

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Launceston Pacing Club
Date:	Friday 19 th May 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Good
Stewards Panel:	Ross Neal (Chair), Ben Plunkett, Gavin Griffin, David Luttrell, Margaret Robinson, and Eli O'Sign (Cadet).
Officials:	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr I Collier (Veterinarian); Mr. A. Emery (Starter)

Race 1 –LADBROKES TWO-YEAR-OLD– 1,680 METRES

DIDYALOUSAROOSTA – raced keenly through the middle stages; held up passing 400 metres until 100 metres.

MIKI SANZ – paced roughly and broke briefly after the start- last chance in mobile draw.

CUZZY BRO – inconvenienced after the start.

VINCENZO – hung in rounding the final turn resulting in the near-side wheel being contacted and deflating.

Drivers Troy Hillier (DIDYALOUSAROOSTA) and Rodney Ashwood (CHENIN BEACH) were advised to modify their whip action when driving out to the finish of the race.

Race 2 – IMPRESS PRINT PACE – 2,200 METRES

STALEY – gave ground from 600 metres – last chance to race competitively.

ROCK ON PLAYBOY – raced in restricted room for a short distance passing the 600 metres: queried improved performance.

KENYA - held up over the final stages and failed to obtain clear racing room through to the finish: driver queried regarding tactics adopted.

CHEDDAR VALLEY – commenced to race ungenerously passing the 1,600 metres so was taken forward.

ROCKS ARNT PETS – hung in late in the score up and was out of position at dispatch.

SERENGETI SUNRISE – raced greenly in the score up and broke losing considerable ground. Continue to be excluded from the draw in mobile starts.

Stewards questioned trainer Mr Ben Yole regarding the improved performance of race winner ROCK ON PLAYBOY. In explanation Mr Yole stated that the gelding had benefitted from racing against lesser credentialed opposition, together with being driven for one run. Mr Yole's explanation was noted.

Driver C Castles (GOBSMACKED) was reminded of his obligations with respect to shifting ground after shifting out near the 700 metres and crowding ROCK ON PLAYBOY for a short distance.

Stewards questioned driver Ms. Tiana Ford (KENYA NZ) regarding her surrendering the lead in the middle stages when appearing to be travelling well and there being no sprint lane at this track. In explanation Ms. Ford stated she drove the horse in a similar manner to when the gelding had won at its previous start, this coming from behind, which in her view best suited the horse. Ms. Fords explanation was noted.

Race 3 – GREAT NORTHERN SUPER CRISP PACE– 2,200 METRES

INDIANNA SANZ – pulled hard throughout.

Driver Mark Jones (BIGLITTLESIS) was found to be in breach of AHRR156(2)(a) being that he applied the whip in more than a wrist only flicking motion in the final straight. After consideration Mr Jones was fined \$200.00

Race 4 – PACING FOR PINK SUNDAY 28 MAY PACE – 2,200 METRES

NOOSA BEACH NZ – broke at the start- excluded from future standing start draws.

ROCOWSROAD – broke at the start – last chance in standing start draws.

TAXI METER – back in standing start draw: over-raced on occasions during the running.

STYLISH TREND – back in standing start draw.

WHATTA GOOD REASON – hampered at the start.

Stewards questioned trainer Geoffrey Smith regarding the improved performance of race winner TAXI METER. In explanation Mr Smith stated that, in his view, the horse had been racing well however without any significant luck. He also added that the gelding had benefitted from an economical run tonight. Mr Smith's explanation was noted.

Race 5 – BOOK FOR PACING FOR PINK COCKTAIL PARTY 28 MAY STAKES – 2,200 METRES

REMEMBER ME NOW NZ – held up passing the 400 metres until near the 100 metres.

BE GOOD BENNY – inconvenienced by weakening runner near the 400 metres.

GRAPHITE STRIDE – held up for the majority of the final straight.

Race 6 – TASSIE WASH PACE – 1,680 METRES

ENDEAVOUR STRIDE – over-raced in the lead; gave ground from the 700 metres- vet examination revealed no abnormalities- last chance to race competitively.

BACKINTOWN – weakened from 600 metres and finished well back – last chance to race competitively.

Stewards questioned driver Oliva Weidenbach and trainer Ben Yole regarding the manners of ENDEAVOUR STRIDE which was fractious in its preliminary and swung around on several occasions. Mr Yole undertook to attempt to remedy this tendency. A warning has been placed on the racing manners of ENDEAVOUR STRIDE.

Race 7 – MCGRATH FOUNDATION STAKES – 2,200 METRES

PLEASE SHUDDUP – over-raced throughout.

VELOCITY STRIDE – held up passing the 250 metres until passing the 100 metres.

Race 8 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT STAKES 2,200 METRES

OUR BALOU – contacted own sulky, over-raced outside the leader throughout. Stood down one satisfactory trial.

ONEOFTHLADS – lost ground when awkwardly placed on tiring runners back passing the 600 metres.

TERROR THE CHRISTIAN – weakened from 500 metres and finished well back – last chance to race competitively.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	R3 – Mark Jones [AHRR156(2)(a)] – unacceptable whip action – fined \$200.00
Reprimands:	Nil
Horse Action:	R3 – BIG ENERY – Stood-down 10-days. R4 – TAXI METER – back in standing start draw. STYLISH TREND – back in standing start draw. R8 – OUR BALOU – stood-down one satisfactory trial.
Pre-race Swabs:	R2 – KOLOVOS R3 – NOOSA BEACH R5 – STAROFREMEMBERANCE R8 – JUNIPER
Post-race Swabs:	ALL WINNERS
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:	Nil