

# **STEWARDS REPORT**

Club:	Burnie Harness Racing Club
Date:	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair)
	R Brown (Panel/Data)
	M Castillo (Panel)
	C Ellson (Inspections)
	E O'Sign (Cadet) (Inspections Assist)
	B Hine (Swabs)
	M Robinson (Swabs Assist)
Officials:	A Emery (Starter)
	Dr G Kaiser (Veterinarian)
	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers)

# RACE 1 – SANTA CLAUSE IS COMING PACE – 1892m Stand

**WHATTA GOOD REASON** – Placed on its last chance in the draw, in races conducted under standing start conditions, after galloping away at the start.

**STYLISH TREND NZ** – Placed on its last chance in the draw, in races conducted under standing start conditions, after rearing at the start and galloping away. Tended to hang in. Raced rough under pressure leaving the back straight on the final occasion.

TAXI METER - Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

**RAMBUNCTIOUS** – Over-raced when racing in behind the leader.

**ON MY OATH** – Hung in on the final turn, resulting in its sulky wheel striking markers.

**DAPPER NZ** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw, in races conducted under standing start conditions after galloping away at the start.

**General**: Trainer B Yole was fined \$100 for presenting WHATTA GOOD REASON to race in incorrect gear [AHR Rule 273(6)(b)].

#### RACE 2 – LIZA STORM – 2180m Mobile

**IMA MAKO** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in races conducted under mobile start conditions after breaking gait as the start was effected.

**BLING ON NIADH** – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under mobile start conditions after breaking mid-way through the score-up.

THE MIGHTY DOC - Inconvenienced after the start due to IMA MAKO breaking gait.

**WALK ON PHOENIX** – Checked after the start due to IMA MAKO breaking gait. Pulled up with 1000 metres remaining. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary examination, which failed to detect any obvious abnormalities. WALK ON PHOENIX was subsequently stood down for a period of two (2) weeks and before returning to racing WALK ON PHOENIX must trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

#### RACE 3 – LADBROKES TACING CLUB PACE – 2180m Mobile

**CARDINAL SIN NZ** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in races conducted under mobile start conditions after breaking gait as the start was effected.

**BLACKJACK JIM** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in races conducted under mobile start conditions after breaking gait as the start was effected. Hung out leaving the 500 metres, shifted up the track and contacted the sulky wheel of CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ, damaging its wheel.

**IM QUITE AMERICAN** – Checked on the first turn with CADINAL SIN NZ and BLACKJACK JIM galloping. Shifted ground sharply when leading the one-out line near the 1500 metres, driver VanDongen was able to return IM QUITE AMERICAN back to this position, without causing any inconvenience to other runners.

**SMILE LYLE** – Severely checked midway through the first turn due to the galloping CARDINAL SIN NZ. As a result of this incident, where there was a locking of wheels, driver T Ford was momentarily dislodged from her sulky seat.

**CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ** – Checked on the first turn with CADINAL SIN NZ and BLACKJACK JIM galloping. Suffered a damaged wheel passing the 500 metres when BLACKJACK JIM hung out and struck its sulky.

**CHRIS BE QUICK** – Checked on the first turn with CADINAL SIN NZ and BLACKJACK JIM galloping. Inconvenienced when CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ shifted away from markers approaching the winning post with one lap remaining. Stewards in assessing this incident were of the opinion that CHRIS BE QUICK had, despite the efforts of its driver, shifted out for a short distance with the gelding appearing to follow ROCK ON PLAYBOY out, which had begun a three-wide move at the time. This move allowed room for CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ to shift at the time. Completed the event with broken blinkers, this too may have contributed to CHRIS BE QUICK shifting ground.

**ROCK ON PLAYBOY** – Checked on the first turn with CADINAL SIN NZ and BLACKJACK JIM galloping.

**General**: Stewards questioned driver N Ford into whether, or not, he drove CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ out fully to the line. Stewards after hearing from driver Ford and reviewing the official race footage gave the benefit of the doubt to driver Ford on this occasion as he had carried a damaged sulky wheel from the 500 metres and it had begun to foul approaching the winning post, also that on review of the race footage it showed he restrained on the line and not before. Stewards did, however, strongly remind driver Ford of his obligations regarding fully driving out to the finish and not to leave his drives open to question.

## RACE 4 – NORTH WEST PLATE HEAT ONE – 2180m Stand

**KENYA NZ** – Placed on its last chance in the draw, in races conducted under standing start conditions, after galloping away at the start.

MAJOR DAVVIN – Tended to hang in when wide on the track.

**MAJOR GENERALJUJON** – Placed on its last chance in the draw, in races conducted under standing start conditions, after galloping away at the start.

#### RACE 5 – FRANK CRAWFORD MEMORIAL PACE – 2180m Mobile

**EIPPERMILL** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after breaking gait in the early stages of the score-up, resulting in it being well out of position at the start. Contacted and damaged the sulky wheel of FORBIDDEN JEWEL NZ entering the back straight on the final occasion resulting in that mare being pulled up out of the event.

