

## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>Club:</b>	Launceston Pacing Club
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine
<b>Track Condition:</b>	Good
<b>Stewards Panel:</b>	N Finnigan (Chair) R Brown, C Ellson, M Robinson, B Hine (Cadet) & E O'Sign (Cadet)
<b>Officials:</b>	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers), Dr R Blackwell (Veterinarian) & A Emery (Starter)

### **RACE 1 – HAPPY FATHERS DAY PACE – 2200 Metres Mobile**

**KELLYS DELIGHT** – Raced rough after the start.

**SERENGETI SUNRISE** – Failed to participate in the pre-race circle.

**BOLD CENTURIAN** – Held up for clear running until well into the home straight for the run to the finish.

**LETSGOBRO** – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish.

**General:** Stewards questioned driver S Davis (SERENGETI SUNRISE) over his leg movement passing the 400 metres. Driver Davis informed Stewards he had some difficulty in removing the earplugs, needing several attempts to complete the process.

### **RACE 2 – RARE EARTH STAKES – 2200 Metres Mobile**

**TIGERLICIOUS** – Pulled hard in the middle stages of the score-up before contacting the mobile barrier arm.

**RUBY BABY NZ** – Over-raced and pulled hard throughout resulting in it as a tearaway leader. On questioning driver G Rattray informed Stewards that RUBY BABY NZ had struck its own sulky with its hind legs resulting in the mare “taking fright” and accelerate away. Driver Rattray added he was reluctant to fight against RUBY BABY NZ and elected to only allow her to run along with some restraint in the hope that she could finish the race off well enough to remain competitive. Finally, driver Rattray informed Stewards that after the event it was discovered that the sulky used on RUBY BABY NZ had a shorter shaft than other sulkies. Trainer B Yole was instructed to ensure that in

future, sulkies affixed to RUBY BABY NZ were of the longer variety. Subjected to post-race TCO2 blood sampling.

### **RACE 3 – 6ty° STAKES – 2200 Metres Mobile**

**KIWI TILLY** – Raced in a forward trailing position, however passing the 500 metres was under some significant pressure, fading to be beaten in excess of 60 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard, and taking into account KIWI TILLY was placed on its last chance to race competitively at its most recent start, KIWI TILLY was stood down from racing until it can trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

**NEON** – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish.

**NANCYS HOPE** – Raced wide around the first turn, working forward to lead the one-out line. On crossing to this position, NANCYS HOPE hung in and tightened the racing room of OUTBACK ROCK

**General:** Driver B Woodford was reminded of his obligations regarding his whip use.

### **RACE 4 – NUTRIEN AG SUPPLIES PACE – 1680 Metres Mobile**

**GUENEVERES MADONNA** – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

**KOLOVOS NZ** – Driven forward from the start finding the position outside the leader where it tended to over-race.

**SEA HAWKE** – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

**DAPPER NZ** – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

**General:** Stewards questioned trainer K Butler over the performance of LORD HESTON. Trainer Butler acknowledged her disappointment with LORD HESTON stating that the gelding on return to the race stalls appeared to have not been exerted at all, giving the impression that it “had not tried”. Trainer Butler confirmed this is a scenario which previous connections had informed her of. Finally, trainer Butler informed Stewards it would be her intension to give LORD HESTON a short let up before assessing its future racing programme. Stewards noted the evidence tended by trainer Butler and instructed her that should any indicators come to light that may help explain the performance she was to notify the Offices of Racing integrity at her earliest convenience.

### **RACE 5 – LADBROKES LIVE BETTING PACE – 2200 Metres Mobile**

**VINNY CHASE** – Pulled hard during the preliminary and again during the race. Raced in behind the leader before giving ground over the concluding stages, for which a warning was issued.

**LETSPLAYUNI** – Hung out over the concluding stages.

**NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ** – Caught wide in the early stages before working forward to lead the one-out line after approximately 700 metres of racing. Under pressure from the 500 metres, tiring out to be beaten in excess of 70 metres. Trainer B Yole when questioned stated that NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ is not suited to racing the way it was obliged to race in tonight's event. Stewards noted his evidence, however after considering its recent performances, placed NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ on its last chance to race competitively.

**AGOUDA RULER** – Inconvenienced and forced to race wide from the 400 metres due to the tiring NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ.

**MAJOR LESTER** – Failed to gain clear running over the concluding stages.

**SCOTLYN BEACH NZ** – Inconvenienced and forced to race wide from the 400 metres due to the tiring NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ.

**General:** At the 'check-in', H Van dongen, the driver of the third placed LETSPLAYUNI, and J Watson, the driver of the second placed LOOBY LOMBO, requested the opportunity to review the official race footage of the final stages, on review driver Van dongen lodged a protest against LOOBY LOMBO being placed second, alleging that mare had secured a run when not entitled to do so. Stewards after hearing evidence from both drivers and their respective advocates, reviewing the official race footage and acting on their own observations, dismissed the protest and declared "all-clear" on the judge's numbers 2-1-5-7-8. In reaching their decision, Stewards believed that LOOBY LOMBO had secured a clear run as a result of LETSPLAYUNI hanging up the track, despite the efforts of driver Van dongen.

### **RACE 6 – SUNRISE BAKERY STAKES – 1680 Metres Mobile**

**SOMEDAN** – Raced rough when checked by its driver as ART HUNTSMAN crossed down toward the markers entering the first turn.

**VELOCITY STRIDE** – Caught wide in the early stages before eased to the rear of the field leaving the 1200 metres.

**KIAVINO STRIDE** – Caught wide in the early stages before eased to the rear of the field approaching the 1100 metres. This may have had some bearing on the gelding giving ground over the concluding stages.

