

## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>Club:</b>	Launceston Pacing Club
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
<b>Weather:</b>	Early Rain, Overcast race 3 onwards
<b>Track Condition:</b>	Good
<b>Stewards Panel:</b>	N Finnigan (Chair), B. Plunkett, C. Ellson, D. Luttrell, E. O'Sign (Cadet), M. Robinson, M. MacDonald.
<b>Officials:</b>	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr I Collier (Veterinarian); Mr. Adam Emery (Starter).

**General:** Due to the consistent rain over the last 24 hours, the track was inspected at 1:00pm and again at 2:30pm. On inspection the track was found suitable for racing. The track was further inspected at 4:00pm and the mobile barrier tested for tractability. Once again, the track was found suitable for racing.

### **RACE 1 – TASSIE WASH TWO YEAR OLD – 1680m Mobile**

**DEMOLITION LINE** – Inconvenienced in the run to the finish when VINCENZO shifted out.

**MIKI SANZ** – Inconvenienced in the run to the finish when VINCENZO shifted out.

**VINCENZO** – Hung out throughout. A warning was issued.

**General:** Driver T Madden was cautioned for the manner he used his whip over the concluding stages.

### **RACE 2 – ELDERS INSURANCE LAUNCESTON STAKES – 1680m Mobile**

**ALAPHILIPPE** – Tendered to hang out.

**NINE DIAMONDS** – Failed to secure clear running in the race to the finish.

**HEZ A FAKE** – Permission was granted for the gelding to race without front shoes after dislodging one on route to course.

**ROCKS ROY** – Held up in the early stages of the home straight.

**LAIK BACK KENNY** – Failed to secure clear running in the race to the finish.

### **RACE 3 – CARLTON DRAUGHT STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**BIG ENERGY** – Hung out badly when the start was effected. Stewards after considering the filly's recent record, placed BIG ENERGY out of the draw in future Mobile Start events.

**I OF THE HURRIKANE** – Hung in approaching the 300 metres, resulting in its sulky wheel striking markers.

**LALASA** – Subjected to a pre-race Veterinary Inspection for precautionary reasons as the mare had bumped its head on route to course. On inspection Dr Collier found LALASA to have minor abrasions near its left eye. LALASA was passed fit to take its place in the event.

#### **RACE 4 – LADBROKES LIVE BETTING STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**SOMEDAN** – Momentarily tightened racing into the first turn. Led the one-out line for the majority of the event. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

**GRIZZLY MONTANA** – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish. A warning was issued.

**EMJAYS BLACK CHIP** – Caught wide for the first 700 metres, which may have contributed to the gelding giving ground over the concluding stages.

**RAMBLEON** – Gave ground over the concluding stages. A warning was issued.

**JUST TIGER** – Broke gait shortly after the start was effected. Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in standing start events.

**General:** Driver T Ford (GRIZZLY MONTANA) was reprimanded for carelessly causing a tightening to SOMEDAN racing into the first turn [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

**General:** Stewards questioned driver N Ford over the performance of, and the adopted tactics on, SOMEDAN. Driver Ford stated that after being crossed racing into the first turn he elected to ease out into the one-out line based on the fact SOMEDAN had, in recent performances, over-raced and pulled hard. However, once positioned outside the leader SOMEDAN although keen, settled well. Driver Ford further stated that he was disappointed with the way SOMEDAN failed to run on over the concluding stages, but added he felt the gelding is best suited racing in shorter distance races and preferably leading. Driver Ford's evidence was noted.

#### **RACE 5 – GREAT NORTHERN SUPER CRISP DISCRETIONARY – 2200m Stand**

**MISTER GENTLY** – Shifted out after the start.

**CULLENBURN NZ** – Inconvenienced after the start.

**ALL BY MYSELF NZ** – Galloped for a few strides after the strands were released.

**BOOM NZ** – Excluded from the barrier draw in future Standing Start events after being badly away resulting in the gelding taking no competitive part in the event.

#### **RACE 6 – MAX MCCORMACK – 2200m Mobile**

**ARTISTIC RULER** – Stood down to trial after an unacceptable performance. Broke in the middle stages of the score-up, however filled its allotted position at the start. Raced rough entering the first turn, raced ungenerously throughout and when moved wider approaching the 400 metres to pass another runner broke gait. Stewards in imposing this embargo were mindful ARTISTIC RULER was placed on its last chance to race truly recently.

**NOT YET MUM** – Having its first registered race start.

**BRENTWOOD MISS** – Tired badly over the final 500 metres, beaten in excess of 100 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary Inspection, which failed to detect any obvious abnormalities. Stewards deemed the performance of BRENTWOOD MISS below the required standard and subsequently stood the filly down from racing until it satisfactorily completes one(1) requalifying trial.

**ALL ABOUT IVY** – Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait under pressure over approaching the 100 metres.

**MAXI JOLT** – Badly inconvenienced in the back straight on the final occasion when ARTISTIC RULER gave ground, carrying it back to the rear of the field. Checked near the 100 metres when ALL ABOUT IVY broke gait. Failed to secure clear running in the race to the finish.

**CENTURIAN MISS** – Raced wide for the first 500 metres before positioned leading the one-out line, where it continued to race keenly.

**A GOOD RED** – Checked and broke, when held up for clear running, near the 100 metres, when ALL ABOUT IVY broke gait.

**IDEN SIR FRANKIE** – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in Mobile Start events after failing to be in position when the start was effected.

