – Shifted out in the home straight on the final occasion.

DEVIL OF TYNE – Obtained an inside run in the home straight on the final occasion.

TAXI METER – Three wide two back from the 1100 metres. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

METRO MAN – Over raced throughout the middle stages of the race. Held up for clear running until entering the home straight on the final occasion - Finished moderately.

#### **RACE 5 – SUNRISE BAKERY STAKES – 2200 METRES SS**

BRIGHTON PRINCE – Galloped away. Having considered the gelding's recent standing start record, Stewards placed BRIGHTON PRINCE out of the draw in standing start races. Checked with its driver being dislodged from the sulky near the 350 metres. Driver Rohan Hadley was examined by the on course medical staff and passed fit to fulfil his driving engagements. Galloped around the track subsequently to dislodging its driver, was eventually caught after the gelding had contacted the running rails on a number of occasions. BRIGHTON PRINCE subsequently underwent a post-race veterinary examination which failed to reveal any abnormalities.

BORDER CROSS – Galloped away. Having considered the gelding's standing start record, Stewards placed BORDER CROSS out of the draw in standing start races. Three wide two back from the 850 metres.

LA TOISON DOR – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail near the 1100 metres.

LIFES A JUNGLE – Was checked by a galloping runner and fell near the 350 metres with its driver dislodged from the sulky. Driver Ms Jordan Chibnall, received attention from the on track medical staff then subsequently transported to Launceston General Hospital for precautionary reasons. LIFES A JUNGLE underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the gelding to have superficial lacerations to all four legs however, no stand down period was recommended by the veterinarian.

RAINING ON RINGO NZ – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 1400 metres to take over the position leading one wide line approaching the 1100 metres.

KEEP PLAYING – Galloped out - Placed on its last chance in the draw in standing start races. Three wide one back from the 850 metres. Three wide one back from the 850 metres.

ARTIFLASH – Broke free of interference near 350 metres - Placed on its last chance to race truly.

KRAFTY BOY – Three wide from the 850 metres.

### **RACE 6 – TASSIE CAR WASH CLAIMER – 2200 METRES SS**

The start of this race was rescheduled from 8:25pm to 8:55pm due to a racing accident in Race 5.

GONE AND FORGOTTEN – Galloped out. Placed on its last chance in the draw in standing start races.

FULL SPEED AHEAD NZ – Led and withstood and early challenge for the lead.

NORTHVIEW DAVE NZ – Issued and unsuccessful early challenge for the lead, obliged to lead the one wide line thereafter. Gave ground over the concluding stages. Claimed by Mr Andrew Clark of ACT. Swabbed.

BOUNTY EYRE NZ – Had difficulty obtaining a clear run to the finish – not fully tested.

CHRISTIAN MAJOR – Galloped out - Placed on its last chance in the draw in standing start races.

HEZ THE ONE – Reverted to out of draw from right out of the draw in standing start races.

### **RACE 7 – GREAT NORTHERN SUPER CRISP PACE – 1680 METRES**

The starting time for this race was amended from 8:55pm to 9:25pm due to a delay caused by an accident in Race 5.

The starter called a false start at the first attempt to when it appeared to him that POOR MANS DELIGHT and LITTLEBITOFMAGIC were scoring up in the wrong barrier positions. At an inquiry subsequent to the race it was established that in the early stages of the score up POOR MANS DELIGHT had hung out significantly resulting in LITTLEBITOFMAGIC progressing forward to its inside. Rohan Hillier told the Stewards that he felt he would have been able to fill his correct position however the gelding broke stride as the start was aborted.

HYDE PARK – Raced in a one out one back position until left leading the one wide line after 300 metres. Obtained a one out one back trail approaching the 1100 metres.

ISLAND ROCKNROLL – Led then surrendered the lead after 400 metres.

MACHAVELLI – Worked forward to the lead after 400 metres.

MY ULTIMATE MAJOR – Raced three wide, eventually working to the position leading the one wide line near the 1100 metres.

OUR ULTIMATE BONNY – Ms Tiana Ford replaced Ms Jordan Chibnall as driver, as Ms Chibnall was indisposed.

POOR MANS DELIGHT – Broke shortly after the start was effected - Placed out of the draw in mobile barrier races. Subsequently, hung out badly and eventually retired from the race by its driver. Stewards ordered that POOR MANS DELIGHT be stood down from racing until the completion of a requalifying trial.

LITTLEBITOFMAGIC – When questioned regarding what appeared to be an improved performance from the gelding trainer Mr Geoffrey Smith told the Stewards that he had only recently taken over the training of the horse. He added that it had been working well however he was not expecting anything special due to its recent poor form. He went on to say that some additional husbandry care and a change in its feeding regimen may have played a part in the improved performance. His comments were noted for future reference.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>REPRIMANDS</b>	NIL
<b>FINES</b>	R3 – Luke Hooper AHHR162(1)(www) - \$100
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	R3 – Luke Hooper AHHR162(1)(z) Failed to drive horse out.
<b>HORSE ACTIONS</b>	R1 – JAKES A JOY – SD1T R1 – SOUTHERN GNP – SD1T R2 – TURQUOISE STRIDE – SD1T R2 – LONGWINDINGROAD – ODM R3 – EMRITES - BMD R4 – SIR JUJON – SD1T

	R5 – BRIGHTON PRINCE – ODS R7 – POOR MANS DELIGHT – SD1T R7 – POR MANS DELIGHT - ODM
<b>LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS</b>	NIL

<b>PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY</b>	
Race 1	ROCKOWSROAD JAKES A JOY
Race 2	GLENRAE HANOVER
Race 3	NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ BOSTON BUSKER
Race 4	IDEAL INVESTMENT
Race 5	RAINING ON RINGO NZ
Race 6	FULL SPEED AHEAD NZ NORTHVIEW DAVE NZ
Race 7	MACHAVELLI POOR MANS DELIGHT

<b>POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY</b>	
Race 1	IFBUTZANDMAYBES
Race 2	AGOUDA RULER
Race 3	LETS SAVE THE DAY NZ
Race 4	LEVI JIMMY
Race 5	HEZA RUMMAGE NZ
Race 6	FULL SPEED AHEAD NZ
Race 7	LITTLEBITOFMAGIC

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**CHAIRMAN**

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