

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Launceston Pacing Club
Date:	Sunday 17 th December 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair) R Brown (Panel/Data) C Ellson (Inspection Assist/ Swab Assist) D Luttrell (Inspections) M Robinson (Swabs)
Officials:	A Emery (Starter) Dr R Blackwell (Veterinarian) Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers)

RACE 1 – SAMPAN TWO YEAR OLD STAKES – 1680m MS

DISCARDED DESTINY – Having its first registered race start. Slightly back from its allotted barrier position.

GLENWOOD BEAUTY – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

PEPPER STRIDE – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

FAMILY REASONS – Tended to over-race.

RACE 2 – LOGAN DERBY STAKES – 2200m MS

SEANNAFAIR – Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 60 metres.

LADY STRIDE – Over-raced in the middle stages.

RACE 3 – BETTY LEE PACE – 2200m MS

HELANSIN – Tired significantly over the concluding stages beaten in excess of 50 metres. Stewards after considering the HELANSIN's recent racing performances, stood the gelding down from racing until completing two (2) consecutive qualifying trials.

YEAH SOPHIE NZ – A last start winner, tired significantly over the final stages, beaten in excess of 50 metres. A post-race Veterinary inspection failed to find any obvious abnormalities. At a subsequent inquiry, trainer M Jones expressed his disappointment with YEAH SOPHIE NZ's performance, indicating he would be having Veterinary work, including blood assessment carried out in the coming days. Trainer Jones also indicated that YEAH SOPHIE NZ appears to be best suited racing forward rather from the rear as it did on this occasion. Trainer Jones was instructed to monitor YEAH SOPHIE NZ over the ensuing days and if anything comes to light, either in the stable, or through the Veterinary work, which may explain the inconsistent performance they were to contact the Office of Racing at their earliest convenience.

SERENGETI SUNRISE – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in mobile start events after breaking during the score-up resulting in the gelding failing to fill its allotted position at the start. Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait free of interference near the 1900 metres.

General: Stewards delayed the 'all-clear' at the request of the second placed driver M Ford (JUSTIFY) so as to allow him the opportunity, along with the connections, to review both he run to the finish and the official photo finish. On review, no objections were lodged, and as such the 'all-clear' was declared on the judge's numbers 7-4-9-3-5.

RACE 4 – SHIRLEY MARTIN MOTHER OF PEARL – 2200m MS

JUDES MY LIFE – Momentarily raced rough when tightened for racing room entering the final turn when MISS PAPENHUYZEN hung in. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

MOST PERFECT MAJOR – Gave ground over the concluding stages.

SPOOKY GIRL – Tightened for racing room entering the final turn when MISS PAPENHUYZEN hung in.

MODERN POWER – Gave ground over the concluding stages.

MISS PAPENHUYZEN – Raced wide from the 900 metres. Hung in on entering the final turn.

RACE 5 – LADBROKES IT! PACE – 21200m MS

WILL HE PIKE – Hung in under pressure approaching the 200 metres, tightening runners to its inside.

AHA REACTION NZ – Tightened for racing room approaching the 200 metres when WILL HE PIKE hung in, resulting in a locking of wheels with CULLENBURN NZ, which was racing between these two runners. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection where it was found to have a rub abrasion to it off knee from its knee boot.

LETSGOBRO – Tightened for racing room racing into the first turn due to general race movement. Hung in leaving the 300 metres and then disappointed for clear running, resulting in gelding momentarily racing roughly.

CULLENBURN NZ – Tightened for racing room approaching the 200 metres when WILL HE PIKE hung in, resulting in a locking of wheels with AHA REACTION NZ, which was racing to its inside.

KHAKI NUI NZ – Disappointed for clear running over the concluding stages, where it tended to hang out.

RACE 6 – DOUG MARTIN DANBURY PARK CUP – 2698m SS

COLBY SANZ – Contacted its own sulky with its hind legs causing it to over-race to the point driver B Rattray was unable to restrain it. With this being the case COLBY SANZ was

moved inside the line of the marker pegs, progressing forward, and once clear of the field, eased wide to the outside of the track, before being pulled up out of the event. Stewards, although acknowledging the sulky contact, deemed the performance unacceptable and as such stood COLBY SANZ down from racing until satisfactorily completing one (1) qualifying trial.

RICK REILLY NZ – Placed on its last chance in the draw after galloping away once the strands were released.

CHECK IN NZ – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

YOUNG ROOSTER – Tired significantly over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 110 metres. A subsequent Veterinary examination failed to find any obvious abnormalities. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and as such stood YOUNG ROOSTER down from racing until satisfactorily completing one (1) qualifying trial.

