

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Launceston Pacing Club
Date:	Friday 2 nd June, 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair), D Tyson, G Griffin, D Luttrell, M Robinson & E O'Sign (Cadet)
Officials:	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers), Dr I Collier (Veterinarian) & A Emery (Starter)

RACE 1 – CROWN LAGER 2YO – 1680m Mobile

TAMBROS TILLY – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in races conducted under mobile start conditions after breaking gait shortly after the start was effected. It was reported after the event TAMBROS TILLY had gear issues with the hopple shorteners at or about the same time as the filly broke gait, with this being the case no further action was taken.

MOVESLIKEALADY – Having its first registered race start. Raced rough at times.

IDEN KAMAKAZI – Having its first registered race start. Will be excluded from the barrier draw in races conducted under mobile start conditions after breaking gait when the start was effected. IDEN KAMAKAZI continued to gallop for some considerable distance, resulting in the gelding effectively taking no competitive part in the event and eventually beaten approximately 180 metres. Stewards deemed the performance below the require standard and as such stood IDEN KAMAKAZI down from racing until it can satisfactorily complete one requalifying trial.

RACE 2 – LADBROKE IT! STAKES – 2200m Mobile

General: Stewards allowed the late change of driver of Jacob White on REDS GOOD TO GO, after the engaged driver, Ryan Backhouse, could not take his drive due to transport problems.

STAR ROCKER – Tired badly. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary Inspection. On inspection Dr Collier could find no obvious abnormalities. Stewards deemed the performance below the require standard and as such stood STAR ROCKER down from racing until it can satisfactorily complete one requalifying trial.

TEE JAY CEE – Tired badly. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary Inspection. On inspection Dr Collier could find no obvious abnormalities. Stewards deemed the performance below the

require standard and as such stood TEE JAY CEE down from racing until it can satisfactorily complete one requalifying trial.

REMEMBER ME NOW NZ – Over-raced and pulled hard particularly in the middle stages of the event.

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

RACE 3 – RARE EARTH PACE – 2200m Mobile

General: Stewards allowed the late change of driver of Olivia Weidenbach on VAN NIEKERK NZ, after the engaged driver, Ryan Backhouse, could not take his drive due to transport problems.

TURNTHETABLES – Failed to participate in the pre-race circle. Connections were informed that if this practice continues, they run the risk of being excluded from the barrier draw in mobile start events.

SOFTLY SOFTLY – Tired badly. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary Inspection. On inspection Dr Collier could find no obvious abnormalities. Stewards deemed the performance below the require standard and as such stood SOFTLY SOFTLY down from racing until it can satisfactorily complete one requalifying trial.

BOLTNMACH – Completed the event with a deflated near-side sulky tyre.

INDIANA SANZ – Broke a near-side hopple connecting strap leaving the 600 metres, this contributed in the gelding becoming unbalanced and break gait approaching the 200 metres. Under the circumstances, Stewards took no action. The gear was inspected and found to be of the required standard.

RACE 4 – LADBROKES YARD COMMENTS STAKES – 1680m Mobie

General: Stewards allowed the late change of driver of Lachlan Dakin on KIAVANO STRIDE, after the engaged driver, Ryan Backhouse, could not take his drive due to transport problems.

MY ULTIMATE JACKO – Gave ground over the latter stages.

EURO KING – Gave ground over the latter stages.

CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in mobile start events after breaking gait after the start was effected.

RACE 5 – TRAINERS ENCOURAGEMENT PACE – 2200m Mobile

General: Stewards allowed the late change of driver of Mark Yole on SYZATE, after the engaged driver, Ryan Backhouse, could not take his drive due to transport problems.

A GOOD RED – Held up for clear running until 100 metres from the finish.

SYZATE – Hung down the track when improving quickly around the field, racing between the 300 and 100 metres.

HURRICANE ROCK – Momentarily inconvenienced when SYZATE shifted in near the 100 metres.

THE ATHERLETE – Inconvenienced leaving the 500 metres when SYZATE was moved wider to begin its final run.

CHRISTIAN MAJOR – Over-raced and pulled hard, particularly in the middle stages of the event.

General: Driver M Yole (SYZATE) was cautioned for the careless manner he shifted ground leaving the 500 metres, which caused minor inconvenience to THE ATHERLETE. In

considering the incident, Stewards were mindful the leader had shifted wider at the time which carried HURRICANE ROCK wider which in turn hampered SYZATE to some degree.

RACE 6 – TASSIE WASH PACE – 2200m Mobile

General: Stewards allowed the late change of driver of Hannah Van Dongen on MAJOR GENERALJUJON, after the engaged driver, Ryan Backhouse, could not take his drive due to transport problems.

MAJOR MUCHA – Led the event until approaching the 400 where it began to hang in and race rough.

CASTLE RETREAT – gave ground over the latter stages.

DEADLY ASSASSIN – Caught wide early before restrained to the rear of the field, once in this position, over-raced and pulled hard.

