

## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024</b>
<b>WEATHER</b>	<b>IMTERMITANT SHOWERS</b>
<b>TRACK</b>	<b>RAIN AFFECTED</b>
<b>STEWARDS PANEL</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>
	N Finnigan
	<b>PANEL</b>
	M Castillo C Ellson (Data)
	<b>INSPECTIONS</b>
	B Hine
	<b>SWAB</b>
	M Robinson
	<b>STARTER</b>
	A Emery
	<b>VETERNARIAN</b>
	Dr M Fitzgerald
	<b>MEDCAL PROVIDER</b>
	Medical Edge

*General: From approximately 4:00pm and for the next 30 minutes an electrical storm passed through the Launceston district. However, the storm cell had left by 4:45pm and the race meeting was able to progress as scheduled. Trainers were instructed to fit splash sheets and mudguards to all sulkies.*

### **RACE 1 – CHARTLEY ESTATE STAKES – 1680m Mobile**

**COLBY ART** – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

**RANIERI NZ** – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

**SMOOTH DEAL NZ** – Tightened for racing room and eased by its driver racing into the first turn.

*General: At the ‘Check-in’ M Ford, the driver of the second placed SMOOTH DEAL NZ, exercised his right, requesting the opportunity to view the official race footage as he had concerns with racing into the first turn. On review driver Ford lodged an official protest against the winner, GOBSMACKED (M Yole), alleging he suffered interference racing into the first turn when*

*GOBSMACKED* crossed down to the one-out line. Stewards, after taking evidence from both drivers, dismissed the protest, as the tightening to *SMOOTH DEAL NZ* was deemed to have been a result of general race movement, not specifically *GOBSMACKED*. Stewards subsequently declared 'all-clear on the judge's numbers 4-8-5-3-6.

### **RACE 2 – STACEY LEAR PHOTOGRAPHY PACE – 1680m Mobile**

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

**KOSYGIN LEIS** – Hung in on the final turn, and when corrected shifted out entering the home straight for the run to the finish.

### **RACE 3 – BEVAN LEE'S BUTCHERY STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**ALWAYSBEADY** – Failed to come up into position for the start. Driver R Hillier was fined \$100. In issuing this fine, Stewards, in assessing, were mindful driver Hillier had been reprimanded for failing to have his drive up and in position for the start, of recent times [AHR Rule 162(1)(h)].

**ROCK THE TABLEAU** – Held up for clear running until well into the home straight for the run to the finish.

### **RACE 4 – LEES ORCHARD PACE – 1680m Mobile**

**FLO JO CARVALHO** – Held up for clear running until well into the home straight for the run to the finish. Momentarily tightened on straightening resulting in a marker being struck.

**SWEET AMOUR** – Shifted out on straightening for the run to the finish and when corrected momentarily tightened **FLO JO CARVALHO**, which had been aimed up to take an inside run. This incident resulted in **FLO JO CARVALHO**'s sulky wheel striking a marker.

**KENYA NZ**– Raced wide from the 1100. Hung in leaving the back straight on the final occasion, bumping sulky wheels with **LALIBELA NZ**.

*General: Stewards delayed the 'all-clear' to review the official race footage of the early stages of the home straight for the run to the finish where FLO JO CARVALHO contacted markers. On review, no breach had occurred, and as such Stewards declared 'all-clear' on the judge's numbers 9-4-1-7-6.*

### **RACE 5 – 6TY STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**TASSIE DAZZLER** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after breaking gait shortly after the start.

**ULTIMATE MOD** – Over-raced and pulled hard resulting in driver T Rattray racing wide around the field mid-race, working to the lead. Under pressure from the 500, tired to be beaten approximately 50 metres. On questioning driver Rattray confirmed that **ULTIMATE MOD** pulled hard, and further stated he would look at gear changes to have the colt more tractable. Stewards accepted the undertakings of Mr Rattray, taking no action other than to place it on its last chance to race truly.

## **RACE 6 – LADBROKES ODDS SURGE STAKES – 2200m Stand**

**ROCKANDAHARDPLACE** – Shifted out under pressure, despite the efforts of its driver, in the run to the finish. On questioning, driver J Walters stated that ROCKANDAHARDPLACE wanted to hang out in the back straight on the final occasion, but then hung in on the final turn before once again wanting to shift out on straightening for the run to the finish. As this was the second time in as many starts for shifting ground, Stewards placed ROCKANDAHARDPLACE on its last chance to race truly.

**PARDOE PLUGGA** – Obtained an inside run when ROCKANDAHARDPLACE shifted ground.

**MAJOR DAVVIN** – Hung in badly for which a warning was issued. This resulted in MAJOR DAVVIN racing roughly. On questioning driver B Davis was at a loss to explain the behaviour of MAJOR DAVVIN, alleging it was uncharacteristic of the gelding. Driver Davis further stated that, although acknowledging MAJOR DAVVIN is not the cleanest of pacers, his performance in tonight's event was far from its normal standard.

**FLEETWOOD ROCK** – Galloped out and has been excluded from the barrier draw in standing start events.

**COLBY SANZ** – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in standing start events after failing to begin in the required manner. Raced wide in the middle stages to lead the one-out line, over-raced and pulled hard, giving ground over the concluding stages.

## **RACE 7 – LADBROKE IT! PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**IMPULZE** – Unable to secure a forward position and when unable to restrain the gelding after racing keenly to the rear of the field, was left racing wide throughout.