**General:** Stewards questioned trainer K Butler regarding the performance of IDEN SIR FRANKIE, which was having only its second registered race start, and the winner of the event. Trainer Butler stated that, although she had some reservations due to its waywardness, she had expected a good showing in tonight's event, as she had with its first start, as she has been pleased with its work and the colt had trialed well. Trainer Butler added that the circumstances of the race were run to suit IDEN SIR FRANKIE. Trainer Butler's evidence was noted.

### **RACE 7 – LADBROKES SAME RACE MULTI PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**ARDEN ROANOKE NZ** – Led the event until under pressure leaving the back straight on the final occasion. Sulky contacted by KIVIK near the 100 metres.

**BEAM ME UP CHOPPER** – Declared a late scratching at 5:03pm for Veterinary reasons.

**KIVIK** – Over-raced and pulled hard throughout. Unable to secure clear running over the concluding stages, and when held up, raced up onto the back of ARDEN ROANOKE NZ's sulky and broke gait. In assessing, Stewards were mindful that although KIVIK was racing keenly, driver B Davis had been driving in a long rein at the time and was instructed to take the necessary action to prevent this recurring.

### **RACE 8 – DAKIN REFRIGERATION PACE – 1680m Mobile**

**SERENGETI SUNRISE** – Shifted ground on the latter stages of the home turn. Hung out in the latter stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

**BOLD CENTURIAN** – Declared a late scratching at 8:15am for Veterinary reasons.

**NYACK** – Checked on leaving the final turn and carried over markers. Obtained inside run over the final stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

**KIAVINO STRIDE** – Failed to secure clear running in the race to the finish.

**KARALTA ARTEMIS** – Re-included in the barrier draw for races conducted under Mobile Start conditions after satisfying ORI requirements.

**General:** At the check-in, S Davis, the driver of the second placed SERENGETI SUNRISE, and N Ford, the driver of the fourth placed KAVINO STRIDE, exercised their right and requested the opportunity to review the official race footage of the final stages of the event. On review both drivers lodged protests; Driver Davis lodged a protest, second v first, alleging the winner, NYACK (T Rattray) had gained an unfair advantage by racing inside markers, and driver Ford lodged a protest against both second and first, alleging interference caused by both runners' movement in the run to the finish. Stewards, after taking evidence from all drivers and reviewing the official race footage dismissed both protests and declared 'all-clear' on the judges' numbers 4-1-12-8-9. In assessing the incidents, Stewards believed that in the latter stages of the home turn SERENGETI SUNRISE had shifted wider on the track presenting a potential run to its inside, which driver Rattray aimed to take, however as he did so, driver Davis corrected the movement of SERENGETI SUNRISE. These two simultaneous movements brought the two horses together resulting in NYACK racing over markers. To this point, driver Rattray was able to ease NYACK back onto the course proper, only receiving clear running approximately 100 metres from the finish when SERENGETI SUNRISE hung up the track when under pressure. Regarding driver Ford's protest, although acknowledging that there was movement forward of KAVINO STRIDE, Stewards believe there was never clear running for KAVINO STRIDE as he was always behind both NYACK and SERENGETI SUNRISE and that another runner had improved to the outside of NYACK and SERENGETI SUNRISE reinforcing the fact there was no clear run to have.

At a subsequent inquiry, Stewards deemed no one driver nor horse was to blame for NYACK racing inside makers, they believed the simultaneous movement of both NYACK and SERENGETI SUNRISE had brought about the incident, and that KAVINO STRIDE at no stage had clear running. The circumstances were noted.

#### **RACE 9 – FAITHFUL PARK STUD PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**KARALTA DAZZLER** – Back from its allotted position when the start was effected.

#### **RACE 10 – LEES ORCHARD STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**STRAVINSKY** – Hung in near the 1200 metres resulting in its sulky wheel striking markers.

**AHA REACTION NZ** – Excluded from the barrier draw in races conducted under Mobile Start conditions after breaking gait after the start was effected. Over-raced and pulled hard.

#### **RACE MEETING SUMMARY**

<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Fines:</b>	O Weidenbach – \$100 – Careless driving AHR Rule 168(1)(a) – Adjourned 02/06/23
<b>Reprimands:</b>	R4; T Ford – Careless Driving - AHR Rule 168(1)(a)
<b>Horse Action:</b>	R3; BIG ENERGY – ODM R5; BOOM NZ – ODS R6; ARTISTIC RULER – Stood Down 1 Trial

	R6; BRENTWOOD MISS – Stood Down 1 Trial R8; KARALTA ARTEMIS – BMD
<b>Pre-race Swabs</b>	R2; IDEAL KARALTA R3; BIG ENERGY, CHARMEDFORAREASON R5; ALL BY MYSELF NZ, MAGICIAN R9; ARTYBOY GLENWOOD, SOULWRITER
<b>Post-race Swabs:</b>	ALL WINNERS
<b>Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:</b>	Nil

**GENERAL:** Stewards concluded their inquiries into why ROCKS ROY raced rough near the 1400 in race 7 on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 at the Launceston Paceway. Stewards, after taking evidence from drivers C Castles (ROCKS ROY), O Weidenbach (NOOSA BEACH NZ) and J White (STALEY) and reviewing the official race footage, charged driver Weidenbach for carelessly allowing NOOSA BEACH NZ to shift in resulting her sulky wheel contacting to the legs of ROCKS ROY causing that gelding to race rough for a few strides. Driver Weidenbach pleaded guilty to the charge. Stewards in assessing penalty considered the racing characteristics of NOOSA BEACH NZ. Driver Weidenbach was subsequently fined \$100 [AHR Rule 168)(1)(a)].

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CHAIRMAN

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