

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Burnie Harness Racing Club
Date:	Sunday January 21 st , 2024
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair) M Castillo (Panel) R Brown (Data/Panel) G Griffin (Inspections), E O'Sign (Cadet) (Inspections) M Robinson (Swabs)
Officials:	A Emery (Starter) Dr G Kaiser (Veterinarian) Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers)

RACE 1 – BURNIE HARNESS RACING CLUB STAKES – 2180m Stand

LANOCH BOY – Placed on its last chance in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

MISTER FINNIGAN – Will be excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

COOL SCOOTER – Stepped away well to lead the event where it tendered to over-race.

BIGJIMVALENTINE – Placed on its last chance in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner. Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait free of interference near the 1000.

GOBSMACKED – Re-handicapped to start off 20m due to an increase of its National Rating (NR) via its win on Friday, 19th January, 2024, at Hobart. Raced three-wide mid-race, to be positioned leading the one-out line with two laps remaining.

General: Stewards delayed the 'all-clear' at the request of connections on MISTER FINNIGAN to review the official race footage of the start. On review connections had no objections and as such, Stewards declared 'all-clear' on the judge's numbers 5-8-2-4-1.

RACE 2 – BURNIE TROPHY CENTRE STAKES – 1892m Stand

OZZIE MAJOR – Placed on its last chance in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner. Over-raced whilst leading the one-out line.

HOT EMBERS – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in races conducted under standing start conditions after delaying the start through busting through the barrier tapes and then galloping away at the re-start.

WHATTA GOOD REASON – Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait free of interference near the 1600.

General: Stewards delayed the 'all-clear' to review the start to ascertain whether SPORTY FRANK had been denied a fair start. On review, and after taking evidence from driver D Ford (SPORTY FRANK) along with race starter Mr A Emery, Stewards deemed SPORTY FRANK was in fact denied a fair start as it was not facing forward when the start was effected and somewhat inconvenienced due to NINE DIAMONDS being slow to fill its allotted position. Subsequently, SPORTY FRANK was declared a non-runner. An announcement was made to this effect which included the following betting deductions, 7cents in the win and 7 cents the place.

RACE 3 – LADBROKES RACING CLUB PACE – 2180m Mobile

CASCADE STRIDE – Inconvenienced entering the back straight on the final occasion when JUDES MY LIFE began to weaken. Failed to run on over the final stages, beaten in excess of 70 metres. A subsequent Veterinary inspection failed to detect any obvious abnormalities. Stewards gave the benefit of the doubt to CASCADE STRIDE considering the inconvenience suffered and took no action other than to place it on its last chance to race competitively.

JUDES MY LIFE – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after breaking in the score-up, obliging the starter to declare a false start. Tired badly after leading, to be beaten in excess of 90 metres. A subsequent Veterinary inspection failed to detect any obvious abnormalities. On questioning, trainer O Weidenbach claimed JUDES MY LIFE did not handle the tight Burnie track and stated she would not race the mare at Burnie again. Stewards accepted Ms Weidenbach's undertakings however deemed the performance below the required standard, particularly as a winner of its last two(2) starts, and as such stood JUDES MY LIFE down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial.

LAID BACK KENNY – Inconvenienced entering the back straight on the final occasion when JUDES MY LIFE weakened. Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

SHARMEY – Tendered to over-race mid-race, when the pace of the race eased.

RACE 4 – ENVOGUE MODELLING & EVENTS PACE – 1680m Mobile

GOING GREAT GUNS – Checked and broke racing into the first turn.

HORRIE OTARA – Shifted in shortly after the start and again racing into the first turn, resulting in GOING GREAT GUNS being checked.

VIGOROSO NZ – Inconvenienced in the home straight with a little over one lap remaining when HORRIE OTARA was eased away from the marker peg line.

General: Stewards questioned driver R Walters (GOING GREAT GUNS) and H VanDongen (HORRIE OTARA) into the reason why GOING GREAT GUNS broke gait entering the first turn. Stewards, after taking evidence from the drivers, reviewing the official race footage and considering their own observations, charged driver VanDongen for “crossing” with HORRIE OTARA, resulting in GOING GREAT GUNS being checked and breaking gait. Driver VanDongen pled guilty to the charge and after considering her guilty plea and her good record in this regard, Stewards suspended driver VanDongen licence to drive for two(2) race meetings. It was noted because of this incident, CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ, TURQUOISE STRIDE and BRIAN WHO were all checked resulting in these geldings breaking gait, in addition, VIGOROSO NZ was checked losing valuable ground [AHR Rule 163(1)(a)(i)].

General: Driver H VanDongen (HORRIE OTARA) was fined \$200 through her movement wider on the track prior to the ease out marker which hindered the running of VIGOROSO NZ (G Rattray) [AHR Rule 162(1)(www)(b)].

RACE 5 – NORM BRITTON MEMORIAL STAKES – 1892m Stand

NURSE ANNA – Placed on its last chance in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner. Raced roughly throughout, ultimately breaking gait and beaten in excess of 110 metres. A subsequent Veterinary inspection found NURSE ANNA to have slight soreness over the lumber region. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and subsequently stood NURSE ANNA down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial. On questioning, trainer C Hayes stated that he would monitor NURSE ANNA’s post-race recovery and should any issues arise with the mare’s condition he would notify the Office of Racing Integrity at his earliest opportunity. Stewards accepted trainer Hayes’ undertakings.

