

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Launceston Pacing Club
Date:	Sunday 6 th August 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair), R Brown, C Ellson, D Luttrell and M Robinson
Officials:	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr F Duggan (Veterinarian); Mr R Brown (Starter).

General: Veterinary assessments were carried out on horses that competed at the Hobart Meeting on Saturday August 5th, 2023.

RACE 1 – LADBROKES ODDS SURGE STAKES –1680m Mobile

ALL ABOUT IVY – Raced rough once placed under pressure from the 300 metres. Hung in near the 200 metres striking a marker post.

FEARLESS STRIDE – Reincluded in the barrier draw for mobile start events after satisfying the necessary requirements.

RACE 2 – IMPARTIAL PACE – 1680m Mobile

MACHS MARETA NZ – Raced rough in the score-up resulting in the mare being back from its allotted position at the start. A warning was issued.

BOLD CENTURIAN – Back from its allotted position at the start. Driver B Davis was reminded of his obligations in this regard.

RACE 3 – FIND US ON FACEBOOK PACE – 2200m Mobile

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

SHARKBITE ALTO – Raced fiercely in the score-up contacting the sulky of GRAPHITE STRIDE, causing that gelding to become unbalanced and break gait, resulting in a false start to be declared. SHARKBITE ALTO will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events.

GRAPHITE STRIDE – Checked in the initial score-up, becoming unbalanced and broke gait, GRAPHITE STRIDE was fractious from this point on. On the attempted re-start, after initially coming

forward as required when called to do so, GRAPHITE STRIDE became unbalance and broke gait, losing considerable ground, failing to settle, before ultimately pulled up out of the event. Stewards after taking all into consideration, gave the benefit of the doubt to GRAPHITE STRIDE taking no action other than to place the gelding on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under mobile start conditions. It was confirmed after the event that GRAPHITE STRIDE had a laceration to its tongue, most probably caused by a bite, which may have contributed to the demeanor of the gelding.

AUNTY BESSY – Tired out of the event over the concluding stages beaten in excess of 90 metres. On questioning, driver M Jones acknowledged his disappointment in the performance of AUNTY BESSY, offering no excuses for the mare. Based on AUNTY BESSY's recent form and being caught wide early, Stewards gave the benefit of the doubt to AUNTY BESSY on this occasion, taking no other action other than to place it on its last chance to race competitively.

TURQUOISE STRIDE – Gave ground over the concluding stages. A warning was issued.

RACE 4 – CLIFF ROBINS MEMORIAL – 2200m Mobile

ART HUNTSMAN – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish.

CAMELOT JEDIMASTER – Placed on its last chance to race truly after hanging in badly throughout.

SOKYS LINE – Broke gait free of interference on the final turn. Stewards, after considering SOKYS LINE's poor race record in this regard stood the gelding down from racing for two (2) weeks and before returning to racing SOKYS LINE will be required to satisfactorily complete two (2) consecutive requalifying trials.

MOTH HUNTER – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

RACE 5 – JILLIAN ROBINS STAKES – 2200m Mobile

GORDIEVSKY LEIS – Led the event, however, was under pressure leaving the 400 metres, beaten in excess of 30 metres. Driver T Rattray, when questioned, stated that after discussions with connections it was decided to utilise the good barrier draw and if possible, find and hold the lead. Driver Rattray further stated, after successfully finding the lead, he received mid-race pressure and in hindsight may have been better served in surrendering this position, adding that in similar circumstances he would endeavor to do so in the future. The evidence was noted.

AGOUDA RULER – Hung out in the score-up resulting in the gelding being back from its allotted position at the start.

JACKSON NEPTUNE – Worked forward in the early to mid-stages, finding the position outside the leader where it over-raced and pulled hard.

EQUITY STRIDE – Over-raced and pulled hard during the event.

RACE 6 – LADBROKES RACING CENTRE PACE – 2200m Mobile

HOT EMBERS – Worked forward in the early stages, finding the lead, where it over-raced and pulled hard. Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 40 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection HOT EMBERS was found to have slow post-race recovery. On questioning, trainer B Yole conceded the performance was not of the required standard, adding he would give HOT EMBERS a short let-up. Stewards accepted the undertakings of trainer Yole and in addition Stood the gelding down from racing until it satisfactorily completes one (1) requalifying trial.

