

STEWARDS REPORT

Club	Launceston Pacing Club
Date	Sunday 12 th November 2023
Weather	Fine
Track	Good
Stewards Panel	N Finnigan (Chair) R Brown (Panel/Data) M Castillo (Panel/Inspections) M Robinson (Inspections) M MacDonald (Swabs)
Officials	A Emery (Starter) Dr R Blackwell (Veterinarian) Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers)

RACE 1 – FAITHFUL PARK STUD – 1680m Mobile

CALL HER BETTY – Having its first registered race start. Placed on its last chance in the barrier draw for races conducted under mobile start conditions after failing to fill its allotted position behind the gate and slow to muster speed after the start.

OCTAGONISE – Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait free of interference racing on the first turn.

PEPPER STRIDE – Having its first registered race start.

CASCADE STRIDE – Having its first registered race start. Tired badly, beaten in excess of 110 metres. A post-race Veterinary Examination failed to detect any abnormalities. Stewards deemed the performance of CASCADE STRIDE below the required standard and as such stood the gelding down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) barrier trial.

General: The ‘all-clear’ was delayed allowing M Yole, the driver of the third placed PEPPER STRIDE, to view the photo finish for second and third placings. On review driver Yole had no objections and such Stewards declared the ‘all-clear’ on the judge’s numbers 8-2-6-4-5.

RACE 2 – BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH US ON DECEMBER 3RD – 2200m Mobile

HEZ RAZOR SHARP – Tired badly, beaten in excess of 90 metres. A post-race Veterinary examination found HEZ RAZOR SHARP to have a poor post-race recovery. Stewards deemed the performance of HEZ RAZOR SHARP below the required standard and as such stood the gelding down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) barrier trial.

ENDEAVOUR STRIDE – Over-raced and pulled hard in the early and middle stages. On questioning driver O Weidenbach informed Stewards that ENDEAVOUR STRIDE had struck its own sulky with its hind legs during the run causing the gelding to over-race. Stewards noted the evidence as tendered, however instructed driver Weidenbach to take the necessary steps to prevent a recurrence.

GALAXY DANCER – Broke in the early stages of the score-up, however was able to fill its allotted position at the start. Trainer C Howlett informed Stewards that his driver M Jones had released the hopple-shorteners far too early, believing GALAXY DANCER had not truly balanced up after leaving the pre-race circle.

RACE 3 – ELDERS INSURANCE LAUNCESTON PACE – 2200m Mobile

KIWI TILLY – Gave ground over the concluding stages. Stewards took no action other than to note that KIWI TILLY had been caught racing wide in the early stages, before working forward to be positioned leading the one-out line approaching the 1700 metres.

HUNT A RAINBOW – Raced rough passing the 400 metres before breaking gait on the latter stages of the home turn, checking other runners to varying degrees. HUNT A RAINBOW was subsequently stood down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) barrier trial. Stewards in placing this embargo were mindful that HUNT A RAINBOW had broke and been placed on its last chance to race truly at its one and only other start.

RACE 4 – TASSIE GOLDEN APPLE NIGHT SUNDAY SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER – 2200m Mobile

OUTLAW JOE – Gave ground over the concluding stages.

SHANOCON NZ – Held up in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

QUEENOFDANCE NZ – Gave ground over the final stages after racing wide mid-race and over-racing once positioned leading the one-out line from the 1400 metres.

General: Driver M Yole was reminded of his obligations regarding clearance when trailing, and driver D Ford was reminded of his obligations regarding throwing his head back.

RACE 5 – LADBROKE RACING CLUB PACE – 2200m Mobile

KERALA STAR NZ – Eased out of the event late on the final turn due to a deflated off-side tyre. Driver K Williams was counselled on the manner he eased out of the event.

MESSERATI – Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait shortly after entering the first turn.

KHAKI NUI NZ – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

General: Driver N Ford was reprimanded for allowing his arm to protrude beyond the confines of his sulky early in the home straight for the run to the finish.

RACE 6 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT FREE FOR ALL – 2200m Mobile

ROCKANDAHARDPLACE – Locked wheels with COLBY SANZ near the 300 metres and raced rough.

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HULI NIEN – Pulled hard in the score-up, racing up contacting the sulky of KILLARNEY DANCE NZ and broke gait before the start, effectively taking no competitive part in the event. As a consequence of this indiscretion, HULI NIEN will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events.

SUNNY SANZ – Held up in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

THE SHALLOWS – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

RACE 7 – FAMILY FUN NIGHT SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER – 1680m Mobile

KENS CHIPS – Caught wide in the early stages before restraining to the rear of the field. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

BLACKJACK JIM – Raced outside the leader, over-racing and pulling hard.

RACE 8 – LADBROKE YARD COMMENTS STAKES – 2200m Mobile

BOLT YOUR SOCKS ON – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after racing behind the leader and giving ground over the final 400 metres, beaten in excess of 70 metres.

FURY DAN – Shifted out in the run to the finish. Driver N Ford was fined \$100 for carelessly allowing FURY DAN to shift ground [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

KOLOVOS NZ – Badly held up rounding the final turn when both BOLT YOUR SOCKS ON and RAMBUNCTIOUS gave ground.