**SHARMEY** – Began well to lead, raced keenly, under pressure to hold the lead from the 400, giving ground to be beaten in excess of 30 metres.

**IDEN BLACK PRINCE** – Raced outside the leader. Applied pressure approaching the 800, led into the home straight, faded over the concluding stages to finish in 6th position, beaten 12.1 metres.

**GYPSY AMOUR** – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

***General:** Stewards Questioned driver M Jones over the tactics he adopted on IDEN BLACK PRINCE, particularly his reasoning in applying pressure, after racing outside the leader throughout, approaching the 800. Driver Jones informed Stewards that he had assessed IDEN BLACK PRINCE, even with the knowledge that the gelding had missed some work leading up to the race due to adverse weather, to be a strong winning chance going into the event and drove the gelding accordingly. Driver Jones however acknowledged his disappointment with the performance of IDEN BLACK PRINCE, believing in hindsight the missed work may have had some bearing on the overall performance. Further driver Jones informed Stewards that the gelding was somewhat slow in its post-race recovery. A subsequent Veterinary inspection, approximately 35 minutes after the race, failed to find any obvious abnormalities. Stewards noted the evidence as given.*

## **RACE 8 – LADBROKE BET TICKER PACE – 2200m Mobile**

*General:* The start of this race was delayed approximately two(2) minutes due to attention to sulky wheels on both **BETTER EXCLUSIVE NZ** and **WE SALUTE YOU**

**SERENGETI SUNRISE** – Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait free of interference approaching the 1400, inconveniencing a number of runners. Trainer S Davis when questioned regarding this incident was of the view that the splash-sheet had slipped sideways on the gelding, which in turn moved the hopple carry straps, resulting in the hobbles being uneven. Hung in on the final turn.

**WE SALUTE YOU** – Tightened for racing room in the latter stages of the home straight for the run to the finish.

**KIVIK** – Held up in the early stages of the home straight for the run to the finish, before switching wider in search of for clear racing room.

**KARALTA ARTEMIS** – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in mobile start events after failing to score-up in the required manner, resulting in the gelding being out of position when the start was effected.

*General:* Driver C Castles pled guilty to a charge of careless driving and was subsequently fined \$200 for the manner he shifted ground with **KIVIK**, in the latter stages of the home straight for the run to the finish. This movement caused a tightening to **WE SALUTE YOU**, obliging it driver to check his gelding [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

## **RACE 9 – LADBROKES BLACKBOOK STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**WILL HE PIKE** – A last start winner, starting \$2.60 equal favourite failed to run over the concluding stages, beaten 27.5 metres. Connections expressed their disappointment with the gelding's performance and were of the opinion that loss of work during the week may have had an adverse effect on its performance. The evidence was noted.

**BELIEVE IN FOREVER** – Held up in the early stages of the home straight for the run to the finish and once clear tended to shift out.

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*Supplemental.:* **MAJOR DAVVIN** – Stewards contacted trainer S and B Davis, following up on the performance of **MAJOR DAVVIN** (Race 6), which uncharacteristically hung in badly. B Davis informed Stewards that **MAJOR DAVVIN** had shown no adverse signs after the previous night's performance, eating up well on its return and bright as usual the following morning. Trainer S Davis reported that he felt the way the race was run in the early stages, that being only steady, does not suit his gelding, and when being held back it began to over-race and hang. Stewards noted the evidence as tendered.

*Supplemental: IDEN BLACK PRINCE and WILL HE PIKE – Stewards contacted trainer M Jones, following up on the performances of IDEN BLACK PRINCE (Race 7), and WILL HE PIKE (Race 9) both failing to run on as may have been expected. Mr Jones informed Stewards that, contrary to his driver the previous evening, was not too dissatisfied with the performance of IDEN BLACK PRINCE as the gelding is a ‘one-pace’ horse and needs to be driven as done so on the evening. Mr Jones added IDEN BLACK PRINCE had shown no adverse signs with the run, eating up well on its return to its stable. With regard to WILL HE PIKE, Mr Jones stated that the gelding can, on occasions, lack the desire to run on, adding it is much better suited to the shorter mile trip, where its results can show it to be more competitive.*

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## RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
SUSPENSIONS: 0		NIL	
FINES: 2	3	Rohan HILLIER; \$100 – Fail to up into position for the start	162(1)(h)
	8	Charlie CASTLES; \$200 – Careless Driving causing Tightening	168(1)(a)
REPRIMANDS: 0		NIL	
HORSE ACTIONS: 2	5	TASSIE DAZZLER; ODM	
	6	FLEETWOOD ROCK; ODS	
PRE-RACE SWABS: 11	1	SMOOTH DEAL NZ	
	2	KOSYGIN LEIS	
	3	HURRIKANE FRANCO ALWAYSBEALADY	
	4	FLO JO CARVALHO	
	5	WEONA EAGLE	
	6	COOL WATER PADDY NZ	
	7	STORMONT STAR GYPSY AMOUR	
	8	BETTER EXCLUSIVE NZ	
	9	ART HUNTSMAN	
POST RACE SWABS: 9		ALL WINNERS	
POST RACE TCO2: 1	4	KENYA NZ	
FOLLOW UPS: 3	6	MAJOR DAVVIN – Hung Badly	
	7	IDEN BLACK PRINCE – Disappointing Performance	
	9	WILL HE PIKE – Disappointing Performance	
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES: 0		NIL	

