

## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>Club:</b>	Launceston Trotting Club
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine
<b>Track Condition:</b>	Good
<b>Stewards Panel:</b>	N Finnigan (Chair) B Plunkett, G Griffin, C Ellson, B Hine (Cadet), M Robinson, & C Brydon
<b>Officials:</b>	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers) Dr F Duggan (Veterinarian) & A Emery (Starter)

### GENERAL

Following the running of Race 3 several drivers expressed concerns to the Stewards about a camera crew situated close to where the horses' parade when en-route to the track. The drivers' raised the concern that their images might be used without them being afforded any procedural fairness prior to a media report being issued. They considered that the report was likely to be perceived as being detrimental to the interests of harness racing.

In consequence, the Stewards determined that, for the remainder of the program, drivers would enter the track via the entrance located near the stables complex. This being the track entry used during a period last year.

The Stewards attended this area to ensure all regulatory and safety requirements were satisfied for the duration of the meeting.

### **RACE 1 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 1680 Metres Mobile**

**PROSECUTION WITNESS NZ** – Slow to muster speed after the start. Held up for clear running on the final turn through VELOCITY STRIDE giving ground.

**VELOCITY STRIDE** – Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 40 metres.

**TURQUOISE STRIDE** – Struck its own sulky with its hind legs.

**PROFICIENT NZ** – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

**QUEENOFDANCE NZ** – Contacted the sulky of TO THE LOOKOUT on entering the home straight for the run to the finish.

**General (1):** Stewards questioned drivers N Ford (SLINGSHOT), D Ford (THE SITUATION NZ), T Madden (TO THE LOOKOUT) and M Yole (QUEENOFDANCE NZ) into the reason why QUEENOFDANCE NZ momentarily broke gait on straightening for the run to the finish. At the inquiry it was established that driver Yole was having some difficulty in moving QUEENOFDANCE NZ wider on the track as it tendered to hang in. This combined with the general race movement wider on the track, by a number of runners, brought TO THE LOOKOUT and QUEENOFDANCE NZ together, resulting in QUEENOFDANCE NZ contacting the sulky of TO THE LOOKOUT and blunder causing it to break gait for a short distance. Steward deemed this to be a racing incident as blame could not be attributed to any one driver nor horse, and as such took no action other than to note the circumstances and to remind drivers of their obligations when shifting ground.

**General (2):** Stewards questioned driver T Yole with regard to his driving tactics on PROSECUTION WITNESS NZ. Of particular concern to Stewards was his decision to move the gelding from a mid-field, one-out three-back position, to the position three-back along the marker line. Driver Yole informed Stewards that he believed PROSECUTION WITNESS NZ is not that strong, best suited being driven quietly and brought into the race as late as possible. Stewards, although with some reservations, took no action other than to note driver Yole's evidence and remind him that he should make all reasonable efforts in an attempt not to leave his drives open to question.

## **RACE 2 – CAVALOR EQUICARE STAKES – 2200 Metres Mobile**

**KIAVINO STRIDE** – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish.

**PLEASE SHUDDUP NZ** – Raced ungenerously in the score-up. Hung in when under pressure on the final turn, tightening the racing room of TWICE SHY NZ

**ROCKS ROY** – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under Mobile Start conditions after out of position when the start was effected.

**TWICE SHY NZ** – Over-raced and hung in during the event before giving ground, beaten in excess of 60 metres. Tightened for racing room on the final turn resulting in the mare shifting in and contact markers. A post-race Veterinary Examination found TWICE SHY NZ to have badly cross-fired requiring Veterinary treatment. Stewards acting under Veterinary advice stood TWICE SHY NZ down from racing until connection can produce a Veterinary Clearance.

**LETSPLAYUNI** – Held up for clear running until well into the home straight for the run to the finish.

**TEARAWAY DIAMOND** – Held up for clear running until well into the home straight for the run to the finish.

### **RACE 3 – FAMILY FUN NIGHT SATURDAY 8 APRIL – 2200 Metres Mobile**

**NOTLAUGHINOW** – Momentarily broke gait approaching the 2000 for which a warning was issued.

**GRAPHITE STRIDE** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future Mobile Start events after breaking in the score-up and being well out of position when the start was effected. This may have contributed to the gelding giving ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 80 metres.

**EIPPERMILL** – Inconvenienced passing the 1400 when the pace of the race eased after horses who raced wide early were positioned leading the one-out line.

### **RACE 4 – EASTER CUP RACE MEETING SATURDAY 8 APRIL – 2200 Metres Mobile**

**General:** The start of this race was delayed approximately 2 minutes and the broadcast switched to Sky2 to avoid a clash with an international thoroughbred event.