**FORBIDDEN JEWEL NZ** – Pulled up out of the event with a damaged sulky wheel after being struck by EIPPERMILL entering the back straight on the final occasion.

**General**: Driver H Szczypka, (EIPPERMILL) was fined \$100 for carelessly shifting ground entering the back straight on the final occasion resulting in EIPPERMILL striking and damaging the sulky wheel of FORBIDDEN JEWEL NZ [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)]

#### RACE 6 - NORTH WEST PLATE HEAT TWO - 2180m Stand

**MAYLEEJAE EAGLE** – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

**TERROR THE CHRISTIAN NZ** – Placed on its last chance in the draw, in races conducted under standing start conditions, after galloping away at the start.

## RACE 7 – HAPPY 80TH P.MOORE STAKES – 2180m Stand

**EQUITY STRIDE** – Placed on its last chance in the draw, in races conducted under standing start conditions, after galloping away at the start.

**ISOLATION** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw, in races conducted under standing start conditions, after galloping away at the start.

**PROFICIENT NZ** – Raced rough when being eased on the first turn, this resulted in its sulky being struck from behind by BRIGADIERS SON NZ.

**BRIGADIERS SON NZ** – Inconvenienced on the first turn when PROFICIENT NZ raced rough and dropped back quickly. Under pressure once eased wide to improve leaving the 800 metres, giving ground to be beaten in excess of 60metres. A post-race Veterinary examination failed to detect any obvious abnormalities. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and as such stood BRIGADIERS SON NZ down from racing until satisfactorily completing one (1) qualifying trial. Stewards in imposing this embargo were mindful of BRIGADIERS SON NZ's recent racing performances.

**WINDY HANOVER** – Reinstated in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after satisfying ORI reinclusion requirements.

#### RACE 8 – ROD GLOVER LEGAL STAKES – 2180m Stand

**MAJOR MUCHA** – Placed on its last chance in the draw, in races conducted under standing start conditions, after galloping away at the start.

**ITS SUPER EASY NZ** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw, in races conducted under standing start conditions, after galloping away at the start and continuing to do so for some considerable distance, effectively taking no competitive part in the event.

**OUR RUBY ROSE** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw, in races conducted under standing start conditions, after galloping away at the start.

GUY LOOKS GOOD - Tended to hang in.

**SLINGSHOT** – Hung in on the final turn when racing tight in between runners, before breaking gait. Placed on its last chance to race truly.

**MACH ANGELO** – Reinstated in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after satisfying ORI reinclusion requirements.

#### Supplementary: Corey Bell Inquiry Tuesday 5th December 2023

Stewards inquired into a report from Mrs Leanne Purdon, Licensing & Registration Officer with the Office of Racing Integrity, where she alleged she had been spoken to improperly during two telephone conversations by licensee Corey Bell. Stewards took evidence from Corey Bell, and his witnesses Ms Alannah Logie, (his partner) and Mrs Gaye Logie. Stewards also heard from Leanne Purdon's husband John Purdon, all claiming to have overheard the conversation. Stewards after considering all the evidence as presented, charged Mr Bell under the provisions of AHR Rule 231(2), alleging he had misconducted himself through the inappropriate manner he spoke to Mrs Purdon, of special concern was the fact Mr Bell after the initial conversation, then called Mrs Purdon again shortly after, and again spoke to her inappropriately. Mr Bell pleaded not guilty, however Stewards found him guilty as charged, and after hearing submissions on penalty, fined him the sum of \$1000. Stewards further directed that \$750 of the penalty to be fully suspended for a period of 2 years. Mr Bell was reminded of his right of appeal.

	Race	Details	AHR Rule
Suspensions: 0		NIL	
Fines: 3	N/A	Corey Bell; <b>\$1000</b> (\$750 wholly suspended for 24 months) – Misconduct	231(2)
	1	Ben Yole; <b>\$100</b> – Incorrect Gear	273(6)(b)
	5	Heath Szczypka; <b>\$100</b> – Careless Driving	168(1)(a)

#### **RACE MEETING SUMMARY**

Reprimands: 0		NIL
Horse Action: 12	1	DAPPER NZ – ODS
	2	IMA MAKO – ODM
	2	WALK ON PHOENIX – SD 2 Weeks & 1 Trial
	3	CARDINAL SIN NZ – ODM
	3	BLACKJACK JIM – ODM
	7	ISOLATION - ODS
	7	BRIGADIERS SON NZ – ODS
	7	BRIGADIERS SON NZ – SD 1 Trial
	7	WINDY HANOVER – BSD
	8	ITS SUPER EASY NZ – ODS
	8	OUR RUBY ROSE – ODS
	8	MACH ANGELO – BSD
Pre-race Swabs: 6	1	WHATTA GOOD REASON
	2	OUR SHAKALAKA
	3	ALBERIO
	4	LOYOLA TRIOS
	5	SCARLET PLACE
	8	ITS SUPER EASY NZ
Post-race Swabs: 10		ALL WINNERS
	1	RAMBUNCTIOUS (Blood)
	2	WALK ON PHOENIX (Urine)
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries: 0		NIL