

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB

DATE: 15 MAY 2022

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: OVERCAST/RAINING

STEWARDS:

- R NEAL (CHAIRMAN)
- R BROWN (PANEL)
- B BAUDINETTE (PANEL)
- C ELLSON (PANEL/DATA)
- D LUTTRELL (INSPECTIONS)
- C BRYDON (SWABS)
- A INGELSE (CADET) (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.

GENERAL

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Stewards were alerted to an incident which was alleged to have occurred in stables and float park area involving several licensed participants.

Stewards interviewed a number of persons and after investigation, acting under the provisions of AHRR 15(1)(d), directed that licensed person Mr D Germon be removed from the racetrack.

Investigations into this matter are ongoing.

RACE 1 – ROTARY CLUB SCOTTSDALE 2YO – (1680 METRES)

A SHADOW OF DOUBT- hung out and contacted another sulky receiving flat tyre in consequence; not persevered with from the 800 metres and was distanced at the finish.

IDEN LADY LINCOLN – hung in passing 1,200 metres and contacted another runner.

Stewards inquired into an incident near the 1,200 metres where IDEN LADY LINCOLN and A SHADOW OF DOUBT came together and made contact. It was established that at this point A SHADOW OF DOUBT had hung out simultaneously as IDEN LADY LINCOLN had hung inwards, with this resulting in the off-side sulky tyre on A SHADOW OF DOUBT puncturing. Given the racing manners of both horses no action was required.

RACE 2 – CAVALOR EQUICARE NOVICE DRIVER SERIES HEAT ONE – (2200 METRES)

WHEY BETTER – paced roughly shortly after the start; lay out throughout; over-raced during the running; held up rounding final bend and had difficulty obtaining clear racing room throughout the final straight.

MACHAVELLI – pulled hard in the lead throughout.

IDEAL KARALTA – over-raced throughout.

RACE 3 – CAVALOR EQUICARE NOVICE DRIVER SERIES HEAT TWO – (2200 METRES)

FURY DAN – broke in score-up and took no competitive part. Excluded from the draw in upcoming starts.

HIS DREAM LIVES ON – gave ground concluding stages – last chance to race competitively.

TRUE STEPPER – held up passing the 350 metres.

BRIAN WHO – held up rounding the final bend.

Stewards questioned concession driver Kayleb Williams (HOT EMBERS) regarding the tactics adopted over the early and middle stages of the event, and in particular his decision to drive aggressively and maintain the position outside of the leader when other options were available. HOT EMBERS being beaten more than 100 metres at the finish. In explanation Mr Williams stated after being unable to reach the lead in the early part of the race he had elected to sit outside the race leader TURQUOISE STRIDE, however when that runner slowed the tempo appreciably near the 1600 metres and TRIPLE AITCH FELLA improved forward sharply, he elected to go forward with the intent of quickening the tempo in the expectation that TRIPLE AITCH FELLA would not obtain the lead but instead would be required to sit outside TURQUOISE STRIDE and thus providing him with cover in the race. However, after improving sharply, and issuing a brief challenge when HOT EMBERS went forward with him, TRIPLE AITCH FELLA's driver (M Ford) elected to restrain, resulting in HOT EMBERS remaining outside the leader for the majority of the race before weakening passing the 600 metres.

While, in all circumstances, the Stewards did not find Mr Williams drive culpable, he was nonetheless firmly reminded of his obligations to ensure that his driving leaves nothing to question.

A post-race veterinary examination of HOT EMBERS revealed the gelding to be displaying a slow post-race recovery.

RACE 4 – LOWES BP & ACTIV8 PACE – (2200 METRES)

SWEET AMOUR – broke in the score up and was out of position at the start (30 metres); held up rounding the final turn and unable to obtain clear racing room throughout the final straight.

CINOCAL JAMANE – weakened badly over the concluding stages finishing well back. When questioned driver C Crook stated that after working forward due to a slow tempo, the mare failed to respond when pressured. A post-race veterinary examination of **CINOCAL JAMANE** revealed a slow post-race recovery and minor nasal discharge. Trainer Mr. B Yole undertook to advise the Stewards should any relevant matter become apparent in coming days. CINOCAL JAMANE was stood down to one satisfactory trial.

SLIDE TO UNLOCK – hung in and contacted marker pegs rounding final bend- warning placed.

WOODSLAND ROSE NZ – weakened from 500 metres – last chance to race competitively.

RACE 5 – LORDS HOTEL LAUNCESTON MILE – (1680 METRES)

LOCKAWAY KACIE – held up for a short distance rounding the final turn.

RACKETEERS BOY NZ – hung inward approaching the first turn and locked wheels for a short distance.

VINNY CHASE – pulled hard during the running.

IZAHA – crowded and locked wheels approaching the first turn, then paced roughly for a short distance.

RACE 6 – CAVALOR EQUICARE NOVICE DRIVER SERIES HEAT THREE – (2200 METRES)

REDS GOOD TO GO – Concession driver **C Castles** admitted a breach of AHRR 156(4)(a) and was fined \$100.00, with the particulars being that he applied the whip continuously from the 400 metres without allowing his drive time to respond.

MARSDEN HEIGHTS – tired from 600 metres – last chance to race competitively.

KIAVINO STRIDE – pulled hard during the running; compounded passing the 600 metres and finished well back; post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from one nostril - must trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to next racing.

