

## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>Club:</b>	DEVONPORT RACING CLUB
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023
<b>Weather:</b>	Showers/ Fine
<b>Track Condition:</b>	Synthetic
<b>Penetrometer:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Rail Position:</b>	True Entire Circuit
<b>Stewards Panel:</b>	Bruce Free (Chair), Ross Neal (Panel), Gavin Griffin (Panel), Michael Castillo (Front Yard), Alison Norgrove (Back Yard), Margaret Robinson (Swabs), Brittany Hine (Swabs Assist), Ebony Morice-Smith (Panel Assist).
<b>Officials:</b>	Medical Edge Dr J Lenton (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr J McKenna (Veterinarian); Carol Brydon (Clerk of Scales).

### Riding Changes / Jockey Information

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced by	Reason
R3	CALIFORNIA PUNK		C Baker	Explanation Accepted
R8	MALEVOLENT		C Jordan	Explanation Accepted

### Comments / Explanations:

Stewards inspected the track prior to Race 8, with riders and trainers to assess the surface water on the track and it was determined the last race of the meeting be abandoned.

## **RACE 1 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT CLASS 2 HANDICAP - (1650 METRES)**

Prior to correct weight, Apprentice rider C Baker AFRIDI (NZ) wished to view the official photo finish. After viewing the photo finish, correct weight was given on the judges' numbers.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY** – When restraining on approach to the 1000 metre mark, began to over-race and continued for a short period. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination that revealed a minor laceration to near hind outside cannon.

**CHICANE** – Reared on jumping, causing the gelding to lose 3-4 lengths and was slow to muster early speed, raced wide from the 1000 metres.

**MR ROUQUIN** – Tended to over-race in the early stages.

**GEE GEES ME BOY** – Became fractious in the barriers, over-raced in the early stages.

**AFRIDI (NZ)** – Began awkwardly and over-raced in the early and middle stages.

## **RACE 2 – KEVIN SHARKIE MAIDEN – (1650 METRES)**

**BAVARIAN FLYER** – Inconvenienced near the 300 metres when tightened and carried outwards.

**GEEGEES ROYAL DUKE** – Fractious in the barriers, checked near the 300 metres off the heels of SAKURA HIME, which shifted out to improve.

**OUR INDULGENCE** – Shifted in on jumping.

**ZULU ESPRIT** – Bounded out on jumping.

**JOHNNIE PINCH** – Raced greenly rounding the first turn and had a tendency to over-race in the early and middle stages.

**MILES'N' MILES** – Jumped awkwardly and contacted the barriers.

**SAKURA HIME** – shifted out to obtain a clear running; tightening GEEGEES ROYAL DUKE at about the 200 metres.

**THE TAZWEGIAN** – Began awkwardly.

**WANING WEASEL** – Was crowded on jumping when OUR INDULGENCE shifted in, causing the mare to lose ground. Improved at 1100 metre mark and raced wide thereafter.

Stewards found rider I Toker guilty of a charge under the provisions of AR131(a) careless riding, with the particulars being that at about the 300 metres, when

attempting to improve he allowed his mount to shift out to obtain a clear running when not fully clear off GEEGEE'S ROYAL DUKE, which had to be checked and lost its rightful running, As a result BAVARIAN FLYER (H McCarthy) was tightened to the outside becoming unbalanced and carried wider on the track. Rider I Tokers licence to ride in races was suspended for a period of 1 Tasmanian TAB Race date to commence at midnight 17 December 2023 and to expire at midnight 22 December 2023. In assessing penalty, Stewards were mindful of his disciplinary record and that the interference was deemed to be in the mid-range. Mr Toker was reminded of his right of appeal.

### **RACE 3 – GOODSTONE GROUP MAIDEN – (1009 METRES)**

**LOYAL VIRTUE** – Raced keenly in the early stages. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination that revealed no abnormalities.

**MIND MY MIMOSA** – Was crowded on jumping by LOYAL VIRTUE, causing the gelding to be slow to begin. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination that revealed no abnormalities.

**WHO CAN IT BE NOW** – Began awkwardly.

**CALIFORNIA PUNK** – Rider C Baker reported that her mount laid-in on the home straight, placing her at a disadvantage in the concluding stages.

**SOULITA** – Had to be steadied off the heels passing the 700 metres, as it tended to over-race, causing the mare to round the turn awkwardly.

### **RACE 4 – GOODSTONE GROUP MDN/CL1 – (1150 METRES)**

The announcement of correct weight was delayed when the rider of the 2nd place VOKES (A Darmanin) along with trainer L Gaffney, wished to view the official patrol film. After viewing the patrol films a protest was lodged against first place FEISTY LION, apprentice rider J Radley, accompanied by trainers J Backer and B Franklin, as a representative for G McCulloch. The allegation being that FEISTY LION had shifted out and made strong contact with VOKES on three occasions, unbalancing that runner over the final 100 metres. Stewards, after hearing evidence from all parties and viewing the official patrol films, upheld the protest, and promoted VOKES to first position.

**DRINKS AT VISTA (GB)** – Laid out shortly after jumping.

**DAY PERFORMER** – Rider became unbalanced near the 250 metres when receiving pressure from FEISTY LION.

**VOKES** – Bounded on jumping.

**LIBERTY RAE** – Was held up behind DAY PERFORMER in the concluding stages.

**MILLA'S READY** – Was forced to steady off the heels of FEISTY LION in the concluding stages.

**FEISTY LION** – Dipped on jumping.

Apprentice rider J Radley pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR131(a) careless riding, with the particulars being that he permitted his mount to shift ground in at about the 250 meters, resulting in FEISTY LION shifting ground inwards and tightening the running of LIBERTY RAE (H McCarthy), forcing her to check her mount. Which resulted in DAY PERFORMER (T Baker) becoming unbalanced.