RACE 7 – TASSIE WASH PACE – 2200m Stand

General: NOOSA BEACH NZ was fractious and jibbed when moving forward, then inconvenienced when QUEENOFDANCE backed away quickly from the strands. This resulted in a delaying of the start, causing several runners to become fractious themselves, in particular OUR RUBY ROSE, which then also delayed the start. Stewards, as a result of the delay and waywardness of runners in tight spaces, gave the benefit of the doubt to a number of runners who failed to begin in the required manner.

NOOSA BEACH NZ – Redrawn to start on the outside of the front line after earning ODS status at its most recent start. Fractious at the barrier requiring assistance from an attendant. Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in Standing Start events.

OUR RUBY ROSE – Fractious behind the strands and badly away, causing interference to other runners. This resulted in the mare being uncompetitive and beaten a considerable distance. When questioned driver T Ford stated, after beginning so poorly, rendering it non-competitive, she elected not to push OUR RUBY ROSE from that point. Driver Ford added it was the intention of connections to restrict OUR RUBY ROSE to races conducted under mobile start conditions. Stewards after considering the performance, together with the evidence tendered, stood OUR RUBY ROSE down from races conducted under standing start conditions until it can successfully complete one standing start requalifying trial.

QUEENOFDANCE – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after being fractious behind the barriers.

DAPPER NZ – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after galloping away when the strands were released.

KOLOVOS NZ – Checked and raced roughly, shortly after the start by the galloping OUR RUBY ROSE.

ROCKS ROY – Raced roughly for a short distance near the 1400 metres.

KEEP PLAYING – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in future Standing Start events after galloping away when the strands were released.

General: Stewards questioned driver O Weidenbach over the tactics she adopted on NOOSA BEACH NZ in particular racing from the 1600 metres. Driver Weidenbach stated that she wanted to have NOOSA BEACH NZ as forward as possible and racing toward the 1600 she became aware that a position, mid-field had opened up in the one-out line. However once driven forward and the pace of the leaders eased, the space she was searching for closed. Driver Weidenbach, then left caught racing wide, elected to press on in search of a forward position, however with this, the drivers ahead resisted her challenge obliging her to restrain her gelding. Stewards, in assessing her drive, coupled with her evidence, deemed driver Weidenbach's actions reasonable and took no action other than to note the evidence as tendered.

General: Steward intend question drivers O Weidenbach (NOOSA BEACH NZ), C Castles (ROCKS ROY) and J White (STALEY) into the reason why ROCKS ROY raced roughly near the 1400.

RACE 8 – VIZPIX BROADCAST SERVICE STAKES – 2200m Mobile

General: CHARMEDFORAREASON and MISTER MCLINTOCK NZ bumped in the latter stages of the score-up when both horses shifted ground toward each other.

Supplemental: Stewards questioned driver H Van Dongen over the tactics she adopted on LETSGOBRO in race 2 at the Launceston Pacing Club on Sunday May 28th, 2023, where the gelding finished in last position, beaten 78.5 metres. Of concern to Stewards was the fact that after LETSGOBRO had galloped in the score-up missing the start by approximately 50 metres, she elected to, after racing hard to catch the field, race wide around the field for the first 500 metres, and when unable to find a position closer to the markers LETSGOBRO was restrained to the rear. Driver Van Dongen, after only racing in this position for no more than 300 metres, approaching the 1400 metres, LETSGOBRO was again asked for another effort, racing wide around the turn, progressing forward, to at best, a mid-field position. On reaching the 600 metres, the effort asked of LETSGOBRO had taken its toll on the gelding, rendering it noncompetitive from this point on. Stewards after considering the evidence of driver Van Dongen, reviewing the official race footage, and then acting on their own observations, charged driver Van Dongen for driving in a manner unacceptable to the Stewards, to which she pleaded guilty. Stewards, after referring to her record, considering her guilty plea and the manner she conducted herself throughout the inquiry, suspended driver Van Dongen’s licence to drive for three(3) meetings. At the request of driver Van Dongen, Stewards stayed the imposition of penalty until she completes her driving commitments at the Launceston race meeting on Sunday June 11th, 2023. This making driver Van Dongen eligible to recommence driving from Monday June 26th, 2023 [AHR Rule 149(2)].

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	H Van Dongen - 3 Meetings - Rule 149(2)
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Horse Action:	R1: TAMBROS TILLY – Outside Draw Mobile (ODM) R1: IDEN KAMAKAZI – Outside Draw Mobile (ODM) R1: IDEN KAMAKAZI – Stood Down 1 Trial (Unacceptable Performance) R2: STAR ROCKER – Stood Down 1 Trial (Poor Performance) R2: TEE JAY CEE – Stood Down 1 Trial (Poor Performance) R3: SOFTLY SOFTLY – Stood Down 1 Trial (Poor Performance) R7: OUR RUBY ROSE – Stood Down 1 Trial - Stands Only (GO & Tailed Field)
Pre-race Swabs	R2: TAXI METER, REMEMBER ME NOW NZ R3: EIPPERMILL R4: IDEAL KARALTA

	R5: SYZATE R6: GOBSMACKED R7: ARTYBOYGLENWOOD, CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ
Post-race Swabs:	ALL WINNERS
Adjourned or Pending Inquiries:	R7: O Weidenbach (NOOSA BEACH NZ), C Castles (ROCKS ROY) and J White (STALEY)

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