RANIERI NZ – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages, only securing a late inside run after FURY DAN shifted ground.

RAMBUNCTIOUS – Will continue to be drawn on the extreme outside in mobile start events after once again failing to fill its allotted position at the start. Raced wide in the early stages, positioned outside the leader passing the 1400 metres where it over-raced and pulled hard. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

RACE 9 – TRAINER ENCOURAGEMENT PACE – 2200m Mobile

KARDESLER NZ – Held up for clear running until straightening for the run to the finish.

LAID BACK KENNY – After satisfying Office of Racing Integrity's RODM requirements, LAID BACK KENNY's mobile barrier status improved from RODM to ODM.

General: Stewards questioned drivers T Rattray, (ARTYBOY GLENWOOD), R Hillier (LOYOLA TRIOS) and K Williams, (LAID BACK KENNY) into the reason why ARTYBOY GLENWOOD and LAID BACK KENNY, shortly before entering the home straight for the run to the finish, came together resulting in contact to the hind legs of ARTYBOY GLENWOOD. At the inquiry driver Rattray stated ARTYBOY GLENWOOD had uncharacteristically and abruptly shied away from LOYOLA TRIOS which had made ground to its inside prior to driver Hillier easing wider in search for clear running. Added to this, driver Williams stated that LAID BACK KENNY had hung in marginally at the time, which in his opinion contributed to the incident. Stewards, after considering the driver's evidence and reviewing the official race footage, acknowledged the evidence as tendered by drivers Rattray and Williams, however also believed driver Hillier's movement away from the inside played some part in the overall incident. Summing up the incident, Stewards took the view that the incident was as a result of a number of factors and therefore could not place the blame on any one driver or horse, and as such, other than to remind drivers of their obligations, took no action other than to note the circumstances.

RACE 10 – FIND US ON FACEBOOK PACE – 2200m Mobile

SOMEDAN – Tended to over-race, particularly in the middle stages of the event.

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

MAJOR DAVVIN – Tended to over-race, particularly in the middle stages of the event.

OUR BALOU NZ – Hung in when beginning a three-wide move near the 900 metres and raced rough.

URUS NZ – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

BIG ENERGY – Reincluded in the barrier draw for races conducted under mobile start conditions after satisfying Office of Racing Integrity's requirements.

General: Stewards questioned drivers D Ford, (CLIFFHANGER) and T Yole, (WYATTFLYNN) into the reason why CLIFFHANGER broke gait racing into the first turn. Stewards, after hearing from both drivers, reviewing the official race footage and then acting on their own observations, charged driver Yole for crossing too tight racing into the first turn, obliging driver Ford to check CLIFFHANGER, resulting in that gelding racing rough and subsequently breaking gait. Driver Yole pled guilty to the charge, and after hearing submissions on penalty and referring to his driving record, Stewards suspended driver Yole's licence to drive for 2 race meetings. Stewards at the request of driver Yole, stayed the imposition of his suspension until he completes his driving engagements at the Burnie Harness Racing Club on Friday November 17th, 2023. Mr Yole will be free to return to race driving from Saturday November 25th, 2023 [AHR Rule 163(1)(a)(i)].

General: Driver D Ford was fined \$100 for carelessly allowing CLIFFHANGER to race up and brush a sulky wheel in the home straight in the run to the finish. This incident resulted in CLIFFHANGER blundering and break gait [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	Race	Details	AHR Rule
Suspensions	10	T Yole; 2 Meetings – Crossing	163(1)(a)(i)
Fines	8	N Ford; \$100 – Carelessly Shifting Ground	168(1)(a)
	10	D Ford; \$100 – Careless Contact Sulky	168(1)(a)
Reprimands	5	N Ford – Outside sulky confines	170(2)
Horse Action	1	CASCADE STRIDE – Stood Down 1 Trial	
	2	HEZ RAZOR SHARP – Stood Down 1 Trial	
	3	HUNT A RAINBOW – Stood Down 1 Trial	
	6	HULI NIEN – ODM	
	9	LAID BACK KENNY – ODM (in from RODM)	
	10	BIG ENERGY – BMD	
Pre-race Swabs	2	HEATHBERN BRUCE	
	3	HUNT A RAINBOW	
	5	ALL BY MYSELF NZ	
	7	MARGARETS CLAN	
Post-race Swabs		ALL WINNERS	
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries		NIL	

Supplementary: Due to 'stable-talk' and inuendo, Stewards feel it necessary to confirm that HEATHBERN BRUCE and ANDAMAN BAY, that were scratched from the meeting held by the Ballarat Trotting Club on Friday 10th November 2023, were deemed to be acceptable scratchings, and therefore no penalties being imposed, by HRV Stewards on Tuesday 7th November 2023. The HRV Steward's decision was made prior to nomination deadlines for both the Tasmanian Trotting Club's meeting on 10th November 2023, and the Launceston Pacing Club's meeting on 12th November 2023, thereby making both horses eligible for nomination for the weekend's racing.