After due consideration, Stewards suspended Apprentice Radley's licence to ride in races for a period of 2 Tasmanian TAB Race dates to commence at midnight 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and to expire at midnight the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023. In assessing penalty, Stewards were mindful of his guilty plea record and that the interference was deemed to be in the mid-range. Mr Radley was advised of his right of appeal.

### **RACE 5 – THE STABLES AT SPREYTON BM60 HCP – (1009 METRES)**

**PHILOSOPHERS STONE** – Bounded on jumping. Apprentice rider C Jordan reported that her mount hung-in, in the home straight under pressure and had to be straightened at about the 150 metres.

**LYCALLEGRO** – Raced wide throughout.

**FLYING BILLIE** – Began awkwardly and settled to the rear of the field.

**RED SPHERE** – Stewards granted permission for rider, M Ulucinar to ride 1 kg over the allotted minimum weight. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination that revealed no abnormalities.

**GOOD MORGEN** – Became fractious after being loaded into the barriers and underwent a pre-race veterinary examination; consequently, the mare was passed fit to run. Apprentice rider C Baker was checked by the on-course doctor and medical Edge and was cleared to fulfil her riding engagement.

**VOLKANOVSKI** – Resaddled prior to the start.

**BYNANCE** – Declared a late scratching at 1.26pm on veterinary advice after the mare was found to have swelling in the left hind leg. Trainer M Ganderton was advised he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to its next race or trial engagement. On the announcement of correct weight Stewards ordered that all monies invested on BYNANCE be refunded, with the following deductions to apply to all successful wagers placed prior to 1.26pm.

Stewards ordered that the following deductions would apply:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> RED SPHERE</b>	0c win 1c place
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> PHILOSOPHERS STONE</b>	3c place
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> ELMAJAY</b>	3c place

All monies bet after the withdrawal to be paid at face value of the tickets.

**THE WYVERN** – Became fractious after being loaded into the barriers and underwent a pre-race veterinary examination; consequently, the mare was passed fit to run. Rider C Van Munster was checked by the on-course doctor and Medical Edge and was cleared to fulfil her riding engagement. Began awkwardly and lost ground. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination that revealed a superficial cut on the upper lip.

**MISS RED** – Raced wide throughout.

#### **RACE 6 – LADBROKES GOLDEN MILE – (1650 METRES)**

**SH'BOURNE RENEGADE** – Raced wide throughout. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed swelling to the off-side cannon. Trainer, S Nichols confirmed he would seek veterinary care, with the results to be relayed to the stewards in the coming days. Mr Nichols was advised he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to its next race or trial engagement.

**ARTY LUCAS** – Upon jumping, was forced to the rear of the field, after being tightened by SH'BOURNE RENEGADE and ASHY BOY.

**ROMARY** – Raced wide around the first turn and taken forward.

**ASSASRANCA** – Began awkwardly, contacting the inside of the barrier and settling to the rear.

**MYWORDIS** – Stewards granted permission for rider D Ganderton to ride ½ kg over the allotted weight.

**MISS CHARLIE BROWN** – Laid out under pressure in the home straight.

**GEE GEE MISS QUITA** – Brushed with the barrier on jumping.

**JUST A NEEDS** – Shifted out shortly after the start, crowding ASHY BOY out onto ARTY LUCAS, which was tightened, simultaneously; SQUARE DONUT jumped inwards, dictating SH'BOURNE RENEGADE move-in onto ARTY LUCAS, causing the gelding to lose ground.

**ASHY BOY** – Raced wide throughout.

**SQUARE DONUT** – Shifted in on jumping.

#### **RACE 7 – LEAPING GOAT COFFEE BENCHMAR 68 HANDICAP – (1350 METRES)**

**SHARMA'S LAST** – Had a tendency to lay in, in the home straight.

**BLONDE SUSPECT** – Made the first turn awkwardly when over-racing and ran-out, dictating GEEGEE HISWORD wider on the track.

**GEEGEES HISWORD** – Forced wide near 1000-meter; thereafter racing three-wide. Crowded inwards passing the 100-meter mark and had to steady.

## RACE 8 – LENDING 4 U 0-60 – (1350 METRES)

Race 8 was abandoned due to surface water.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Suspensions:</b>	R2 – Rider I Toker: One Tasmanian TAB Race date to commence at midnight 17 December 2023 to 22 December 2023. R4 – Apprentice rider J Radley: Two Tasmanian TAB Race dates to commence at midnight 17 December 2023 to 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2023.
<b>Fines:</b>	NIL
<b>Reprimands:</b>	NIL
<b>Pre-race sample:</b>	R2 – GEEGEE SUNSHINE
<b>Post-race samples:</b>	R1 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY R2 – JOHNNIE PINCH R3 – TRIXIE R4 – VOKES, FEISTY LION R5 – RED SPHERE R6 – MISS CHARLIE BROWN R7 – ROYAL AND TOUGH
<b>Pre-race blood samples:</b>	R1 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY R2 – ZULU ESPRIT R4 – GEE GEE ALS PRINCE R5 – LYCALLEGRO R6 – ROMARY, ASSARANCA, DRAMAZING R7 – BLONDE SUSPECT R8 – LUNA TOO
<b>Warnings:</b>	NIL
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	R5 – BYNANCE – Late Scratching – Vet Cert Required
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	NIL
<b>Horse actions:</b>	NIL

## ADDENDUM

The Stewards report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment.