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STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	TASMANIAN RACING CLUB – HOBART CUP
Date:	Sunday 11th February 2024
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	SOFT 5 upgraded to a GOOD 4 @ 10.47am
Penetrometer:	4.55
Rail Position:	+6 Metres Entire Circuit
Stewards Panel:	Bruce Free (Chair), Tony Harding (Panel), Dominic Tyson (Panel), Gavin Griffin (Front Yard), Ebony Morice-Smith (Backyard), Brittany Hine (Swabbing), Robert Simpson (Swabbing Assist).
Officials:	Dr Elizabeth Bates; Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr M Buckerfield & Dr J Buckerfield (Veterinarian); Carol Brydon (Clerk of Scales)

Riding Changes / Jockey Information

Race		Rider	Replaced by	Reason
R2	RENASCENCE		C Van Munster	Explanation Accepted
R2	STRAWBERRY KISS		B Muhcu	Explanation Accepted
R3	LOVE NEST		L Annells	Explanation Accepted
R6	POWER MAGNUM		C Baker	Explanation Accepted
R6	ARELIUS		C Hefel	Emergency Gained Start
R6	STEEL MIST		S Carr	Emergency Gained Start
R7	STEEL RAIDER		C Baker	Explanation Accepted

Comments / Explanations:

RACE 1 – TRAVEL ON CROWN WOOLLONGONG BENCHMARK 76 HANDICAP (1100 Metres)

OLE OLA – Jumped awkwardly and slow to begin. Apprentice T Johnstone reported that after beginning slowly away the pace set in the race was detrimental to the mare’s chances today.

VERBANO – Laid in under pressure in the home straight.

INTISAR – Stewards granted permission for rider C Newitt to ride 1/2kg over the allotted minimum weight.

RACE 2 – MINGARI & CO BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP – (2100 Metres)

CHI MAZEL – Raced three wide until the 1200 metres. Rider C Baker was reprimanded under the provisions of AR131(a) Careless Riding for allowing her mount to shift outwards when not fully clear after the winning post resulting in rider S Carr (PAGE) restraining off heels of that gelding.

CLIFTON DANSEUR – Raced wide from the 1200 metres. A post-race veterinary inspection revealed no obvious abnormalities.

PAGE – Shifted in abruptly at the start and slow to muster early speed.

PRINCESS TINA – Trainer D Tyson advised stewards on a change of tactics and that it was their intentions to ride further forward circumstances permitting. Tactics adopted. Rider H Le Blanc was advised to ensure she is fully clear when shifting ground near the 600 metres when she crossed RENASCENCE when not quite clear. H Le Blanc reported she was unable to ride her mount out from the 150 metres as the mare was laying out. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no obvious abnormalities

AFRIDI (NZ) – Bounded on jumping and lost considerable ground. Held up for a clear run from the 100 metres.

RACE 3 – WINNING EDGE PRESENTATIONS MAIDEN – (1200 METRES)

CAPTAIN TAZ (NZ) – Rider D Pires lodged a protest against the winner alleging interference at about the 500 metres and on the home turn. After viewing the official patrol films and considering the evidence it was established that at this point ROHZHAE and CAPTAIN TAZ(NZ) had raced tightly however the Stewards did not believe that there was any interference, and the protest was dismissed. Stewards also spoke with Trainer J Keys and Stable hand Mrs Y Maskiell in relation to Blinkers on CAPTAIN TAZ. It was established that CAPTAIN TAZ had raced in blinkers at its previous start. Mrs Maskiell advised stewards that she had contacted Racing Australia for the gelding to wear blinkers in its previous start, however it was never listed in the race book as wearing. Stewards will follow up with Racing Australia to confirm.

LET'S MESSAROUND – Raced wide throughout.

ROHZHAE – Raced tightly with CAPTAIN TAZ(NZ) on the home turn and withstood a protest from the rider of that gelding.

LOVE NEST – Had to be checked off the heels of GEE GEES MOONLITE passing the 600 metres.

HUBUBBAJAHN – Slow to begin.

THEM'S THE BREAKS – Held up from the 500 metres until the 400 metres.

RACE 4 – KEVIN SHARKIE MAIDEN – (1400 METRES)

LOUD MOUTH (NZ) – Laid in over the concluding stages.

MAJOR LAZER – Raced wide throughout.

KINGSLEY COCO – Fractious in the barriers and reared on numerous occasions. Raced greenly throughout. Trainer J Luttrell was advised that the mare has been stood down from racing until it completes a satisfactory trial. A post-race veterinary revealed no obvious abnormalities.

TOSEN FAME – Raced three wide throughout.

GEEGEEES TIGERLILLY – A post-race veterinary examination revealed a minor laceration to the filly's tongue.

LITTLE RIVER TOFF – Slow to begin then laid in shortly after the start and lost ground.

RACE 5 – AVISO TAS INSURANCE BROKERS STRUTT STAKES – (2100 METRES)

KABOOM KABOOM – Raced three wide until the 1500 metres.

GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS – Fractious in the barriers rearing on several occasions, a warning has been issued.

FIORANTE DE LEGEND – Over-raced in the early stages.

RACE 6 – LADBROKES COMMUNITY SPORTS RADIO SERIES BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP – (1400 Metres)

Prior to the declaration of correct weight, Trainer G Stevenson and rider A Darmanin (LORD WHITEGATE) wish to view the official photo finish. After viewing correct weight was declared on the judge's numbers.

MAKE A DECISION – Stewards queried rider T Johnstone in relation to the below market expectations of the gelding. Rider T Johnstone stated that her mount was back further than she anticipated and that in her opinion the gelding is not suited to the 1400 metres and may have come to the end of its preparation. Trainer S Cotton confirmed that she would now spell the gelding and that shorter distance races would be their option next preparation.

ADACHI – Held up for a clear run off the heels of runners at about the 250 metres until obtaining a run to the inside of CO ACCUSED.

POWER MAGNUM – Steadied off the heels of CO ACCUSED near the 600 metres.

RUSTIC CHARM – Stood flat footed and was slow to begin 3-4 lengths. Laid in and compounded in the home straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have suffered atrial fibrillation and heat stress. RUSTIC CHARM must not start in a race, official trial, or jump-out until the Stewards have received a satisfactory report from a qualified veterinary surgeon which includes the results of an electrocardiography (ECG) of more than

60 seconds duration performed by that veterinarian whilst the horse is at rest and a cardiac auscultation performed by that veterinarian within 15 minutes of the horse completing a satisfactory gallop of at least 1000 metres in the presence of a steward.

PRINCESS MATOAKA – Over raced early and middle stages of the race. Trainer M Ryan was advised a warning had been placed on the loading manners of the mare.

ALPINE AVIATOR – Over raced early and raced three wide throughout.

STEEL MIST – Tightened and checked when LORD WHITEGATE shifted inwards near the 100 metres when attempting to take a run between LORD WHITEGATE and PRINCESS MATOAKA.

Stewards inquired into an incident at about the 100 metres when STEEL MIST was tightened and checked. Stewards found rider A Darmanin guilty under the provisions of AR131(a) for allowing his mount to shift inwards when insufficiently clear. Resulting in STEEL MIST being tightened for racing room and subsequently checked. In assessing penalty stewards took into account his plea, his record under this rule and that the interference was in the low to mid-range. Rider A Darmanin was suspended for 1 Tasmanian race date. He was advised of his right of appeal.

RACE 7 – THE BM GROUP MAIDEN/CLASS 1 – (1600 METRES)

NAVAJO WARRIOR (NZ) – Fractious behind the barriers and harmlessly dislodged rider H McCarthy. Trainer L Laskey will be advised a warning has been placed on the gelding's pre-race manners.

PUMA – Raced wide throughout.

PUNTER – Raced three wide throughout.

RALPH THE ROCKET – Steadied off heels of STEEL RAIDER at about the 1200 metres and again at about the 400 metres.

PREWINGO – Rider H Le Blanc was advised to exercise care when shifting in at about the 1200 metres resulting in STEEL RAIDER (C Baker) shifting marginally in onto RALPH THE ROCKET (S Carr) which was tightened for racing room.

STEEL RAIDER – Over-raced in the early stages and shifted in when racing tightly to the inside of PREWINGO crowding RALPH THE ROCKET. Under-went a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no obvious abnormalities.

RICH 'N' POWERFUL – Raced wide throughout.

