

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	St Marys Pacing Club
Date:	Monday 1 st January 2024
Weather:	Fine
Track	Good
Stewards Panel:	J. Gleeson (Chair) R. Brown (Panel/data) C. Ellson (Data Assist/ Inspections Assist) E. O'Sign (Cadet) (Inspections) M. Robinson (Swabbing)
Officials:	A. Emery (Starter) Dr. J McKenna (Veterinarian) Medical Edge (Medical Provider)

RACE 1 – 6YT COUNTRY GUINEAS – 1810 Metres Stand

BIG TIME FOREST - swung sideways at the start and has been placed on its last chance in the standing start draw.

MALLEN - contacted then jumped a marker peg as the field raced towards the home turn on the first occasion. A warning has been issued to this gelding.

OUR SHAKALAKA - broke shortly after the start and has been placed on its last chance in the standing start draw.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS - broke gait going over the crossing as the field raced out of the home straight. This gelding has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

MACARIA - contacted a number of marker pegs during the run.

RACE 2 – HARRIS FUNERALS ST HELENS STAKES – 1810 Metres Stand

ROCKS ROY - underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after it reared and fell in the pre-race circle . The gelding was declared a late scratching at 1.32 pm on veterinary advice. All wagers were refunded and deductions were ordered as follows.

1st JUNIPER 26 cents win

2nd VELOCITY STRIDE 25 cents place

3rd MAJOR MUCHA 19 cents place

GUY LOOKS GOOD - galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the standing start draw.

SLINGSHOT - galloped out and has been placed out of the draw in future standing start events.

CAPTAIN COSMONAUT - galloped out and will continue to be out of the draw in future standing start events.

JUNIPER - was inconvenienced shortly after the start and subsequently locked wheels with the galloping **CAPTAIN COSMONAUT**.

MAJOR MUCHA - was inconvenienced and broke shortly after the start before working to the lead.

CAPTAIN COSMONAUT - broke in running and has been placed on his last chance to race truly.

Stewards inquired into the reason for **GUY LOOKS GOOD** (R Walters) racing inside marker pegs and racing roughly around the first turn. After taking evidence from drivers R Walters (**GUY LOOKS GOOD**) and D Ford (**MACH ANGELO**) it was established that as **MACH ANGELO** was restraining into a position behind the leader **GUY LOOKS GOOD** was improving along the inside and the overall pace in the race slowed significantly causing Mr. Walters to check his horse and move inside the marker peg line and race roughly. Stewards were of the opinion that neither driver was fully responsible for the incident and no action was taken other than reminding both drivers of their obligations when shifting ground.

RACE 3 – ST HELENS MITRE 10 STAKES – 1810 Metres Stand

TOP HANOVER - galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

REBEL WITH A GRIN NZ - galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

KIAVINO STRIDE - galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

KENYA - galloped out and has been placed out of the draw in future standing start events.

ALAPHILIPPE - momentarily inconvenienced when the pace eased racing into the side section of the track.

OUR BALOU - pulled hard at various stages of this event, before being held up for clear racing room.

TOP HANOVER - underwent a post-race veterinary examination after giving ground over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 46 metres. No abnormalities were detected.

RACE 4 – GAZZMANS ST HELENS – 1810m Metres Stand.

RAMBUNCTIOUS - broke gear during the preliminaries. The start was delayed for approximately 5 minutes to allow for a gear change on this gelding.

HOT EMBERS - fractious before the start.

SPORTY FRANK - fractious before the start.

SMILE LYLE - galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

WHATTA GOOD REASON - was checked and broke shortly after the start by the galloping **SMILE LYLE**.

STALEY - has been placed back in the standing start draw.

WHATTA GOOD REASON - underwent a post-race veterinary examination after tiring to be beaten in excess of 83 metres. No abnormalities were detected and WHATTA GOOD REASON has been placed on its last chance to race competitively.

Stewards questioned driver N Ford (WHATTA GOOD REASON) on its performance. Mr. Ford was of the opinion the gelding had difficulty handling track conditions and could offer no other reasons for what he believed to be a disappointing run.

RACE 5 – PETER WOMBAT WILSON MEMORIAL STAKES – 1810 Metres Stand

UPSIZE ME - galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the draw in future standing start events.

ALEXIS ROCKET - galloped out and has been placed out of the draw in future standing starts.

LETSPLAYUNI - galloped out and has been placed out of the draw in future standing starts.

