

# **OFFICE OF RACING INTEGRITY**

# HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

# CLUB: TASMANIAN TROTTING CLUB

**DATE:** 06 MAY 2022

TRACK: GOOD WEATHER: OVERCAST

**STEWARDS:** 

R BROWN (CHAIRMAN) R NEAL (PANEL) C ELLSON (PANEL/DATA) D LUTTRELL (INSPECTIONS) E DUNBABIN (SWABS) T CANHAM (SWABS)

# VETERINARY SURGEON:DR M BUCKERFIELDSTARTER:A EMERY

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

# RACE 1 – TASMANIAN EQUINE VETERINARY SERVICES PACE – 1609 METRES

RESURGENT REBEL had a tendency to hang in throughout the event. A warning was issued.

GRAPHITE STRIDE shifted out under pressure in the home straight.

After pleading guilty to a charge of using his whip with more than a wrist only flicking motion driver P Ashwood (WHEY BETTER) was suspended for a period of six race dates.

WHEY BETTER was detained on course for 2.5 hours to enable post-race blood samples to be taken.

# **RACE 2 – HAPPY MOTHERS DAY PACE – 1609 METRES**

VIGOROSO NZ broke in the score up and was out of position at the start. VIGOROSO NZ has been placed out of the draw in future mobile barrier events.

SPOOKY GIRL was caught wide early before being restrained to the rear of the field.

MISSIN ROCK utilized the sprint lane in the run home.

BLOSSOM GRANT was held up early before utilizing the sprint lane.

# RACE 3 – NUTRIEN SPRINTLANE PACE – 2090 METRES

SMILIN GEOFF was caught wide early before being restrained to the rear of the field.

HELIKAON was restrained after the start.

LORIMERMAJOR was restrained after the start.

SMILIN GEOFF broke free of interference racing down the back straight the first time and has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

HELIKAON was checked when attempting to pursue an inside run at the 500 metre mark. At a subsequent inquiry driver M Ford (NORTHVIEW DAVE NZ) was reprimanded for careless driving. Particulars of this reprimand were that after shifting out approaching the 500 metre mark allowing a run for the following horse (HELIKAON) Mr Ford allowed his horse to shift back down when not fully clear causing HELIKAON to be tightened.

# **RACE 4 – LADBROKES PACE – 2090 METRES**

CASTOR TROY was caught wide early before being restrained to the rear of the field.

MURRY was held up early before gaining clear running in the home straight.

KICK IT TO JACK was held up and unable to be fully tested.

JOHN RICHARD pulled hard during the event.

SEA HAWKE utilized the sprint lane in the run home.

DONT WRITE ME OFF NZ underwent a post-race veterinary examination after tiring to be beaten in excess of 55 metres. No abnormalities were detected and the gelding has been placed on its last chance to race competitively.

#### RACE 5 – CLAREMONT CRICKET CLUB PACE – 2090 METRES

COVEFFE HUSTLER pulled hard when leading the event.

PLAYFUL MISS utilized the sprint lane in the run home.

SPORTY BEN pulled hard when racing outside the leader and then gave ground in the run home to be beaten in excess of 28 metres.

ABS BOY hung in and contacted marker pegs around the home turn. A warning was issued.

#### RACE 6 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2090 METRES

METRO MAN jibbed in the early part of the score up however was in position at the start and has been placed on its last chance in the mobile barrier draw.

SEAMARK NZ broke in the score up before being in position at the start and has been placed on its last chance in the mobile barrier draw.

GOT THE GOODS was held up early before gaining clear running in the home straight.

#### **RACE 7 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 2090 METRES**

WOODLANDS ROSE NZ raced greenly in the score up.

PRINCELY REIGN pulled hard during the event.

LUTETIA MIDFREW NZ tired to be beaten in excess of 54 metres and has been placed on her last chance to race competitively.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	R3 – M FORD – AHRR168(1)(a) - CARELESS
FINES	NIL
SUSPENSIONS	R1 – P ASHWOOD – 6 RACE DATES – AHRR156(2)(a) – WHIP ACTION
HORSE ACTIONS	R2 – VIGOROSO NZ – ODM
LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	NIL

#### PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY

Race 1	HALIS BOY
	RESURGENT REBEL
	GRAPHITE STRIDE
Race 2	THE DUDE NZ
	IFBUTZANDMAYBES
Race 3	VINNY CHASE
	LORIMERMAJOR
Race 4	STREETSIDE CLASSIC
	DON'T WRITE ME OFF NZ
Race 5	COVEFFE HUSTLER
Race 6	VELOCITY STRIDE
	STONE CRACKER
Race 7	HEIDI GO SEEK
111100 /	WOODLANDS ROSE NZ

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY		
Race 1	WHEY BETTER	
Race 2	THE DUDE NZ	
Race 3	SUNROSE MASTER	
Race 4	STREETSIDE CLASSIC	
Race 5	SLINGSHOT	
Race 6	VELOCITY STRIDE	
Race 7	BRIAN WHO	

# Supplementary: <u>LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022</u>

#### Race 10: Find Us On Facebook Pace

Stewards today concluded an investigation into the eligibility of MACHS MARETA NZ to compete in this race, where the race conditions precluded its entry. The particulars being that MACHS MARETA NZ, was ineligible for reason, that pursuant to Part 11.1.4 of the *Tasmanian Harness Handicapping Schedule & Procedures*, it was not permitted to a relief in ratings by way of both a Mares and Concession Drivers claim. Part 11.1.4 of the said procedures providing for only one claim when the ratings front for a race is below NR55. MACHS MARETA NZ's rating at time of entry being NR63 and Race 10 was restricted to horses rated (after claims) between NR53 and NR57.

Pursuant to AHRR65, the Stewards ordered that MACHS MARETA NZ be disqualified from 5<sup>th</sup> placing in the race and ordered the stakes be amended accordingly.

Additionally, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022, MACHS MARETA NZ was also entered, and competed in Race 8 at the Launceston Pacing Clubs meeting where, as above, the race was restricted to horses rated (after adjustments) between NR53 and NR57. MACHS MARETA NZ's rating, after claiming one allowance, precluded it from entry for reason that the mares rating was reduced to NR58, and outside the conditions of the event.

Pursuant to AHRR65, the Stewards ordered that MACHS MARETA NZ be disqualified from 2nd placing in the race and ordered the stakes be amended accordingly.

The Stewards are investigating the circumstances whereby MACHS MARETA NZ gained entry into both races.

# **\*\*Please note that this report may be subject to review and may not be the final version**\*\*

ORI has recently reviewed its Harness policies. To view the updated policies go to: <u>http://www.racing.tas.gov.au/harness\_racing/policies\_and\_rules</u> - ORI Integrity Policy Manual Published 08 May 2022