BOLD CENTURIAN – Raced roughly after the start.

SALVATOR MUNDI – Will be excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

General: Stewards questioned driver B Davis into the reason why he shifted ground with SALVATOR MUNDI prior to entering the back straight final occasion. Driver Davis stated that at the time SALVATOR MUNDI was travelling well and as runners were progressing quickly to his outside he did not want to be held up for clear running, so he elected to ease wider, however once doing so, SALVATOR MUNDI was immediately under pressure. Driver Davis added, he was then unable to move back to the inside line as MAJOR LESTER had progressed up to his inside. Stewards noted the evidence as tendered by driver Davis.

RACE 6 – 7BU BURNIE CUP – 2789m Stand

JAMES CAGNEY NZ – Placed on its last chance in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner. Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 60 metres for which a warning was issued. Stewards in assessing this were mindful that JAMES CAGNEY NZ had worked wide mid-race to be positioned leading the one-wide line.

LETSGOBRO – Will be excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

YOUNG ROOSTER – Tired over the concluding stages and as a consequence was stood down from racing until satisfactorily completing two(2) consecutive qualifying trials. Stewards in assessing the embargo were mindful YOUNG ROOSTER was stood down two(2) starts previously for a similar performance.

CHECK IN NZ – Tired badly to be beaten in excess of 110 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary Inspection, where no abnormalities were detected. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and as such stood CHECK IN NZ down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial.

PUNTANO STRIDE NZ – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

RICK REILLY NZ – Tired badly to be beaten in excess of 100 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary Inspection, where no abnormalities were detected. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and as such stood RICK REILLY NZ down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial.

RACE 7 – LADBROKES COMMUNITIES PACE – 2180m Mobile

SWEET ARMOUR – Stood flat footed when the strands were released before swinging sideways and galloping away. SWEET ARMOUR was placed on its last chance in the draw. In assessing the start, Stewards were mindful of the delayed start due to OUR RUBY ROSE walking through the barrier strand. SWEET ARMOUR was also placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait, free of interference on the first turn.

OUR RUBY ROSE – Walked through the barrier strand when called forward by the starter, delaying the start. Swung sideways after the start was effected before galloping away. As a consequence of these indiscretions, OUR RUBY ROSE will be excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions.

ALBERIO – Checked after the start when OUR RUBY ROSE swung sideways.

MACHS MARETA NZ – Will be excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

ROCKS ROY – Inconvenienced after the start when horses drawn ahead of the gelding began poorly.

ROCKS ON PLAYBOY – Will be re-included in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after satisfying Office of Racing Integrity’s requirements.

RACE 8 – LADBROKES MATES MODE STAKES – 2180m Mobile

ROCKOWSROAD – Tired over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 100 metres. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and as such stood ROCKOWSROAD down until satisfactorily completing two(2) consecutive qualifying trials. Stewards in assessing the embargo were mindful ROCKOWSROAD was stood down two(2) starts previously for a below standard performance.

AH MACH – Inconvenienced in the home straight with a little over one lap remaining when REMEMBER ME NOW was eased away from the marker peg line.

TO THE LOOKOUT – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after giving ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 50 metres.

LIFEOFBRIAN NZ – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after giving ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 80 metres.

THE DEMOCRAT – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after giving ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 80 metres.

ONE OFF NZ – Tired badly to be beaten in excess of 120 metres. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and as such stood ONE OFF NZ down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial. Will be re-included in the barrier draw for races conducted under mobile start conditions after satisfying Office of Racing Integrity’s requirements.

General: Driver M Yole (REMEMBER ME NOW NZ) was fined \$200 through his movement wider on the track prior to the ease out marker which hindered the running of AH MACH NZ (R Walters) [AHR Rule 162(1)(www)(b)].

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	Race	Details	AHR Rule
Suspensions:	4	H VanDongen – 2 Meetings	163(1)(a)(i)
Fines:	4	H VanDongen – \$200 – Hindering	162(1)(www)(b)
	8	M Yole – \$200 – Hindering	162(1)(www)(b)
Reprimands:		Nil	

Horse Action:	1	MISTER FINNIGAN – ODS	
	2	SPORTY FRANK – Non Runner	
	3	JUDES MY LIFE – SD 1 Trial	
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	5	NURSE ANNA – SD 1 Trial	
	5	SALVATOR MUNDI – ODS	
	6	LETSGOBRO – ODS	
	6	YOUNG ROOSTER – SD 2 Trials	
	6	CHECK IN NZ – SD 1 Trial	
	6	RICK REILLY NZ – SD 1 Trial	
	7	OUR RUBY ROSE – ODS	
	7	MACHS MARETA NZ – ODS	
	7	ROCK ON PLAYNBOY – BSD	
	8	ROCKOWSROAD – SD 2 Trials	
	8	ONE OFF NZ – BMD	
	8	ONE OFF NZ – SD 1 Trial	
Pre-race Swabs	1	MISTER FINNIGAN	
	2	KARALTA DAZZLER	
	3	JUDES MY LIFE	
	4	BLACKJACK JIM	
	6	MESSERATI, JAMES CAGNEY & DENWEN DANCER	
Post-race Swabs:		ALL WINNERS	
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:			