CINOCAL JAMANE – On entering the home straight for the run to the finish, hung in momentarily locking wheels with DAPPER NZ

BEE SEVENTEEN – Back from its allotted position at the start, despite the efforts of its driver. A warning was issued.

DAPPER NZ – Locked wheels with CINOCAL JAMANE when it hung down the track on entering the home straight for the run to the finish.

General: Driver M Jones was reprimanded for the careless manner he shifted ground with HIS DREAM LIVES ON approaching the 400 metres. This brought HIS DREAM LIVES ON and CINOCAL JAMANE together resulting in the sulky wheel of CINOCAL JAMANE contacting the off-hind leg of HIS DREAM LIVES ON [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

General: Driver M Yole was fined \$200 for whilst leading with HOT EMBERS, he failed to adhere to the minimum time standards by running the first half of the final mile in excess of 65.0 seconds [AHR Rule 162(1)(y)].

RACE 7 – BECOME AN LPC MEMBER PACE – 2200m Mobile

ROYAL REACTOR – Over-raced and pulled hard during the event.

DON HESTON – Raced in a forward trailing position before fading out of the event, beaten approximately 60 metres. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and as such stood DON HESTON down from racing until it satisfactorily completes one (1) requalifying trial.

KEEP PLAYING – Over-raced and pulled hard during the event.

RACE 8 – MODERN TYE STAKES – 2200m Mobile

SMOOTH DEAL NZ – Gave ground over the concluding stages. A warning was issued.

FURY DAN – Raced wide from the start in attempt to secure a forward position, however once outside the leaders, FURY DAN hung in markedly, placing its driver in some difficulty. As a result of FURY DAN hanging, the near-side lugging pole broke and fell to the track approaching the 1000 metres. FURY DAN was subsequently pulled up out of the event. Stewards gave the benefit of the doubt to FURY DAN on this occasion, taking no action other than to note the circumstances.

THE DEMOCRAT – Raced in a forward trailing position before fading out of the event, beaten in excess of 60 metres. Trainer B Yole acknowledged his disappointment with THE DEMOCRAT, stating he felt the gelding had failed to back-up from the previous night's racing, adding it was his intention to give THE DEMOCRAT a let-up and would not be backing up the gelding to race in a short time frame again. Stewards accepted the evidence as tendered, taking no further action.

EUROKING – Hung in leaving the back straight and when corrected by its driver shifted out abruptly, causing some inconvenience to KELLYS DELIGHT.

KELLYS DELIGHT – Inconvenienced near the 900 metres and again leaving the back straight on the final occasion.

ONEOFTHELADS – Over-raced and pulled hard both during score-up and during the race.

General: Driver T Yole was reprimanded for the careless manner he shifted wider with EUROKING near the 900 metres, which caused some inconvenience to KELLYS DELIGHT. Stewards in assessing the incident were mindful that driver Yole had attempted to move earlier, however EUROKING resisted his attempt which resulted in the movement being late.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	NIL
Fines:	R2: R Backhouse – \$200 Continuous whip [AHR Rule 156(4)(a)] R6: M Yole – \$200 Slow sectional [AHR Rule 162(1)(y)]
Reprimands	R6: M Jones – Carless driving [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)] R8: T Yole – Carless driving [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)]
Horse Action:	R3: SHARKBITE ALTO – ODM R4: SOKYS LINE – Stood Down 2 Weeks & 2 Trials R6: HOT EMBERS – Stood Down 1 Trial R7: DON HESTON – Stood Down 1 Trial
Pre-race Swabs	R2 – ENDEAVOUR STRIDE R3 – SHARKBITE ALTO R5 – EQUITY STRIDE R6 – POPNPENNIES
Post-race Swabs:	ALL WINNERS
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:	NIL

Supplementary: A number of drivers were subjected to drug screening.

Supplementary: Trainer T Rattray reported he had a Veterinary assessment carried out on HARJEET today, after the gelding started \$2.20 favourite, and beaten 140 metres in race 6 at Hobart on Saturday August 5th, 2023. The initial examination revealed slight soreness to the near-hind fetlock region. HARJEET will again be reassessed in the ensuing days. The stand down placed on HARJEET on the evening for the poor performance will remain.

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Chief Steward

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