**WHERE YA BIN NZ** – Momentarily tightened for racing room approaching the winning post due to general race movement.

**General:** Stewards questioned drivers N Ford (SOMEDAN) and L Hooper (ART HUNTSMAN) into the reason why SOMEDAN raced rough racing into the first turn. Stewards, after taking evidence from the drivers, reviewing the official race footage and acting on their own observations charged driver Hooper under AHR Rule 163(1)(a)(i) alleging he crossed down toward the markers with ART HUNTSMAN when insufficiently clear of SOMEDAN, obliging driver Ford to check his gelding, causing it to race roughly. Driver Hooper pleaded guilty to the charge, and after hearing submissions on penalty, Stewards suspended his licence to driver for two(2) race dates. Driver Hooper will be eligible to recommence driving Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **RACE 7 – GREAT NORTHERN SUPER CRISP STAKES – 2200 Metres Mobile**

**BABY YOU A SONG** – Raced roughly approximately 100 metres from the finish.

**AHA REACTION NZ** – Hung in on the final turn, contacting markers; had difficulty in returning onto the course proper as ROCKANDAHARDPLACE had moved down the track to race tight against AHA REACTION NZ. Disappointed for clear running in the early stages of the home straight. Angled down the track near the 100 metres in search of clear running and brushed markers. Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

**General:** At the 'check-in', G Rattray, the driver of the third placed ROCKANDAHARDPLACE, requested the opportunity to review the official race footage of the final stages, on review driver Rattray together with trainer K Rattray, lodged a protest against AHA REACTION NZ (N Ford) being placed second, alleging that gelding had gained an unfair advantage by racing inside markers on the home turn and again in the

home straight in the run to the finish. Stewards after hearing evidence from both drivers and trainer K Rattray, reviewing the official footage and acting on their own observations, dismissed the protest and declared “all-clear” on the judge’s numbers 1-4-3-2-6. In reaching their decision, Stewards believed that AHA REACTION NZ, although contacting markers had not gained any advantage in doing so, and its driver N Ford had, as required, checked AHA REACTION NZ rather than drive it forward at the time.

### **RACE 8 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2200 Metres Mobile**

**General:** The start of this race was delayed approximately two(2) minutes due the necessity of a gear adjustment on VIGOROSO NZ.

**IDEAL KARALTA** – Raced rough throughout, particularly after the start and toward the first turn, for which a warning was issued.

**SHARMEY** – Tired over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 40 metres. On questioning trainer B Yole felt the gelding did not back-up after racing on Friday last, and it would be intension, for the meantime, not to back SHARMEY up in such a short time span. Stewards noted the evidence as tendered.

**ONEOFTHELADS** – After settling two-back along the marker line, shortly after the start, ONEOFTHELADS began to over-race and pull hard when the pace of the race eased, driver N Ford moved ONEOFTHELADS away from the markers to lead the one-out line near the 1800 metres, where it continued to over-race. This situation had an obvious adverse effect on ONEOFTHELADS, giving ground over the concluding stages. The performance was noted with a warning issued. Trainer B Yole was instructed to investigate possibilities in preventing a recurrence.

**CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ** – Back from its allotted position at the start, when questioned driver R Hillier stated that CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ has a habit of pulling hard, particularly in the score-up and he was reluctant to allow the gelding more rein to fill its position. Stewards took no action other than to note the circumstances and remind driver Hillier of his obligations.

### **RACE 9 – LADBROKES SAME RACE MULTI PACE – 2200 Metres Mobile**

**LYNRYD SKYNYRD NZ** – Held up for clear running in the early stages of the home straight for the run to the finish

**VILLACCI** – Hung in in the latter stages of the score-up and subsequently checked by its driver. Restrained shortly after the start.

**General:** Stewards intend to question drivers D Ford and G Rattray over an incident in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish when driver Ford was attempting to secure clear running with LYNRYD SKYNYRD NZ.

**Supplemental:** The following trainers were reprimanded for failing to present their respective horses with the correct registered gear [AHR Rule 273(6)(b)]:

R2: K Pratten – TIGERLICIOUS

R2: B Yole – MACHS MARETA NZ

R3: S Barnes – OUTBACK ROCK

R3: M Laugher – POWERHIT PASCOE

R3: P Hill – AREYAWATCHINGTHIS

R7: R Hillier – BABY YOU A SONG

R7: K Rattray – ROCKANDAHARDPLACE

### Supplemental: 27/08/23 – Launceston Pacing Club – R6 Golden Mile

Driver T Rattray was fined \$100 for allowing COOL WATER PADDY NZ to shift up the track in the run to the finish allowing another runner to improve to its inside [AHR Rule 162 (1)(www)(c)].

#### RACE MEETING SUMMARY

<b>Suspensions:</b>	R6: L Hooper – Suspended 2 Meetings – Crossing
<b>Fines:</b>	27-08-23 R6 – T Rattray \$100 – Shifting ground
<b>Reprimands:</b>	R2: K Pratten – Incorrect gear R2: B Yole – Incorrect Gear R3: S Barnes – Incorrect Gear R3: M Laughher – Incorrect Gear R3: P Hill – Incorrect Gear R7: R Hillier – Incorrect Gear R7: K Rattray – Incorrect Gear
<b>Horse Action:</b>	R3: KIWI TILLY – Stood Down 1 Trial
<b>Pre-race Swabs</b>	R1: LETSGOBRO R2: PETREA BROMAC NZ R3: NEON R4: LORD HESTON R5: GOBSMACKED R6: SOMEDAN R9: LYNRYD SKYNRYD
<b>Post-race Swabs:</b>	ALL WINNERS
<b>Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:</b>	R9: D Ford & G Rattray