

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Launceston Pacing Club
Date:	Sunday 28 th May 2023
Weather:	Overcast
Track	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair) B Plunkett G Griffin D Luttrell M Robinson & E O'Sign (Cadet)
Officials:	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers) Dr F Duggan (Veterinarian) & A Emery (Starter)

RACE 1 – CAVALOR EQUICARE PACE – 1680m Mobile

GRAPHITE STRIDE – Raced wide around the first turn, driven forward progressing to the lead near the 1100 metres. Under pressure from the 800 metres.

General: Driver T Madden was found guilty of a charge of unacceptable driving in that after racing wide from the start and around the first turn he persisted in driving forward, securing the lead passing the 1100 metres, significantly contributing to the solid tempo run over the first 700 metres. This early effort having an adverse effect on the gelding, placing it under pressure from the 800, effectively rendering it uncompetitive with 500 metres remaining. Stewards after considering driver Madden's evidence and after referring to his driving record, suspended his licence to drive for three (3) meetings. Driver Madden will be free to return to race driving on Monday June 12th, 2023 [AHR Rule 149(2)].

RACE 2 – LADBROKES ODDS SURGE STAKES – 2200m Mobile

LETSGOBRO – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in races conducted under mobile start conditions after breaking gait during the score-up and being out of position when the start was effected. Raced wide for the first 400 metres before being restrained to the rear of the field. LETSGOBRO was again moved to race wide from the 1400 metres however was under pressure turning into the back straight leaving the 800 metres before tiring out of the event, finishing in last place, beaten 78.5 metres. As driver H Van Dongen had left the course, Steward intend to question her over the handling of LETSGOBRO at a future time.

RACE 3 – LUCAS HOTEL LATROBE CUP – 2200m Mobile

COOL SCOOTER – Inconvenienced and held up for clear running on the final turn when ROCK ON PLAYBOY began to give ground.

ROCK ON PLAYBOY – Secured the early lead, under pressure from the 500. Tightened for racing room near the 300, resulting in ROCK ON PLAYBOY shifting in, contacting markers.

EMJAYS BLACK CHIP – Inconvenienced and held up for clear running on the final turn when ROCK ON PLAYBOY began to give ground.

DEADLY ASSASSIN – Inconvenienced and held up for clear running on the final turn when ROCK ON PLAYBOY began to give ground.

BLUE LABEL – Raced rough for a few strides near the 900 metres due to simultaneous movement ahead of this gelding resulted in a stalling of momentum.

General: Driver J Duggan was reminded of his obligations regarding whip use.

RACE 4 – ALABAR LEIGH PLUNKETT – 2200m Mobile

LALIBELA NZ – Tightened for racing room leaving the 300 metres, resulting in it shifting in, contacting markers.

MARIANNA BROMAC NZ – Raced in a forward training position before dropping out of the event leaving the 500 metres, beaten in excess of 100 metres. Stewards deemed the performance unacceptable and subsequently stood MARIANNA BROMAC NZ down from racing until the mare can satisfactorily complete one(1) requalifying trial.

STEPPING STONES – Raced in restricted room passing the 300 metres as MOST PERFECT MAJOR shifted in under pressure. Badly held up for clear running until well into the home straight for the run to the finish.

SPOOKY GIRL – Hung in under pressure on the final turn, tightening the racing room of LALIBELA NZ.

MACHS MARETA NZ – Tightened for racing room leaving the 300 metres, resulting in it shifting in, contacting markers.

MOST PERFECT MAJOR – Raced wide from the 1000 metres. Shifted in under pressure near the 300.

RACE 5 – ISLAND COAST SPIRITS STAKES – 2200m Mobile

VINNY CHASE – Tended to over-race and pull hard.

SCOTLYNN BEACH NZ – Tended to over-race and pull hard.

IM SOLID ROCK – Hung in under pressure on the final turn, resulting in markers being contacted.

DUKE OF DUNDEE NZ – Tired badly once again. Steward deemed the performance below the required standard and as such stood DUKE OF DUNDEE NZ down from racing until the gelding can satisfactorily complete one (1) requalifying trial.

AHA REACTION NZ – Tended to over-race and pull hard.