**CARDINAL SIN** – Raced ungenerously in the score-up. Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 40 metres.

**EUROKING** – Shifted in on the final turn resulting in a marker post behind struck.

**GORDIEVSKY LEIS** – Back from its allotted position at the start.

**STORMY SANZ** – Back from its allotted position at the start.

**KOLOVOS NZ** – Back from its allotted position at the start. Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 40 metres.

### **RACE 5 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2090 Metres Mobile**

**General:** Pre-race Veterinary Inspections confirmed MONTANA LAD NZ and WHERE YA BIN NZ were fit to race after both geldings raced the previous evening in Hobart.

**MONTANA LAD NZ** – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

**BACKINTOWN** – Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 70 metres, for which a warning was issued. A post-race Veterinary inspection failed to detect any obvious abnormalities.

**MAJOR GENERALJUJON** – Out of position when the start was effected despite the efforts of its driver, for which a warning was issued.

### **RACE 6 – FIND US ON FACEBOOK – 2200 Metres Stand**

**CINOCAL JAMANE** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in standing start events after failing to begin in the required manner, and in doing so locked wheels with VAN NIEKERK NZ.

**OZZIE MAJOR** – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

**RADAR STRIDE** – Slow to muster speed after the start.

**KARALTA DAZZLER** – Placed on its last chance to race truly after hanging out in the run to the finish, which presented an inside run to **STYLISH TREND NZ**.

**IDEAL KARALTA** – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in standing start events after failing to begin in the required manner. Raced rough throughout, placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait free of interference near the 1500. A post-race Veterinary inspection failed to detect any obvious abnormalities.

**STYLISH TREND NZ** – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in standing start events after failing to begin in the required manner. Held up for clear running until approximately 130 metres from the finish.

**OUR RUBY ROSE** – Checked and broke after the start when **STYLISH TREND NZ** shifted up the track after being inconvenienced by **RADAR STRIDE** which was slow to begin.

**VAN NIEKERK NZ** – Severely checked after the start, locking wheels with **CINOCAL JAMANE**, which was bad away, losing valuable ground.

#### **RACE 7 – BE AT THE EASTER CUP SATURDAY 8 APRIL – 2200 Metres Mobile**

**PICKLE IT** – Sifted out under pressure in the run to the finish.

**SPOT ON NZ** – Inconvenienced in the run to the finish.

**STALEY** – Sifted out under pressure in the run to the finish.

**DEADLY ASSASSIN** – Sifted out under pressure in the run to the finish. Driver Chibnall was reminded of her obligations in not deviating her running line when clear in the run to the finish.

**MAJOR MUCHA** – Tightened for racing room over the concluding stages.

**SWEET ARMOUR** – Checked and broke in the latter stages of the home straight in the run to the finish. This incident was a result of a number of runners shifting ground, all contributing to racing becoming tight over the final stages.

**CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ** – Held up in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish before being carried up the track toward other runners.

**MILITARY MAN NZ** – Tired badly over the final 500 metres, beaten in excess of 130 metres. A post-race Veterinary inspection confirmed that the gelding had choked down. **MILITARY MAN NZ** was subsequently stood down from racing until satisfactorily completing one (1) requalifying trial.

**COOL SCOOTER** – Tightened for racing room over the concluding stages.

## **RACE 8 – LONGFORD EQUIN CLINIC PACE – 1680 Metres Mobile**

**WITH REVENGE NZ** – Severely checked and locked wheels with TEE JAY CEE which had shifted in when giving ground leaving the back straight on the final occasion.

**TEE JAY CEE** – Under pressure from the 500, appeared to shy away from JEDI MIND which was improving to its outside and shift in. This resulted in a locking of wheels with WITH REVENGE NZ. A warning was issued for the performance.

**NINE DIAMONDS** – Badly checked passing the 400 when WITH REVENGE and TEE JAY CEE dropped back sharply after locking wheels.

**HOT EMBERS** – Had difficulty in finding clear running over the concluding stages.

### **RACE MEETING SUMMARY**

<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil
<b>Horse Action:</b>	R2: TWICE SHY NZ – Stood Down Veterinary Clearance R3: GRAPHITE STRIDE – ODM R6: CINOCAL JAMANE – ODS R7: MILITARY MAN NZ – Stood Down 1 Trial
<b>Pre-race Swabs</b>	R2: JACKSON NEPTUNE R4: JAWBREAKER
<b>Post-race Swabs:</b>	ALL WINNERS R3 : PACIFIC ROCK (TCO2)
<b>Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:</b>	Nil