

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Launceston Pacing Club
Date:	Sunday 19 th November 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair) R Brown (Panel/Data) M Castillo (Panel) B Hine (Cadet) (Data Assist) C Ellson (Inspections) M Robinson (Swabbing Assist) E Morice-Smith (Cadet) (Swabbing)
Officials:	A Emery (Starter) Dr M Fitzgerald (Veterinarian) Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Provider)

RACE 1 – NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS GLOBE DERBY HEAT 1 – 2200m Mobile

KOSYGIN LEIS – Hung in late on the final turn, resulting in its sulky wheel striking markers.

RACE 2 – 6TY BANDBOX HEAT 1 – 2200m Mobile

BLING ON NIADH – Caught wide for the first 500 metres before restraining to the rear of the field.

RACE 3 – LADBROKES TWO YEAR OLD – 2200m Mobile

NOBLEZZZ ADVICE – Raced rough after the start.

WILD RUMMY – First registered race start. Caught wide early before restraining to the rear of the field.

HUNTRESS OF ROME – First registered race start. Appeared to shy at the Clerk-of-the-Course horse when called forward, however was able to fill its allotted position at the start. The circumstances were noted.

MELFIELD LADY – First registered race start. Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after galloping shortly after the star was effected.

RACE 4 – LADBROKE IT! STAKES – 2200m Mobile

General: Drivers N Ford, O Weidenbach and D Ford were reprimanded for talking once on the track [AHR Rule 162 (1)(c)].

MESSERATI – Worked forward from the start to be positioned leading the one-out line. Once in this position, failed to settle and over-raced. Allowed to work forward to lead passing the 1600 metres. Failed to run on over the concluding stages.

WE SALUTE YOU – Unsuccessful at securing an early forward position, resulting in the gelding being caught wide. Restrained to the rear of the field leaving the 1700 metres. Severely checked leaving the back straight on the final occasion.

KHAKI NUI NZ – Caught wide in the early stages before eased to the rear of the field near the 1700 metres.

LETSGOBRO – Severely checked leaving the back straight on the final occasion, resulting in broken gear, subsequently pulled up out of the event.

PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ – Left the rear of the field near the 1600 metres, progressing forward, however was unsuccessful at securing a forward position and left caught racing three-wide. Severely checked leaving the back straight on the final occasion.

General: Stewards questioned driver O Weidenbach regarding her driving tactics on PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ. Driver Weidenbach stated that on reaching the 1600 metres, she observed IM ROCK SOLID had moved off the marker line to be positioned leading the one-out line and sitting back off the leader and as such felt the “death-seat” was available. However once outside IM ROCK SOLID, it became clear that this was not the case, so she elected to restrain and hope for three-wide cover. Driver Weidenbach added that she believed she erred in restraining PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ to the extent she did and in hindsight she would have been better off simply easing further forward rather than to lose the ground she had already made up. Stewards in assessing the drive felt it reasonable that PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ was put into the race at the 1600 metres by driver Weidenbach as the indicators were there for her to make her move three-wide at the time. Further, Stewards although of the opinion that her restraining of PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ near the 1100 metres was the wrong move it was not culpable enough for a charge to be laid, and as such took no action other than to note the circumstances and to remind driver Weidenbach she should take all measure possible not to leave her drives up for question.

General: Stewards questioned drivers J Duggan (BONNY MY BOY) and O Weidenbach (PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ) together with concession driver advocate Mr N Webberley into the reason why PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ broke gait leaving the 400 metres. Stewards after hearing evidence from all parties and reviewing the official race footage, laid a charge of careless driving against driver Duggan, alleging his movement out into the three-wide line at that point was careless, as it brought his sulky wheel out toward the hind legs of PUNTARNO STRIDE which resulted in that gelding breaking gait, dropping back sharply and check trailing runners. Driver Duggan pled guilty to the charge, however sited some extenuating circumstances regarding BONNY MY BOY’s racing characteristics. Stewards after considering all the circumstances fined driver Duggan \$300. Stewards in imposing the fine took into consideration the totality of the incident, driver Duggan’s guilty plea, his good record and the manner he conducted himself throughout the inquiry.

RACE 5 – FIND US ON FACEBOOK STAKES – 2200m Mobile

FEARLESS STRIDE – Broke gait during score-up, checking another runner, obliging the starter to declare a false start. As a result of this indiscretion, FEARLESS STRIDE will now be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events. Tired badly over the concluding stages, as the gelding had been given a final warning in this regard, FEARLESS STRIDE was stood down from racing until satisfactorily completing one (1) barrier trial.

