

# **STEWARDS REPORT**

CLUB	TASMANIAN TROTTING CLUB
DATE	SUNDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024
WEATHER	WINDY with INTERMTTENT SHOWERS
TRACK	GOOD
<b>STEWARDS PANEL</b> CHAIR	N Finnigan
PANEL	R Brown G Griffin C Ellson (Data)
INSPECTIONS	M Castillo I Bray (Assist)
SWAB	B Hine E Morice-Smith
STARTER	A Emery
VETERNARIAN	Dr M Buckerfield
MEDCAL PROVIDER	Medical Edge

### RACE 1 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 2090m Mobile

LALIBELA NZ – Utilised sprint lane in the run to the finish.

**FURY DAN** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after breaking gait in the score-up resulting in the gelding failing to fill its allotted position at the start, effectively taking no competitive part in the event. Completed the event with a broken lugging pole.

**General**: The 'all-clear' was delayed, at the request of driver M Yole, to afford him the opportunity to review the official race footage of the final 400 metres. On review driver Yole had no objections and as such Stewards declared 'all-clear' on the judge's numbers 7-6-4-9-3.

*General*: Driver N Ford was reprimanded for the careless manner he shifted ground with SAPPHIRE GAMBLER, leaving the 500, inconveniencing TASHS MATE [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)]. Further, driver Ford was given the benefit of the doubt when his foot slipped momentarily from the foot-rest leaving

the 100. Driver Ford was instructed to take the necessary action to prevent a reoccurrence and failure to do so may result in penalties being applied.

# RACE 2 - TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE - 1609m Mobile

**ULTIMACTION** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after breaking gait in the score-up, checking the second line, thus obliging the Starter to declare a false start. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary examination where the gelding was found to have a laceration to its off-fore leg over the flexor tendon. The injury was treated and bandaged, and pain relief given. Connections will need to forward on a Veterinary clearance before ULTIMACTION resumes racing.

**MY ULTIMATE JACKO** – Well beaten, however due to the speed of the race, no action was taken other than to note the circumstances.

# RACE 3 - RACING CONNECT PACE - 2090m Mobile

SHARMEY – Subjected to post-race blood sampling for TCO2 analysis.

**KERALA STAR NZ** – Reinstated into the barrier draw for racing under mobile start conditions after satisfying reinclusion requirements.

# RACE 4 – DAVID MEDHURST MEMORIAL – 2090m Mobile

**IMPULZE** – Tightened for racing room racing on the first turn.

General: Stewards questioned drivers G Jones (COLBY ART) and J Watson (IMPULZE) into the reason why driver Watson checked his gelding racing on the first turn. At the inquiry it was established that IMPULZE was tightened for racing room. Driver Jones was reminded of her obligations regarding the required tolerances when crossing other runners when racing to and through the first turn. Stewards, in assessing the incident, took into account driver J Watson's evidence where he stated, he was attempting to ease and allow COLBY ART to cross and thereby receive cover, however IMPULZE grabbed the bit, over-raced and drove up into the narrowing space. Stewards, being conscious of the evidence as tendered and driver Jones' inexperience, took no action other that to note the circumstances and directed her to seek counselling from driver advocate Mr Neville Webberley.

# <u>RACE 5 – FEHLBERGS PRODUCE 2YO FILLIES SWEEPSTAKES FINAL –</u> <u>1609m Mobile</u>

**BARBARY TALES** – Issued with a warning after hanging in throughout, particularly over the final stages.

**THE BRIDE** – Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

**SPORT WATCHER** – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in mobile start events after breaking gait, free of interference, after the start.

**General**: Stewards questioned driver M Yole into the reason why, leaving the 800, he allowed SMOOTH REASON to run along and race clear of the field. Driver Yole stated, knowing the race favourite, THE BRIDE, was racing on his back and aware that it had out sprinted his filly the previous start, his intension was to try and get THE BRIDE off the bit early and make it chase.

Although beaten, driver Yole felt the tactics were sound, indicating the margins between the two fillies had lessened and believed this would continue to be the case.

#### RACE 6 - MORE CONFIDENCE CONSULTING PACE - 2090m Mobile

FREE TO PLAY – Raced greenly throughout.

**RAINBOW STORM** – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in mobile start events after failing to fill its allotted position at the start and then veering out after the start was effected.

# <u>RACE 7 - FEHLBERGS PRODUCE 2YO COLTS & GELDINGS SWEEPSTAKES</u> <u>FINAL – 1609m Mobile</u>

**POST KEG** – Hung out in the score-up contacting STONE WRITER. Continued to hang out during the run. A warning was issued.

FLYING VINNIE – Hung in on the final turn, resulting in its sulky wheel striking markers.

### RACE 8 - THE DYNAMO 15TH NOVEMBER PACE - 2090m Mobile

JEREMY WELLS NZ – Failed to secure running over the concluding stages.

