

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Launceston Pacing Club
Date:	Sunday 27 th August 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair), R Brown, C Ellson, M Castillo, M Robinson, M MacDonald & E Morice-Smith(Cadet).
Officials:	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr R Blackwell (Veterinarian); Mr Adam Emery (Starter).

Supplementary (1): Driver R Ashwood pleaded guilty to a charge of unapproved whip use on THE ATHERLETE in Race 4 from the Launceston Pacing Club's meeting on 18th August, 2023. Driver Ashwood was fined \$200 [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)].

Supplementary (2): Driver D Ford (AMILLION PROMISES) was found guilty of a charge of improper driving in Race 6 from the Launceston Pacing Club's meeting on 18th August, 2023. Stewards, after inquiring, found that driver Ford's body movement, at or about the 150 metres, was improper. His movement was sharp and exaggerated to the point where his body moved outside the confines of the sulky, both back and out toward MIA RAGAZZA NZ, (K Williams) which had made a move to his outside after moving away off his back. In evidence, driver Ford alleged that his sulky was contacted prior to his movement, and his movement was brought about due to safety reasons. Stewards, however, believed the contact to his sulky, if any, would not have resulted in such a significant movement of his torso, out and toward MIA RAGAZZA NZ, rather, driver Ford's movement was solely instigated by himself. Stewards, after considering all put before them and being aware that driver Ford had been spoken to of recent times over his body movement in the sulky, suspended his licence to drive for five(5) race dates. At the request of driver Ford, Stewards stayed the imposition of his suspension until he completes his driving engagements at Launceston Pacing Club on Sunday September 3, 2023.

RACE 1 – TRAINER ENCOURAGEMENT PACE –2200m Mobile

AGOUDA RULER – Placed on its last chance in the barrier draw for races conducted under mobile start conditions after once again being back from its allotted barrier position, despite the efforts of its driver.

RACE 2 – LADBROKES STAKES – 1680m Mobile

TAMBROS TILLY – Over-raced when held up for clear running over the concluding stages.

INDI AIR TONIGHT – Hung in when racing wide near the 500 metres.

OUTLAW JOE – Raced rough racing into the first turn for which a warning was issued.

NOT YET MUM – Raced rough racing into the first turn for which a warning was issued.

RACE 3 – ELDERS INSURANCE LAUNCESTON PACE – 1680m Mobile

LALIBELA NZ – Tightened for racing room racing into the first turn

LORIMER LADY – Raced wide from the 1100 metres. Forced 4-wide approaching the 900 metres through the movement of MIA RAGAZZA.

JUNIPER – Hung out at times.

General: Driver R Hillier (PETREA BROMAC NZ) was reprimanded for carelessly causing a tightening to LALIBELA NZ when crossing down to the lead on entering the first turn [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

General: Driver M Jones was suspended for two race meetings through his movement with MIA RAGAZZA NZ approaching the 900 metres. This movement carried LORIMER LADY out wider on the track and thereby cover more ground than necessary. [AHR Rule 163(1)(b)].

RACE 4 – DAKIN REFRIGERATION PACE – 1680m Mobile

ROCK ON PLAYBOY – Held up for clear running until well into the home straight for the run to the finish.

DEADLY ASSASSIN – Held up for clear running until well into the home straight for the run to the finish.

General: Driver B Davis was fined \$200 for the unapproved, continuous manner he used his whip over the final 200 metres [AHR Rule 156(3)].

RACE 5 – CRESSY BOWLS CLUB STAKES – 2200m Mobile

DEMAND RESPECT NZ – Obtained an inside run in the run to the finish.

KARALTA ARTEMIS – Failed to secure clear running in the race to the finish.

COOL WATER PADDY NZ – Shifted ground in the run to the finish. Inquiry pending.

AHA REACTION NZ – Failed to secure clear running in the race to the finish.

YORKSHIRE NZ – Shifted ground approaching the 200 metres resulting in its sulky wheel being struck. Inconvenienced and raced rough near 100 metres whilst racing tight against RACKEMUP TIGERPIE.

CULLENBURN NZ – Failed to secure clear running in the race to the finish.

RACKEMUP TIGERPIE – Checked approaching the 200 metres when YORKSHIRE NZ shifted in. Shifted ground near the 100 metres when in restricted room, bumping YORKSHIRE NZ resulting in that gelding racing rough.

General: Trainer J McKenzie was reprimanded for failing to adhere to a Stewards directive by not providing her intended early tactics on her three(3) representatives in the event [AHR Rule 238].

General: Driver T Hillier (HULI NIEN) was fined \$400 for the unapproved, continuous manner he used his whip with a free hand over the final 150 metres [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)].

