

OFFICE OF RACING INTEGRITY

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2022 **TRACK:** GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS: S SHINN (CHAIRMAN)

R BROWN (PANEL)

B BAUDINETTE (PANEL)

C ELLSON (DATA & PANEL)

M ROBERTSON (INSPECTIONS/BIRDCAGE)

J AINSCOW (SWABS)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR: F DUGGAN

STARTER: A EMERY

Runners backing up from DHRC Friday February 11, 2022 underwent veterinary examinations on arrival at the course and were passed fit to start.

RACE 1 - DAKIN REFRIGERATION PACE - 2698 METRES MS

LAVAUGHN – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail entering the home straight with a lap to travel. Shifted out entering the home straight on the final occasion inconveniencing another runner.

YOUNG ROOSTER – Led and had a tendency to pull hard throughout the middle stages of the race.

ROCKANDAHARDPLACE - Three-wide one back from the 1000 metres.

ROCKS ROY – Raced three-wide for the first 350 metres whilst being restrained to the rear of the field.

WHERE YA BIN NZ - Three-wide two back from the 1000 metres.

PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ – Raced in a three back peg line position until shifting out to lead the one wide line entering the home straight with two laps to travel. Inconvenienced when the runner to its inside shifted out entering the home straight on the final occasion.

MONTANA LAD NZ – Commenced a three-wide run from midfield approaching the 1000 metres. Placed back in the draw in mobile barrier races.

General

Stewards questioned C Crook driver of LAVAUGHN, Ms J Chibnall driver of PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ, Ms Chibnall being accompanied by trainer B Yole. This enquiry was into PUTARNO STRIDE NZ appearing to be inconvenienced just prior to the horses entered the home straight on the final occasion where LAVAUGHN shifted out to the inside of PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ. After taking evidence from

the drivers, viewing the official race videos and giving regard to their own observations, Stewards established that as Mr Crook shifted from a peg line to a one wide position, he did so somewhat abruptly making heavy wheel to wheel contact with PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ to its outside which appeared to be slightly inconvenienced at that time. Mr Crook was advised that Stewards would expect him to take more care when shifting ground and that he would need to moderate his shift to an 'easing' out.

RACE 2 – BEVAN LEES BUTCHERY PACE - 2200 METRES MS

MARGARETS CLAN – Gave ground from the 400 metres.

TARIFA GIRL – Driver M Ford reprimanded under the provision of AHRR 163(1)(c) (ii) for allowing his inside sulky wheel to contact marker pegs entering the back straight on the final occasion.

KERALA STAR NZ - Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail approaching the 1100 metres.

LAURENS RUNNER – Raced three-wide working forward to take over the position leading the one wide line approaching the 1100 metres.

GRAPHITE STRIDE – Raced three-wide for the first 350 metres whilst being restrained in the rear of the field.

NIL DESPERANDUM – Held up for a short distance behind a tiring runner on the final turn.

MOZASU NZ – Commenced a three-wide run from towards the rear of the field approaching the 1000 metres.

STAR ROCKER – Three-wide one back from the 1000 metres.

INCOGNITO - Three-wide two back from the 850 metres.

RACE 3 – JANE ELLEN FINAL - 2200 METRES MS

Stewards delayed the all clear for this race in order to review the official race videos of the home straight regarding the manner in which P Hill, driver of the first past the post MAGIC PEBBLES, utilised his whip in the home straight on the final occasion. Consideration was given to whether AHRR66(i) had been contravened i.e. 'driven in a manner prejudicial or detrimental to the reputational interests of harness racing. Having considered the matter, it was the Stewards' opinion that Mr Hill's whip use had not reached a requisite standard to invoke the rule and the all clear was given on the Judge's numbers.

SWEET AMOUR – Led the one wide line until being restrained to a three back peg line position near the 1700 metres.

IDEN REACTOR - Checked near the 1250 metres.

MAGIC PEBBLES – Commenced a three-wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 1700 metres to work forward to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1500 metres. Obtained a one out one back trail approaching the 1100 metres. Driver P Hill fined \$300, Mr Hill having pleaded guilty to a charge issued under the provisions of AHRR 156(2)(a) in that in the home straight on the final occasion he utilised his whip with more than a wrist only flicking motion. Whereas the prescribed penalty for this offence with a clear record over the previous 56 days is a \$200 fine, Stewards imposed a 50% premium due to this being a \$20,000 feature race. Additionally, Mr Hill's licence to drive was suspended for a period of four race dates, Mr Hill having offended under AHRR(156)(2)(a) in excess of five times within a twelve months period. At Mr Hill's request, Stewards deferred the commencement of the suspension until midnight 20th February to expire midnight 6th March 2022.