COOL SCOOTER NZ - broke free of interference and has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

Driver N Ford (WHERE YA BIN) was fined the sum of \$200 after pleading guilty to a charge under AHRR 163(1)(b)(i) subject to AHRR 164 in that as the field raced down the back section of the track, he elected to shift out into a three wide position when insufficiently clear of JACKSON NEPTUNE (C Castles) causing that gelding to race four wide just prior to the ease out pole. In determining penalty Stewards took into consideration the impact of the shift on JACKSON NEPTUNE and its very close proximity to the ease out pole.

Driver C Castles (JACKSON NEPTUNE) pleaded guilty to a charge under AHRR 163(1)(a)(iii) in that as the field raced towards the home turn, he allowed his drive to shift down the track and contact WHERE YA BIN (N Ford) causing that gelding to break gait. Mr. Castles driver licence has been suspended for a period of two race dates from midnight 1 January 2024 until midnight 7 January 2024. In determining penalty Stewards took into consideration Mr. Castles very good record under his rule and his early guilty plea.

RACE 6 – ERIC BEAN MEMORIAL ST MARYS CUP – 2685 Metres Stand

As the field raced out of the home straight on the first occasion ROSSINI (Todd Rattray), which was racing in a four wide position and commencing to shift down the track to sit one wide, attempted to jump the crossing and in consequence knuckled on landing falling across the track, dislodging Mr Rattray who contacted the sulky of GORDIEVSY LEIS before landing heavily on the track.

As a consequence, Brodie Davis (BOLD CENTURIAN), Mark Yole (ANDAMAN BAY), made contact with ROSSINI before falling and dislodging both drivers, and severely checking PUNTARNO STRIDE (Nathan Ford) who was racing in a three wide position to their outside. DENWEN DANCER (Dylan Ford) despite the efforts of its driver also contacted the fallen horses, dislodging its driver.

ROCKANDAHARDPLACE who was following ANDAMAN BAY contacted that horse before falling and causing driver Gareth Rattray to be thrown from the sulky and land heavily on the track.

CHECK IN NZ (Mitch Ford) despite the efforts of its driver attempted to jump the fallen horses, dislodging its driver who also fell heavily onto the track.

Drivers Gareth Rattray, Mark Yole, Mitch Ford, Brodie Davis, and Todd Rattray were assessed post-race by on-track medical professionals. Mark Yole and Gareth Rattray were subsequently transported to hospital via ambulance and Brodie Davis attended hospital by private conveyance to seek medical treatment.

The outcome of the medical assessments were:

1. Gareth Rattray has been stood down from driving for a period of twelve days in line with Tasracing Harness Driver Concussion Policy (Jan 2022). Additionally, Mr Rattray will be stood down pending a medical clearance.
2. Mark Yole has been stood down from driving for a period of twelve days in line with Tasracing Harness Driver Concussion Policy (Jan 2022). Additionally, Mr Yole will be stood down pending a medical clearance.
3. Todd Rattray, Mitch Ford and Brodie Davis were stood down pending medical clearances.

ANDAMAN BAY underwent a post-race veterinary examination and no abnormalities could be detected. However, trainer Ben Yole has advised Stewards that this gelding had received post-meeting veterinary care for a minor injury. Resultantly ANDAMAN BAY has been stood down from racing until the receipt of a veterinary clearance.

ROCKANDAHARDPLACE - underwent a post-race veterinary examination and no abnormalities could be detected.

CHECK IN NZ - underwent a post-race veterinary examination and no abnormalities could be detected.

This race, and the remaining race was subsequently abandoned.

RACE 7 – SKA ELECTRICAL STAKES – 1810 Metres Stand

Race abandoned.

Suspensions:	R5 – C Castles – AHRR 163(1)(a)(iii) – cause interference – two race dates. Midnight 1 Jan 2024 until Midnight 7 Jan 2024.
Fines:	R5 – N Ford – AHRR 163(1)(b)(i) – force another runner wider on the track - \$200
Reprimands:	NIL
Horse Actions:	R2 – CAPTAIN COSMONAUT – CODS R2 – SLINGSHOT - ODS R3 – KENYA NZ– ODS R4 – STALEY – BSD R5 – ALEXIS ROCKET NZ – ODS R5 – LETSPLAYUNI – ODS R6 – ANDAMAN BAY - SDVC

Pre-race Swabs: 5	R2 – SLINGSHOT R3 – STARVIN MARVIN NZ R4 - WHATTA GOOD REASON R5 – JACKSON NEPTUNE R6 – DENWEN DANCER
Post-race Swabs: 5	ALL WINNERS
General:	The following drivers are required to provide medical certificates prior to driving: T Rattray M Yole G Rattray M Ford B Davis
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:	NIL

Jeremy Gleeson