General: Driver R Ashwood was found guilty of a charge of careless driving through his movement approaching the 200 metres, where he allowed YORKSHIRE NZ to shift in and tighten the racing room of RACKEMUP TIGERPIE, this movement resulted in contact to RACKEMUP TIGERPIE's hind leg with his sulky wheel. Stewards, after taking submissions on penalty and reviewing driver Ashwood's driving record, suspended his licence to drive for two(2) race dates. At the request of driver Ashwood, Stewards stayed the imposition of his suspension until he completes his driving engagements at the Tasmanian Trotting Club on Friday September 1, 2023 [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

General: Driver N Ford was reprimanded for the careless manner he shifted ground with RACKEMUP TIGERPIE approaching the 100 metres, causing YORKSHIRE NZ, which was racing tight to his outside to become unbalanced. Stewards in assessing the incident believed that the closeness of the two horses and the fact that driver Ashwood appeared to be steering YORKSHIRE NZ in, contributed to the incident along with the fact that RACKEMUP TIGERPIE was full of running, whilst being held up [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

RACE 6 – VIZPIX BROADCAST SERVICES STAKES – 2200m Mobile

HY LEINVINCIBLE – Driven forward from the start, however beaten for the lead. Could not keep the leaders back in the run to the finish, passed by a number of runners to its outside.

EQUITY STRIDE – Raced rough in the score up for which a warning was issued.

LOMBO HEAVEN – Hung in and raced rough throughout. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were found. Trainer B Yole indicated that he would look to a gear change to remedy the issue.

RACE 7 – IMPRESS PRINT STAKES – 2200m Mobile

HEZ RAZOR SHARP – Severely checked near the 200 metres, momentarily dislodging driver J Duggan from the sulky seat. Eased down from that point. Stewards in assessing the incident were mindful that although the sulky of HEZ RAZOR SHARP was struck from its inside, shortly before this, HEZ RAZOR SHARP moved in marginally when crossed by runners improving to its outside

KIAVINO STRIDE – Sulky contacted near the 200 metres.

ENDEAVOUR STRIDE – Held up when full of running approaching the 200 metres. Contacted the sulky of KIAVANO STRIDE, shifted out checking HEZ RAZOR SHARP. Driver Weidenbach was counselled on her drive and instructed to show more care when racing in tight situations.

RACE 8 – LADBROKES RACING CLUB PACE – 2200m Mobile

UPSIZE ME NZ – Back from its allotted position at the start. Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 70 metres. As UPSIZE ME NZ was having its first start for trainer B Yole, Stewards took no action other than to place it on its last chance to race competitively.

BACKINTOWN – Stood down from racing until trialing to the satisfaction of the Stewards after performing poorly. It was noted that BACKINTOWN was placed on its last chance to race competitively at its most recent start.

SO ART I NZ – Inconvenienced in the latter stages of the score-up when UPSIZE ME NZ lost contact with the mobile gate.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	<p>18/08/23 – D Ford – 5 Race Dates, Drive in an improper manner [AHR Rule 168(1)(e)]</p> <p>R3 – M Jones – 2 Race Dates, Force another runner wider [AHR 163(1)(b)]</p> <p>R5 – R Ashwood – 2 Race Dates, Careless driving [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)]</p>
Fines:	<p>18/08/23 – R Ashwood \$200 – Whip with free hand [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)]</p> <p>R4 – B Davis \$200 – Unapproved Continuous Whip [AHR Rule 156(3)]</p> <p>R5 – T Hillier \$400 – Whip with free hand [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)]</p>
Reprimands	<p>R3 – R Hillier – Careless driving causing tightening [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)]</p> <p>R5 – J McKenzie – Fail to adhere to Stewards Directive [AHR Rule 238]</p> <p>R5 – N Ford – Careless driving [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)]</p>
Horse Action:	<p>R8 – BACKINTOWN – Stood down 1 trial.</p>
Pre-race Swabs	<p>R2 – FEARLESS STRIDE</p> <p>R3 – SOULWRITER</p> <p>R5 – JIMMY THE IRISHMAN NZ</p> <p>R5 – SUNNY SANZ</p> <p>R5 – HULI NIEN</p> <p>R7 – KIAVINO STRIDE</p> <p>R8 – KILLARNEY DANCE NZ</p>
Post-race Swabs:	<p>R1 - AGOUDA RULER</p> <p>R5 – JIMMY THE IRISHMAN NZ</p> <p>& ALL WINNERS</p>
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:	<p>R5 – T Rattray – Shifting ground in the run to the finish.</p>