**MAJOR DAVVIN** – Near side coupling strap broke near the 100. Blundered and broke gait approaching the winning post.

**BELIEVE IN FOREVER** – Had difficulty in securing running in the early stages of the home straight for the run to the finish.

### RACE 9 – METROPOLITAN CUP – 2579m Mobile

No Racing Incidents

### RACE 10 - SMITHAWARDS PACE - 1609m Mobile

*General:* Due to rain at the back end of the meeting, mud guards and splash-sheets were worn for the final two(2) races.

**ULTIMATE MOD** – Completed the event with a flat off-side sulky tyre after the wheel was struck by NOBLEZZZ ADVICE near the 400.

**NOBLEZZZ ADVICE** – Held up when full of running entering the final turn, being inconvenienced when IDEN OLIVER gave ground. Struck and punctured the off-side sulky tyre of ULTIMATE MOD.

**IDEN OLIVER** – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after tiring out, beaten in excess of 80 metres.

MAJOR IDEAL – Gave ground over the concluding stages. A warning was issued.

**B K WINDERMERE NZ** – Tightened after taking an inside run approaching the final turn. Driver Ford was advised to exercise more care when attempting to take inside runs.

### RACE 11 - LADBROKES EASY FORM PACE - 2090m Mobile

MAGOMEDOV – Held up for clear running on the final turn.

**LAID BACK** – Led and over-raced. Gave ground to be beaten in excess of 50 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary examination, where other than a slow recovery no abnormalities were detected. On questioning connections informed Stewards that when leading, LAID BACK can over-race, as it did today, adding that the gelding does not handle the Hobart track, hitting its knee. Connections further stated that it would be their intention, wherever possible, to look to race with cover, at least in the immediate future.

**GOBSMACKED** – Tired badly to be beaten in excess of 100 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary examination where no obvious abnormalities were detected. On questioning, connections could offer no tangible excuse for the sub-standard performance. Stewards deemed the performance of GOBSMACKED well below the required standard and as such stood the gelding down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial. Further Stewards instructed connections that should anything come to light to help explain the performance, they were to contact Stewards at their earliest convenience.

Supplemental: Stewards contacted trainer C Miller, discussing LAID BACK's performance and its recovery after the event. Trainer Miller reiterated his initial comments after the race, that being the gelding did over-race in the lead, which he added can do in trackwork, but with the adverse weather conditions he felt the best position for LAID BACK on the night would be to lead if possible. Trainer Miller added that LAID BACK, a lightly raced 3YO, had shown no adverse signs at home after the run, believing, in hindsight, the adopted tactic was detrimental to the gelding and confirmed LAID BACK will, wherever possible, be driven with cover.

**Supplemental**: Stewards contacted trainer W Yole, discussing GOBSMACKED's performance and its recovery after the event. Trainer Yole informed Stewards GOBSMACKED on returning home, has shown no adverse signs from the run and was bright, eaten up and has worked well since, adding he was still at a loss to explain the poor performance but would more than likely give the gelding a few easy days and assess its racing programme then. Trainer Yole was instructed that should any indicators come to light in the ensuing days, which may help explain the performance, he was to contact the Office of Racing Integrity Stewards at his earliest convenience.

RACEDETAILSAHR RuleSUSPENSIONS:INILFINES:INILREPRIMANDS: 11Nathan FORD; Carelessly Driving168(1)(a)

# **RACE MEETING SUMMARY**

HORSE ACTIONS:	1	FURY DAN; ODM – BSU OPS	
	2	ULTIMACTION; ODM – BSU CFS;	
	2	ULTIMACTION; SD Vet Clearance	
	3	KERALA STAR NZ; BMD	
	11	GOBSMACKED; Stood Down 1 Trial – Poor Performance	
PRE-RACE SWABS: 26	1	SHAUN TO THE MAX (B)	
Blood (B): 9	2	WATERFRONT NZ (B)	
Urine (U): 17	3	CAPTAIN DAN NZ (B)	
	5	SMOOTH REASON (U)CARMEN EMJAY (U)ARK MELODY (U)BARBARY TALES (U)ITSMENOTU (U)ISLA ATHENA (U)THE BRIDE (U)	
	6	MISS COLLANN (B)	
	7	POST KEG (U) STONE WRITER (U) FLYING VINNIE (U) PAZIAH (U) IDEN REGAL WAVE (U) SNOWIEWILLREV (U)	
	8	JEREMY WELLS NZ (B) STEPPING STONES (B)	
	9	MAGNETIC TERROR NZ (U) ROYAL APPOINTMENT (U) PARDOE PLUGGA (U) KOSIMO (U+B)	
	10	SOHO UNDERTAKER (B)	
	11	LAID BACK (B)	
POST RACE SWABS: 14		ALL WINNERS plus 2 <sup>nd</sup> Placed in Races 5, 7 & 9	
POST RACE TCO2: 1	3	SHARMEY	
FOLLOW UPS: 2	11	LAID BACK – Under Performed	
	11	GOBSMACKED – Under Performed	
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES: 0		NIL	