KIAVINO STRIDE – Raced wide mid-race to be positioned leading the one-out line, gave ground over the concluding stages.

General: Stewards questioned driver N Ford over the tactics adopted on, and the overall performance of KIAVINO STRIDE. Driver Ford stated that he believed if he worked forward from the rear of the field, he could secure the position outside the leader, as SHOOIN, which had been caught racing wide for the first 600 metres, had raced forward to be positioned leading the one-out line, and he anticipated would be looking for cover. Driver Ford was able to complete this manoeuvre, with KIAVINO STRIDE placed outside the leader near the 1200 metres. However, once securing this position, KIAVINO STRIDE had no respite, as MILLIES CREATION NZ was allowed to run along in the lead by its driver, setting a solid tempo throughout, this had an adverse effect on KIAVINO STRIDE, resulting in the gelding giving ground over the final stages. Driver Ford's evidence was noted.

RACE 6 – TASSIE WASH FREE-FOR-ALL – 2200m Mobile

LYNRYD SKYNRYD NZ – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

AHA REACTION NZ – Raced roughly after the start when being restrained.

RACE 7 – STACEY LEAR PHOTOGRAPHY PACE – 2200m Mobile

HEATHBERN BRUCE – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish.

NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ – Shifted ground late on the final turn resulting in its sulky wheel striking markers.

SCOTLYNN BEACH NZ – Will continue to be drawn on the extreme outside in mobile start events after failing to fill its allotted position behind the mobile gate.

RACE 8 – 6TY BANDBOX HEAT 2 – 2200m Mobile

General: Drivers T Rattray and R Ashwood were reprimanded for talking once on the track [AHR Rule 162 (1)(c)].

General: Driver R Ashwood was reprimanded for failing to trail in the correct position for approximately 200 metres, leaving the 1600 metres point.

RACE 9 – NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS GLOBE DERBY HEAT 2 – 2200m Mobile

General: Drivers G Rattray, C Castles, R Hillier and J Walters were reprimanded for talking once on the track [AHR Rule 162 (1)(c)].

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

RACE 10 – SUNRISE BAKERY PACE – 1680m Mobile

No Racing Incidents.

Supplementary: The following trainers were fined \$100 for starting runners with incorrect gear: B Yole, K Butler, T Langley and R Hillier. Stewards in issuing fines took into account the number of horses that were presented with incorrect gear and/or that the trainers had been spoken to of recent times with regard to incorrect gear. A further 12 trainers were reprimanded for presenting runners with incorrect gear [AHR Rule 273(6)(b)].

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	Race	Details	AHR Rule
Suspensions:		NIL	
Fines:	4	J Duggan; \$300 – Careless Driving	168(1)(a)
		B Yole; \$100 – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		K Butler; \$100 – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		T Langley; \$100 – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		R Hillier; \$100 – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
Reprimands:	4	N Ford – Talking on Track	162(1)(c)
	4	O Weidenbach – Talking on Track	162(1)(c)
	4	D Ford – Talking on Track	162(1)(c)
	8	T Rattray – Talking on Track	162(1)(c)
	8	R Ashwood – Talking on Track	162(1)(c)
	8	R Ashwood – Trail Incorrectly	163(3)
	9	G Rattray – Talking on Track	162(1)(c)
	9	C Castles – Talking on Track	162(1)(c)
	9	R Hillier – Talking on Track	162(1)(c)
	9	J Walters – Talking on Track	162(1)(c)
		S Gangell – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		T Rattray – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		R Hadley – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		T Madden – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		T Hillier – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		K Pratten – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		J McKenzie – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		S Lukac – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		R Ashwood – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)

		K MacLeod – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		L Rand – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
		W Yole – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
Horse Actions:	3	MELFIELD LADY – ODM	
	5	FEARLESS STRIDE – ODM	
	5	FEARLESS STRIDE – SD 1 Trial (PP)	
	9	FIVEFORTY – BMD	
Pre-race Swabs: 10	1	DUKES CHOICE	
	2	IYLAC PAKARIA	
	3	INDI AIR TONIGHT & WILD RUMMY	
	4	LETSGOBRO	
	5	MILLIES CREATION NZ	
	6	VILLACCI	
	8	IDEN LADY LINCOLN	
	9	NYACK	
	10	DONTPUSHMEBUTTONS	
Post-race Swabs: 10		ALL WINNERS	
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:		NIL	