RACE 7 – CAVALOR EQUICARE NOVICE DRIVER SERIES HEAT FOUR – (2200 METRES)

NERO STRIDE – held up rounding the final turn.

JUNIPER – over-raced during the early and middle stages.

RANIERI NZ – inclined to pace roughly over the concluding stages.

RACE 8 – GOOD SPORTS NORTH EASTERN PACING CUP – (2698 METRES)

DEADLY ASSASSIN – badly hampered near 400 metres and contacted marker pegs.

COLBY SANZ – fractious before the start.

KUYOMI NZ – badly hampered near 400 metres and lost momentum.

ROCKS ROY- hampered 400 metres when back.

PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ – hampered 400 metres when back.

TAROONA BROMAC NZ – shifted out 400 metres contacting another sulky and broke losing all chance– driver suspended.

MISTER GENTLY – inconvenienced 400 metres.

ROCK ON PLAYBOY – hampered and lost ground near 400 metres.

KADAR – back in standing start draw.

YOUNG ROOSTER -checked near 400 metres

Driver T Yole admitted a breach of AHRR 163(1)(a) in that near the 400 metres he shifted ground outward when not clear and contacted the sulky of RYOMI which broke and became badly unbalanced. Also affected in this incident were YOUNG ROOSTER, ROCK ON PLAYBY, MISTER GENTLY, PUNTARNO STRIDE, ROCKS ROY and DEADLY ASSASSIN. After consideration of all factors, including the frequency of Mr Yole's driving, his licence to drive in races was suspended from the close of racing today up to and including racing on Sunday 26 June 2022 (6 weeks).

RACE 9 – SCOTTSDALE IGA & ROSES NEWSAGENCY PACE – (1680 METRES)

LAVAUGHN - was a late scratching at 11.14pm after sustaining a hoof injury.

KUZMA - inclined to lay out in the final straight.

ARDEN ROANOKE NZ – locked wheels for short distance passing 200 metres.

CAPTAIN COSMONAUT – held up for a short distance rounding the final turn.

EQUITY STRIDE – over raced throughout; paced roughly and broke passing the 600 metres- last chance to race truly.

AHA REACTION NZ – hung in and locked wheels passing 200 metres- must trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to next racing.

Stewards questioned driver N Ford (COOL HAND EASTON) regarding his driving over the concluding stages where, after being held up and then finding clear racing room, he did not display particular vigour in his driving out of the gelding to the finish. In explanation Mr Ford stated that in his opinion COOL HAND EASTON finished the race off strongly when finding clear racing room and that it was running at its optimum. He further submitted that any application of the whip would not have been beneficial as the gelding does not respond well when pursued with the whip. Stewards noted Mr Ford's explanation.

RACE 10 – ENZED & KENDALLS HOTEL PACE – (2200 METRES)

KIKKIMI – broke at start – excluded from standing start draw.

CLASSIE AMERICAN NZ – stood flat-footed at the start and lost considerable ground – excluded from standing start draw; gave ground from 500 metres and finished well back.

JACKSON NEPTUNE – held up rounding the final turn.

LETS HUSTLE NZ – gave ground from 300 metres and finished well back- last chance to race competitively.

GUIDO DA SIENA NZ – hampered after the start, breaking for a short distance, and losing ground.

CASTOR TROY – locked wheels after start and broke, settling well back.

PROFICIENT NZ – locked wheels inclined to shift out under pressure in the final straight.

ONEOFHELADS – badly hampered at the start and settled well back.

NINE DIAMONDS – gave ground from 500 metres.

JOHN RICHARD – weakened from 500 metres- last chance to race competitively.

WHERE YA BIN NZ – back in standing start draw.

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	SCARLET PLACE GYPSY AMOUR
Race 2	MACHAVELLI IDEAL KARALTA ASHLEYS BLUE CHIP
Race 3	BRIAN WHO STAR ROCKER
Race 4	CINOCAL JAMANE
Race 5	IZAHA
Race 6	MAJOR LESTER
Race 7	QUEENOFDANCE NZ
Race 8	EARL JUJON MISTER GENTLY YOUNG ROOSTER
Race 9	AHA REACTION NZ HICKSTEAD NZ
Race 10	JACKSON NEPTUNE

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	IDEN LADY LINCOLN
Race 2	ASHLEYS BLUE CHIP
Race 3	PINK PONDER
Race 4	LALASA
Race 5	SIMILAN BEACH
Race 6	BOSTON BUSKER
Race 7	DAPPER NZ
Race 8	ROCKANDAHARDPLACE
Race 9	KUZMA
Race 10	COOL SCOOTER

SUMMARY	
SUSPENSIONS	R8 – T Yole – [AHRR 163(1)(a)(iii)] – causing interference – suspended 16/5/22 to 26/6/22 (inclusive) -6 weeks.
FINES	R6 – C Castles – [AHRR 156(4)(a)] – whip violation – fined \$100.00 R9 – B Heenan – [AHRR 273(6)(b)] – incorrect gear – fined \$100.00
REPRIMANDS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	R3 – HOT EMBERS – stood down 1 trial– racing performance. R4 – CINOCAL JAMANE – stood down 1 trial – racing performance. R6 – KAVINO STRIDE – stood down one trial – bled one nostril. R9 – AHA REACTION – stood down 1 trial – racing manners
LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	Mr D Germon – conduct - investigation pending

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