INDIANNA SANZ – Commenced a three-wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 1300 metres to take over the position leading the one wide line approaching the 1100 metres.

IDEN MISS LUCY - Commenced a three-wide run from towards the rear of the field approaching the 850 metres.

LIVING ON PRARE – Three wide one back from the 850 metres. Driver suspended – causing interference.

MICTON AROHA - Hung in and contacted marker pegs during the race - warning was issued.

General

Stewards question M Howlett driver of IDEN REACTOR, M Yole driver of IDEN MISS LUCY and R Hadley driver of LIVING ON PRARE regarding the reason for IDEN REACTOR being checked and breaking stride just prior to entering the home straight on the final occasion. After taking evidence from the drivers, viewing the official race videos and giving regard to their own observations Stewards issued Mr Hadley a charge under the provisions of AHRR163(1)(a) (iii) in that just prior to entering the home straight on the final occasion when shifting from a one wide position to a position wider on the track he has tightened the ground of IDEN REACTOR causing that horse to be severely checked. Mr Hadley pleaded guilty to the charge and after considering his submission on penalty, Stewards suspended his driver's licence for a period of two race meetings. The suspension to commence midnight 13th February 2022 - to expire midnight February 20th 2022. In determining penalty Stewards took into account Mr Hadley's good record, his guilty plea and penalty precedents.

General

Stewards will open the enquiry into a possible incident that took place in the birdcage area subsequent to race 4. Stewards intend to question owner Mr S Rosendale, licenced person Mr B Rattray and licenced person Mr M Yole.

RACE 4 - SINBAD BAY FINAL - 2200 METRES MS

Stewards delayed the all-clear for this race to view the official race videos of the home straight where MAYLEEJAE EAGLE, which was challenging for the lead, fell then was able to recover and crossed the finish line 230 metres behind the winner. Subsequently M Yole, driver of MAYLEEJAE EAGLE which finished in 9th and last place, requested to view the race videos and having done so, Mr Yole lodged a protest against MAGICIAN being declared the winner on the grounds of interference in the home straight on the final occasion. After taking evidence from the parties and viewing the official race videos, Stewards were not comfortably satisfied that MAYLEEJAE EAGLE would have beaten home MAGICIAN had the incident not occurred and dismissed the protest. Subsequent to this, Stewards considered the serious consequences of the shift from MAGICIAN, that being that the interference to MAYLEEJAE EAGLE which resulted in the gelding falling clearly prejudiced its chances and therefore invoked AHRR 66(g), the pertinent part of the rule being that a horse may be disqualified from a race or placed in a lower finishing position in a race if the horse being in the home straight and having a clear interrupted run to the post, changes course and thereby prejudices or disadvantages the chances of another runner. MAGICIAN was relegated from 1st place to 9th place. In making the decision to relegate, Stewards took into consideration that MAYLEEJAE EAGLE was approximately level with MAGICIAN to its inside at the time that that runner had shifted up the track suddenly, resulting in severe interference to MAYLEEJAE EAGLE which fell as a result. MAYLEEJAE EAGLE subsequently regained its feet and crossed the finish line and for this reason MAGICIAN was placed behind that runner in 9th and last position rather than being disqualified.

BOLD CENTURIAN – Broke a hopple near the 400 metres and as a result broke stride. The gear was examined and found to be of good condition.

THE ATHERLETE – Led then surrendered the lead near the 1800 metres.

MAGICIAN – Worked forward from outside the leader to take over the lead near the 1800 metres. Shifted out suddenly in the early stages of the home straight on the final occasion causing severe interference to another runner. Relegated first to ninth under AHRR 66(g). Stood down from racing until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

IDEN BLACK PRINCE – Worked forward three-wide to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1800 metres. Obtained a one out one back trail near the 1300 metres.

BENJAMIN NIADH – Commenced three-wide run near the 900 metres.

SUTTER STAR - Three-wide two back from the 900 metres.

ARTHUR ELLIOTT – Three-wide one back from the 900 metres.

MAYLEEJAE EAGLE – Commenced a three-wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 1700 metres to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1300 metres. Severely checked in the home straight on the final occasion. A protest lodged - dismissed. 9th placed 8th subsequent to another runner being relegated subject to AHRR 66(g). A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it had suffered lacerations to its right knee and facial area. Acting on veterinary advice MAYLEEJAE EAGLE is stood down from racing until a veterinary certificate is submitted.

RACE 5 - RARE EARTH STAKES - 2200 METRES MS

SOMEDAN – Led then gave ground over the concluding stages.

THE DEMOCRAT – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 400 metres.

CHASING CHEETAHS – Worked forward to take over the position leading the one wide line after 400 metres. Obtained a one out one back trail near the 1100 metres. Had difficulty obtaining a clear run to the finish – not fully tested.