BEAT CITY – Placed on its last chance in the draw after rearing at the start, and swinging sideways, before pacing away.

SUNNY SANZ – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

JIMMY THE IRISHMAN NZ – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

VILLACCI – Checked passing the 400 metres when YOUNG ROOSTER dropped back through the field and raced roughly after brushing its wheel.

General: Stewards delayed the 'all-clear' to confirm or otherwise whether BEAT CITY had been denied a fair start, as driver Alex Ashwood was of the belief that he was not on the course proper when the starter released the strands. On review Stewards were satisfied that BEAT CITY had in fact been in its allotted position and as such the 'all-clear' was given on the judge's number 13-4-11-6-14.

RACE 7 – MERRY CHRISTMAS STAKES – 1680m MS

STARVIN MARVIN NZ – Back from its allotted position at the start, driver D Ford was reprimanded for failing to maintain his position until the start was effected [AHR Rule 162(1)(j)].

GRIZZLY MONTANA – Checked and broke gait near the 100 metres when STARVIN MARVIN NZ moved wider on the track.

General: Stewards questioned drivers A Collins, (GRIZZLY MONTANA) and D Ford, (STARVIN MARVIN NZ) into the reason why GRIZZLY MONTANA broke gait near the 100 metres. Stewards after hearing from the drivers and reviewing the official race footage charged driver Ford for careless driving, in that his movement wider on the track resulted in GRIZZLY MONTANA being checked before breaking gait was careless. Driver Ford pleaded guilty to the charge, and after hearing submissions on penalty, which included highlighting some mitigation, Stewards fined him the sum of \$200 [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

RACE 8 – GOING SOUTH PACE – 2200m MS

HEZ A FAKE – Broke gait free of interference shortly after the start, as such, HEZ A FAKE will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection, HEZ A FAKE was found to have a laceration to its near-fore coronet.

TURQUOISE STRIDE – Inconvenienced when held up for clear running on the final turn.

RACE 9 – LU RAIDER PACE – 2200m MS

GYPSY AMOUR – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish. On approaching the winning post shifted back down the track tightening the racing room of NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ and to a lesser extent SHARMEY.

LORD VERDE NZ – Hung in leaving the back straight on the final occasion and locked wheels with THE GENERAL NZ.

SNEAKY PEAK – Began well and lead the event. Under pressure leaving the back straight on the final occasion, beaten in excess of 50 metres. A post-race Veterinary inspection found some issues with its stifles, but no lameness was detected. On questioning, connections expressed their disappointment with the performance of SNEAKY PEAK adding they were at a loss for an explanation. Further, connections indicated it would be their intention to have further Veterinary work carried out on SNEAKY PEAK in the ensuing days to help ascertain a reason for the performance and agreed to supply the Office of Racing with any relevant details. Stewards, although concerned with the performance, acknowledged this was an irregularity with regard to the geldings performances and as such took no action other than to note the circumstances.

THE GENERAL NZ – Tightened when LORD VERDE NZ hung in, resulting in a locking of wheels.

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

NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ – Checked in the final stages of the home straight when GYPSY AMOUR shifted in.

SHARMEY – Inconvenienced in the final stages of the home straight when GYPSY AMOUR shifted in.

DEADLY ASSASSIN – Inconvenienced near the 400 metres when LORD VERDE NZ and THE GENERAL NZ locked wheels, stalling their momentum.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	Race	Details	AHR Rule
Suspensions:		NIL	
Fines:	7	Dylan FORD; \$200 – Careless Driving	168(1)(a)
Reprimands:	7	Dylan FORD – Fail to maintain position on gate	162(1)(j)
Horse Action:	3	HELANSIN – Stood Down 2 Trials (PP)	
	6	COLBY SANZ – Stood Down 1 Trial (RF, PU)	
	6	YOUNG ROOSTER – Stood Down 1 Trial (PP)	
	8	HEZ A FAKE – ODM	
Pre-race Swabs: 10	1	CALL HER BETTY	

	2	BETTER KISS ME, KELLYS DELIGHT	
	3	JUSTIFY	
	4	ALL BY MYSELF NZ	
	6	SUNNY SANZ, JIMMY THE IRISHMAN NZ	
	7	SHARKBITE ALTO	
	8	SWEET AMOUR	
	9	SNEAKY PEAK, THE GENERAL NZ	
Post-race Swabs: 9		ALL WINNERS	
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:		NIL	