RACE 8 – MAGIC MILLIONS THOMAS LYONS STAKES – (1400 METRES)

SHOT OF IRISH – Stewards granted permission for a late gear change to wear Blinkers after trainer J Keys made a submission. Trainer J Keys was fined the sum of \$100 under the provisions of AR206(2).

ALPINE WOLF – Held up for a clear run on the home turn.

GEEGEE'S GEMSTONE – Shifted out near the 200 metres and hampered SHOT OF IRISH when carried out marginally when KING ISLAND rolled out marginally. Apprentice C Baker was advised to correct her mounts sooner than she had on this occasion.

RACE 9 – LADBROKES HOBART CUP (2400 METRES)

ALHAMBRA LAD (NZ) – Raced wide in the early stages of the race. Rider J McNeil when questioned on the below market expectations stated the gelding pulled hard throughout. And failed to finish off when placed under pressure. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no obvious abnormalities. Stable representative M Payne when questioned stated she believed the gelding may have choked down.

SWOOP DOG – Threw its head in the air shortly after the start when being restrained.

WYCLIF (GB) – Held up approaching the 400 metres.

TRAVELLING GIGOLO – Had a tendency to over-race middle stages.

METVERSE – Compounded in the home straight. Under-went a post-race veterinary examination and no obvious abnormalities were detected.

RACE 10 – BEACH CLUB CLASS 2 HANDICAP – (1200 METRES)

DID YOU DECIDE – Trainer S Cotton advised that the gelding was returning to racing after having throat surgery and that the gelding had trialed prior to racing. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and passed fit to compete. A course announcement was made to that affect. Over-raced in the early stages.

BELLASARIO – Carried out at the start when HAS THE LOOK shifted out on jumping.

SHIM – Slow to begin. Held up for a clear run near the 200 metres.

HAS THE LOOK – Shifted out on jumping carrying BELLASARIO outward.

PUNK PRINCESS – Stewards granted permission for rider C Newitt to ride 1/2kg over the allotted minimum weight.

<u>SWAB SAMPLES</u>	
Pre-race blood samples:	R1 – TSUNAMI SAM R2 – PAGE R5 – KABOM KABOOM R6 – OUR LITTLE TED R8 – SHOT OF IRISH. R9 – AURORA'S SYMPHONY, ALHAMBRA LAD (NZ), SWOOP DOG, ASHY BOY, GRAND PIERRO, WYCLIF (GB), ASSARANCA, RISING LIGHT, TRAVELLING GIGOLO, METVERSE.

Pre-race urine samples:	
Post-race samples:	R1 – TSUNAMI SAM R2 – AFRICAN THUNDER R3 – ROZHAE R4 – LOUD MOUTH R5 – WINGS OF SONG, GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS R6 – PRINCESS MATAOKA R7 – PREWINGO R8 – JUST A TRIBUTE, FIRST ACCUSED R9 – AURORA'S SYMPHONY, WYCLIF R10 – GALLANT WARRIOR
Suspensions:	R6 – A Darmanin AR 131(a) – Careless Riding – 1 Tasmanian race date.
Fines:	G Catania AR228(a) Misconduct \$400 (\$200 wholly suspended 12 Months.
Reprimands:	R2 – C Baker – AR131(a) Careless Riding
Horse Warnings:	R5 – GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS – Fractious in barriers R6 – PRINCESS MATOAKA – Difficult to load R7 – NAVAJO WARRIOR – Pre-Race Manners
Required to Trial:	NIL
Barred:	R6 – RUSTIC CHARM - Atrial Fibrillation - Stood down 1000 metre gallop and ECG
Follow up required: Vet Certificate	NIL
Adjourned Inquiry:	R4 – D Pires – Whip Use – LOUD MOUTH R6 – A Darmanin – Whip use – LORD WHITEGATE
Tactics Notified:	R2 PRINCESS TINA – Further forward – Tactics adopted.

GENERAL:

Licensed rider G Catania pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR228(a) Conduct prejudicial to the image of racing. The particulars being that she rode a pony in the stabling area of the race day stalls. In assessing penalty stewards took into account her guilty plea. Stewards also took into account her remorse and offences under this rule. Ms Catania was fined the sum of \$400 with \$200 wholly suspended for 12 months that she not re-offend under this rule.

The Stewards report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment.