

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Launceston Pacing Club
Date:	Sunday 14 th May 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair), B Plunkett, C Ellson, D Luttrell and M Robinson,
Officials:	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr F Duggan (Veterinarian); Mr. A. Emery (Starter)

General: A number of drivers were subjected to random drug testing, of which all showed negative results.

Race 1 – CARLTON DRAUGHT STAKES – 1680m Mobile

BALDASARRE – Sulky contacted when shifting ground near the 500 metres.

GRAPHITE STRIDE – Contacted the sulky of BALDASARRE near the 500 metres and broke gait, rendering it non-competitive from that point on.

LONGWINDINGROAD – Caught wide early before restraining to the rear of the field passing the 1200 metres. Gave ground over the concluding stages. A warning was issued.

ULTIMATE ME NZ – Caught wide early before restraining to the rear of the field approaching the 1000 metres. This may have contributed to the giving ground over the concluding stages.

REMEMBER ME NOW NZ – Inconvenienced when GRAPHITE STRIDE broke gait.

RANIERI NZ – Severely checked when GRAPHITE STRIDE broke gait.

STYLISH TREND NZ – Checked when GRAPHITE STRIDE broke gait.

General: Driver A Collins was reminded of his obligations regarding his whip action on REMEMBER ME NOW NZ.

General: Driver B Parker pleaded guilty to a charge of careless driving for allowing BALDASARRE to shift out near the 500 metres, which resulted in his sulky striking the near-hind leg of GRAPHITE STRIDE, causing that gelding to break gait and tail out. Stewards after considering driver Parker's guilty plea and race record, suspended his licence to drive for two (2) race dates, which sees him eligible to recommence driving Monday May 22nd, 2023

Race 2 – BOOK FOR PACING FOR PINK COCKTAIL PARTY 28 MAY PACE – 2200m Mobile

CARDINAL SIN NZ – Back from its allotted position at the start, driver D Ford was reminded of his obligations.

MAEBEE – Driven through from its second line draw, progressed forward, racing to the lead approaching the 1700 metres.

Race 3 – LADBROKE IT! STAKES – 2200m Mobile

DOM DAN – Tired badly over the concluding stages, beaten 106.9 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection Dr Duggan could find no obvious abnormalities. Steward deemed the performance of DOM DAN below the required racing standard, and as such stood the colt down from racing until it can satisfactorily complete one (1) requalifying trial.

IDEN LADY LINCOLN – Placed on its last chance to race truly after hanging in on the final turn resulting in its sulky wheels striking markers. Stewards in considering the matter were mindful that a warning had been placed on the filly recently.

BIG ENERGY – Raced roughly after the start.

SOLO SYNC – Broke gait free of interference racing into the first turn. Subsequently pulled up out of the event. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection, Dr Duggan found SOLO SYNC to be lame in the near-hind leg. Connections were informed that SOLO SYNC would be stood down from racing until a Veterinary clearance can be provided.

GAMEOFCHANCE – Tired badly over the concluding stages beaten 63.4 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection Dr Duggan could find no obvious abnormalities. Steward deemed the performance of GAMEOFCHANCE below the required racing standard, and as such stood the gelding down from racing until it can satisfactorily complete one (1) requalifying trial.

MICTON AROHA – Hung in at times, particularly on the turns.

SERENGETI SUNRISE – Tendered to race ungenerously, over-racing and pulling hard.

Race 4 – TRAINERS ENCOURAGEMENT HEAT ONE – 2200m Mobile

THE GARDENER – Held up in the latter stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

KENS CHIPS – Held up in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

STEVIE JOLT – Held up in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

ARTYBOY GLENWOOD – Held up in the latter stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

CHRIS BE QUICK – Over-raced and pulled hard during the event.

GRIZZLY MONTANA – Subjected to a pre-race Veterinary examination for a precautionary measure as the gelding coughed in the tie-up stalls. On inspection, Dr Duggan could find no obvious abnormalities both in the stalls and again after completing its preliminary, and as such GRIZZLY MONTANA was declared fit to take its place in the event.

Race 5 – LADBROKES LAUNCESTON MILE – 1680m Mobile

BUSTER WILLIAM – Had difficulty in finding clear running in the early stages of the home turn and early stages of the straight in the run to the finish.

CULLENBURN NZ – Tightened for racing room, due to general race movement near the 300 metres, resulting in its sulky wheel striking markers.

CHECK IN NZ – Tightened for racing room racing into the first turn.

General: Stewards questioned driver J Walters into the reason why he elected to move COLBY SANZ to race three-wide from the 900 metres. Driver Walters stated that COLBY SANZ is a one-pace horse and felt it best to begin his move then as the pace of the race had eased after a quick early tempo. Stewards noted his evidence.

General: Stewards questioned drivers J Walters (COLBY SANZ) and O Weidenbach (CHECK IN NZ) as well as trainer B Yole (CHECK IN NZ) who was also acting as driver Weidenbach's advocate into the reason why CHECK IN NZ moved down into a marker peg position, approaching the first turn, after racing one-out from the start. At the inquiry it was established that driver Walters had moved COLBY SANZ down from a three-wide position closer to the marker line forcing CHECK IN NZ from its one-out position, down to the marker line. Stewards subsequently charged driver Walters for failing to give the required tolerances, in particular, one metres clearance when crossing down the track, to which he pleaded guilty. Driver Walters driver's licence was suspended for a period of three race dates. Stewards on considering penalty took into account driver Walter's guilty plea, his driving record and the fact that this was a first turn offence. Stewards, at the request of driver Walters stayed the imposition of penalty until he completes his driving engagements on Sunday May 21st, 2023, leaving him ineligible to drive until Monday June 5th, 2023.

Race 6 – TRAINERS ENCOURAGEMENT HEATS – 2200m Mobile

MOTH HUNTER – Badly held up until late in the home straight for the run to the finish.

BENJAMIN NIADH – Placed on its last chance in the barrier draw for races conducted under mobile start conditions after pacing roughly both after the start and approaching the first turn.

IM QUITE AMERICAN – Over-raced and pulled hard during the event. Failed to secure clear running in the race to the finish.

MAJOR DAVVIN – Caught racing wide for the first 1000 metres before working forward to be positioned leading the one-out line.

HEZ A FAKE – Out of position when the start was effected. Driver T Hillier was reprimanded for failing to have HEZ A FAKE in position at the start [AHR Rule 162(1)(j)].

General: Trainer S Davis was fined \$100 for the late notification of B Davis as driver of MAJOR DAVVIN [AHR Rule 210].

Race 7 – MCGRATH FOUNDATION PACE – 2200m Mobile

BLACKBIRD POWER – Declared a late scratching at 6:22pm for Veterinary reasons.

VINNY CHASE – Withstood an early challenge for the lead from LAST OF THE MOHICANS NZ. Unable to hold the lead passing the 1100 metres when challenged by PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ.

LAST OF THE MOHICANS NZ – Unsuccessful at finding the early lead. Resisted challenge from BEAST MODE which had been caught racing wide around first turn.

BEAST MODE – Caught racing wide, driven forward in an attempt to find a forward position. When LAST OF THE MOHICANS NZ (T Hillier) was driven forward to hold the position leading the one-out line, BEAST MODE was eased to secure the one-out, one-back position.

WE SALUTE YOU – Over-raced in the middle stages and continued to do so until securing clear running leaving the 300 metres.

ARDEN ROANOKE NZ – Gave ground over the concluding stages for which a warning was issued.

General: Stewards questioned driver O Weidenbach and trainer B Yole over the tactics adopted on VINNY CHASE, which after leading, was beaten 23.3 metres. Driver Weidenbach when questioned, informed Stewards her only instructions from trainer Yole was to drive forward at the start, this was confirmed by trainer Yole. Driver Weidenbach added that after driving forward from the start she was able to secure the lead and steady the pace mid-way through the first turn, only

needing to increase the tempo slightly for a short distance passing the 1800 metres when BEAST MODE pressed forward three-wide. Driver Weidenbach further stated that near the 1700 metres she again eased the pace. Racing near the 1200 metres, PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ, which had raced quickly three-wide around the field challenged for the lead. On this occasion, although driving forward, driver Weidenbach was unable to hold the lead with VINNY CHASE, as PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ, showing superior speed, continued its forward progress, racing to the lead passing the 1100 metres. Trainer Yole added that in his opinion VINNY CHASE is best suited driven forward, when the draw permits, however does need to get some respite during the run. Stewards noted the evidence as presented.

Race 8 – HAPPY MOTHERS DAY PACE – 2200m Mobile

KIAVINO STRIDE – Over-raced in the middle stages of the race when the pace was only steady.

PROFICIENT NZ – Failed to secure clear running in the race to the finish.

CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ – Over-raced in the middle stages of the race when the pace was only steady. Held up in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

SMOOTH DEAL NZ – Over-raced in the middle stages of the race when the pace was only steady. Had a tendency to hang out. Shifted out in the run to the finish. Driver Chibnall was reminded of her obligations in keeping a straight course in the run to the finish.

General: Trainer G Smith was fined \$100 for presenting LAID BACK KENNY to race with gear of inadequate quality. LAID BACK KENNY was returned to the tie-up stalls after entering the parade ring due to the need to replace the reins [AHR Rule 273(2)(c)].

Race 9 – IMPRESS PRINT PACE – 2200m Mobile

MR KIWI NZ – Raced ungenerously in the middle stages of the score-up, contacting the barrier arm and race roughly for a short distance.

MONTANA LAD NZ – Shifted out under pressure over the final 50 metres in the run to the finish.

MONTANA FLASH – Tired badly over the concluding stages beaten 76.9 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary Inspection. On inspection Dr Duggan could find no obvious abnormalities. Steward deemed the performance of MONTANA FLASH below the required racing standard, and as such stood the gelding down from racing until it can satisfactorily complete one(1) requalifying trial.

Race 10 – ELDERS INSURANCE LAUNCESTON STAKES – 1680m Mobile

General: The start of this race was delayed approximately two (2) minutes due to a gear adjustment on JUNIPER.

DEADLY ASSASSIN – Badly held up and inconvenienced approaching, and on, the final turn by the tiring SHARMEY.

LALIBELA NZ – Inconvenienced approaching, and on, the final turn by the tiring SHARMEY.

EMJAYS BLACK CHIP – Inconvenienced approaching, and on, the final turn by the tiring SHARMEY.

SHARMEY – Tired badly over the concluding stages, beaten 89.2 metres. On questioning trainer B Yole informed Stewards that SHARMEY was obliged to race in an unsuitable race pattern which had a significant adverse effect on the gelding. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection Dr Duggan could find no obvious abnormalities. Steward deemed the performance of SHARMEY below the required racing standard, and as such stood the gelding down from racing until it can satisfactorily complete one (1) requalifying trial.

AMILLION PROMISES – Badly held up and inconvenienced approaching, and on, the final turn by the tiring SHARMEY.

COOL SCOOTER NZ – Back from its allotted position at the start, however Stewards took no action as SHARMEY who it was trailing was slow to fill its position behind the gate.

General: Driver J Laugher was reminded of his obligations regarding his whip action on EMJAYS BLACK CHIP.

General: Driver T Ford was reminded of her obligations regarding continuous whip use on MAJOR LESTER.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	R1 – B Parker 2 Race Dates; Careless Driving AHR Rule 168(1)(a) R5 – J Walters 3 Race Dates; Clearance Tolerances AHR 165(1)(b)
Fines:	R6 – S Davis \$100; Late driver notification AHR Rule 210 R8 – G Smith \$100; Gear of Inadequate Quality AHR Rule 273(2)(c)
Reprimands:	R6 – T Hillier; Out of Position at Start AHR Rule 162(1)(j)
Horse Action:	R3 – DOM DAN; Stood down one (1) trial (Poor performance) R3 – SOLO SYNC; Stood down Veterinary clearance R3 – GAMEOFCHANCE; Stood down one (1) trial (Poor performance) R9 – MONTANA FLASH; Stood down one (1) trial (Poor performance) R10 – SHARMEY; Stood down one (1) trial (Poor performance)
Pre-race Swabs	R1 – WRITTEN IN SILK R2 – MAEBEE R3 – KARALTA ARTEMIS R4 – STEPPING STONES R5 – BOOM NZ R6 – MONEYS NO ISSUE R7 – LAST OF THE MOHICANS NZ R8 – FURY DAN R9 – MONTANA LAD NZ R10 – DEADLY ASSASSIN
Post-race Swabs:	ALL WINNERS
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:	NIL

N FINNIGAN
CHAIRMAN

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