RACE 6 – CUB DEVONPORT CITY OF QUALITY – 1680m Mobile

SOMEBEACHSHADOW – Hung in at times particularly on the turns, this may have contributed to its near-side sulky tyre being struck and punctured near the 200 metres by BUSTER WILLIAM, which had been angled down the track in search of clear running.

BUSTER WILLIAM – Held up for clear running until well into the home straight for the run to the finish. Contacted the sulky wheel of SOMEBEACHSHADOW near the 200 metres when full of running.

KHAKI NUI NZ – Failed to gain clear running over the concluding stages.

RACE 7 – CROWN LAGER PACE – 2200m Mobile

IDEN LADY LINCOLN – Declared a late scratching at 7:55pm, by order of Stewards acting under Veterinary advice after the filly was found to have an elevated temperature on arrival on course. IDEN LADY LINCOLN was subsequently stood down from racing until connections can provide a veterinary clearance.

SHARKATTACK – Shifted up the track in the run to the finish.

SERENGETI SUNRISE – Subjected to a pre-race Veterinary Inspection, for precautionary reasons, as it trialled the previous day at Carrick. On inspection SERENGETI SUNRISE was found fit to take its place in the event. Reincluded in the barrier draw for races conducted under mobile start condition after satisfying ORI requirements. Tended to over-race and pull hard.

RACE 8 – LADBROKES SHEFFIELD CUP – 2698m Stand

NOVA BAXTER – Badly held up for clear running until well into the home straight in the run to the finish. Broke gait approaching the winning post when being angled for clear running.

PUNTARNO STRIDE – Placed on its last chance in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner by galloping out when the strands were released.

NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ – Held up for clear running until entering the home straight for the run to the finish.

BOSTON BUSKER – Had difficulty in obtaining clear running over the concluding stages.

WHERE YA BIN NZ – Reincluded in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start condition after satisfying ORI requirements.

BEAST MODE – Placed on its last chance in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner by galloping out when the strands were released.

COLBY SANZ – Raced four-wide from the 900 metres.

General: Driver K Weidenbach was reprimanded for delaying the start by circling MR KIWI NZ away from the barriers after being called forward by the Starter [AHR Rule 162(1)(d)]

General: Driver T Madden pleaded guilty to a charge of making another horse cover more ground than necessary through his movement wider on the track with BEAST MODE. This movement carried COLBY SANZ, which was racing to its outside, out into the four-wide line. Driver Madden's licence to drive was suspended for two (2) meetings. Stewards deemed that the embargo of suspension take effect at the completion of the suspension imposed from race one on tonight's programme, thus making driver Madden eligible to recommence driving on June 19th, 2023 [AHR Rule163(1)(b)(i)]

RACE 9 – VIZPIX BROADCAST SERVICES STAKES – 2200m Mobile

FURY DAN – Driven forward from the start, left leading the one-out line. Dropped the bit and gave ground markedly passing the 1200 metres and was quickly pulled up out of the event. A post-race Veterinary Inspection found FURY DAN to have slow post-race recovery. Although Dr Duggan could find no other obvious abnormalities, she was suspicious that there may be other underlying issues. When questioned, driver D Ford stated that he heard abnormal breathing sounds and that FURY DAN gave all the indications that it had significant complications, and that retiring the gelding from the race was the best and safest option. Stewards acting under Veterinary advice stood FURY DAN down from racing until connections forward on a Veterinary Clearance which includes an examination after full

work, and in addition after receiving the clearance, FURY DAN must satisfactorily complete one (1) requalifying trial before resuming racing.

KENYA NZ – Tightened and locked wheels with CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ leaving the 500 metres. Inconvenienced by LORIMERTYRRELL which was giving ground quickly on entering the home straight for the run to the finish. Sulky contacted by CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ after moving wider, out into its running line, due to the inconvenience.

KIAVINO STRIDE – Caught racing wide for the first 1100 metres before easing to the rear of the field. This had a major contribution to the gelding tiring out of the event over the concluding stages.

CAPTAIN COSMONAUT – Eased out four-wide by PROFICIENT NZ approaching the 500 metres, once in the four-wide line hung in tightening runners to its inside. Again, hung in shortly after entering the home straight in the run to the finish, contributing to the tightening of CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ which ultimately broke gait.

CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ – Tightened for racing room both leaving the 500 metres, where CAPTAIN COSMONAUT hung in, this incident resulted in a locking of wheels with KENYA NZ. Shortly after entering the home straight in the run to the finish CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ was again tightened for room through movement of both CAPTAIN COSMONAUT and KENYA NZ. This tightening resulted in CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ contacting the sulky of KENYA NZ and break gait.

General: Leaving the 500 metres, CAPTAIN COSMONAUT, which was racing four-wide and hanging down the track, carried CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ, which was to its inside, down onto KENYA NZ, resulting in a locking of wheels for some distance. This pressure was somewhat relieved near the 300 metres, although racing remained tight. On entering the home straight CAPTAIN COSMONAUT again hung in, whilst KENYA NZ was inconvenienced by LORIMERTYRRELL, which was racing ahead of these runners and giving ground quickly. These two occurrences again resulted in a tightening to CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ which was ultimately checked and broke gait. Stewards were of the opinion that no one driver nor horse were solely to blame for CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ breaking gait and as such took no action other than to note the circumstances.

RACE 10 – LEES ORCHARD PACE – 1680m Mobile

MICTON AROHA – Tightened for racing room near the 200 metres, resulting in its sulky wheel striking markers.

WRITTEN IN SILK – Shifted in under pressure near the 200 metres, tightening the racing room of MICTON AROHA.

REDS READY TO GO – Inconvenienced due to general race movement near the 900 metres.

SPIKE ROBYN NZ – Raced rough for a short distance near the 900 metres.

General: Stewards questioned drivers J Duggan (REDS GOOD TO GO) and A Collins (REMEMBER ME NOW NZ) into the reason why REDS GOOD TO GO momentarily raced four-wide near the 900 metres. At the inquiry it was established the racing lines leaving the home straight after the bell were unclear with drivers all starting to ease wider in preparation for improving their respective positions. This brought about a number of simultaneous movements, which contributed to REDS GOOD TO GO being moved wider. Stewards in assessing the incident also took into consideration SPIKE ROBYN had raced rough at or about this time and took no action other than to note the circumstances.

General: After the 'all-clear' was given and the Stewards had contacted the TAB confirming placings, the Judge contacted the Stewards and informed them he had made an error placing WRITTEN IN SILK (No5) fourth, where indeed it was OZZIE MAJOR (No13) which

had finished in that position. Neither driver made mention of this at the check-in. The judge subsequently amended his placings, and the TAB was informed of the error.

Supplemental: Junior Driver Ms O Weidenbach was counselled regarding the tactics she employs in many of her races where such tactics are best summarised as “lead at all costs”. Ms Weidenbach was advised that this has left some of her drives open to question of late, Ms Weidenbach was further advised that she must drive her horses which leaves nothing to doubt or query.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	R1: T Madden – Unacceptable Drive; 3 Meetings [AHR Rule 149(2)] R8: T Madden – Force another Wide; 2 Meetings [AHR Rule 163(1)(b)(i)]
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	R8: K Weidenbach – Delay Start [AHR Rule 162(1)(d)]
Horse Action:	R2: LETSGOBRO – Outside Draw Mobile (ODM) R5: DUKE OF DUNDEE NZ – Stood Down 1 Trial [PP] R7: IDEAL LADY LINCOLN – Stood Down Vet Clearance R7: SERENGETI SUNRISE – Back in Mobile Draw [BMD] R8: WHERE YA BIN NZ – Back in Stand Draw [BSD] R9: FURY DAN – Stood Down Vet Clearance & 1 Trial
Pre-race Swabs (13)	R1: POPNPENNIES R2: LETSGOBRO; MAGICIAN R3: COOL SCOOTER NZ; LOYOLA TRIOS R4: SPOOKY GIRL; MACHS MARETA NZ R5: IYLAC BEACH R6: HARJET R7: MORE THAN THIS R8: PUNTARNO STRIDE; COLBY SANZ
Post-race Swabs	ALL WINNERS
Adjourned or Pending Inquiries:	R2: H Van Dongen – Driving Tactics employed on LETSGOBRO