BETTABROWN TIGER - Commenced a three wide run from the rear of the field near the 950 metres.

JOE NIEN – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 1700 metres then worked forward to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1100 metres.

KADAR – Had difficulty obtaining a clear run to the finish – finished strongly once clear.

RACE 6 - GREAT NORTHERN SUPER CRISP STAKES - 2200 METRES MS

WINDY HANOVER – Led then broke near the 1400 metres, resulting in the horse losing the lead. The horse then broke again near the 800 metres point. As a result of the horse breaking twice in the race Stewards ordered that WINDY HANOVER be stood down from racing until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

MODERN BART – Raced three-wide in the early stages prior to restraining to a midfield peg line position.

LONGNWINDINGROAD – Which had been trailing the leader shifted out and worked forward to the lead when the leader broke stride near the 1400 metres.

OZZIE MAJOR - Commenced a three-wide run from the rear of the field near the 950 metres.

RACE 7 - LADBROKES RACING CENTRE STAKES - 2200 METRES MS

COOLHAND EASTON NZ – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 400 metres.

JOHN RICHARD – Raced in a on out one back position for the first 400 metres then shifted out to work forward to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1750 metres.

CAPTAIN COSMONAUT – Had difficulty obtaining a clear run to the finish – not fully tested.

HEZ RAZOR SHARP – Raced three wide for the first 400 metres prior to being restrained to a one out two back position.

OUR SIR OLIVER – Held up for clear running until the final stages – finished strongly once clear.

CASTOR TROY – Broke free of interference near the 1800 metres – placed on its last chance to race truly. Had difficulty obtaining a clear run to the finish – taken to the extreme outside in the latter stages and finished very strongly.

MAJOR LESTER – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 1000 metres.

HENRY HU NZ – Fanned very wide entering the home straight on the final occasion – finished very strongly.

THE DUDE NZ – Three wide one back from the 1000 metres.

RACE 8 - LONGFORD EQUINE CLINIC PACE - 1680 METRES MS

This race started approximately two and a half minutes behind the scheduled starting time due to VIGOROSO breaking the score up and causing a false start.

ARCTIC - Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 350 metres

VIGOROSO NZ – Broke in the score up at the first attempt causing a false start - placed out of the draw in future mobile barrier races. C Crook, driver of VIGOROSO, was fined \$200, Mr Crook having pleaded guilty to a charge issued under the provisions of AHRR156(2)(a) in that in the home straight on the final occasion he utilised his whip with more than a wrist only flicking motion.

STORMY SANZ – Worked forward three-wide to take over the position leading the one wide line after 350 metres.

CHRIS BE QUICK - Three-wide three back from the 1000 metres.

ONE OFF NZ – Commenced a three-wide run approaching the 1000 metres.

HILLBILLY BAND - Three-wide one back from the 1000 metres.

KIKKIMI - Three-wide two back from the 1000 metres.

LAID BACK KENNY – Was held up for clear running until the middle stages of the home straight – finished strongly once clear.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	R2 MITCH FORD AHRR 163(1)(c)(ii)
FINES	R3 BRETT JAFFRAY AHRR156(2)(a) \$200 R3 PAUL HILL AHRR 156(2)(a) \$300 R8 CONOR CROOK156(2)(a) \$200
SUSPENSIONS	R3 PAUL HILL AHRR 156(2)(a) Midnight 20-02 -22 to midnight 06-03-2022 R3 ROHAN HADLEY AHRR163(a)(iii) Midnight 13-02-22 to midnight 20-02-2022
HORSE ACTIONS	R1 MONTANA LAD NZ BMD R4 MAGICIAN SD1T R4 MAYLEEJAE EAGLE SDVC R6 WINDY HANOVER SD1T R8 VIGOROSO NZ ODM
LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	NIL

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY		
Race 1	HAYDEN BROMAC NZ	
Race 2	MOZASU NZ	
Race 3	CAROLS JUDGE, SWEET AMOUR, MAGIC PEBBLES	
Race 4	MAGICIAN, ARTHUR ELLIOT, MAYLEEJAY EAGLE	
Race 5	JOE NIEN	
Race 6	BRIAN WHO	
Race 7	HEZ RAZOR SHARP	
Race 8	HILLBILLY BAND	

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY		
Race 1	LAVAUGHN	
Race 2	ALWAYSBEALADY	
Race 3	MAGIC PEBBLES, CAROLS JUDGE	
Race 4	MISTA EAGLE	
Race 5	OFFTHETOPOFMYHEAD	
Race 6	LONGWINDINGROAD	
Race 7	ONEOFTHELADS	
Race 8	VIGOROSO NZ	

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CHAIR

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