

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: DEVONPORT HARNESS RACING CLUB

DATE: THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2016

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS:

A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)

S QUILL

B BAUDINETTE

J AINSCOW

C ELLSON

G GRIFFIN (STARTER)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR J McKENNA

Trainers with multiple runners engaged in any race were questioned as to their intended driving tactics.

RACE 1 – DERRICO CYCLES STANDING START – 2286 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from PUT MBACK and WHO IS HARDEEN.

DAYRAID stood flat footed at the start before then swinging sideways at the start then tailed the field taking no competitive part in the race. DAYRAID has now been placed out of the draw.

PUT MBACK which galloped out has been placed out of the draw and must complete 3 consecutive standing starts to be reinstated.

THE STATE OF PLAY NZ AND JANE GRANT were both inconvenienced at the start as DAYRAID stood flat footed.

FUTURE PROMISES has been reinstated in the standing start draw.

PUT MBACK was briefly held up rounding the home turn.

Claiming novice driver Wade Rattray (COOL WHARTON) was reminded of his obligations when driving out.

RACE 2 – SEA FM MOBILE – 2297 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from DODGERMEMATE and LAKE EYRE NZ.

No racing incidents during the running of this event.

RACE 3 – COLLINS HOMES PACE – 1930 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from HEAVENROLL and AUGURAL.

Upon arrival at the course trainer Geoff Smith (TINAS TIME) advised that the mare had suffered a kick to the near fore leg. The mare was examined by the on course veterinarian and found to be unfit to race and was scratched at 5.47pm by Stewards acting on veterinary advice. TINAS TIME will be stood down from racing pending a veterinary certificate of fitness to race.

PRINCESS OF TROY after racing three wide in the early stages was then obliged to restrain to the rear of the field.

RACE 4 – JOHN MCKENNA RACE NIGHT VET PACE – 2297 METRES

A pre-race swab sample was taken from ROXBURGH WAY.

Prior to the event connections of ROXBURGH WAY advised that due to its favourable draw they would look to drive the gelding forward from the start and gain a forward position. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding went forward then obtained cover on the back of ROBERT MOREAU, which raced outside the leader.

AITUTAKI pulled hard in the score up.

KOUPER BAILEY(R Hadley) broke free of interference in the score up and was out of position at the start, the gelding then tailed the field taking no competitive part in the race. KOUPER BAILEY has been placed out of the mobile barrier draw.

ANIMI SUB IGNIS was out of position at the start and will continue out of the draw. The gelding was then held up rounding the home turn and in the home straight.

Driver Barrie Rattray (BYMARJAC) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 156(2) for crossing his reins in the home straight and using his whip with a free hand on 6 occasions. Mr Rattray was fined the sum of \$200.

Driver Nicholas Brockman (RECKLESS ABANDON) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 156(3) unapproved whip use. The particulars being that he continually loose reined from the 200 metre mark. In determining penalty Stewards considered Mr Brockman's poor record under the rule and his licence to drive in races was suspended for three race dates commencing at midnight on 3 November 2016 and expiring at midnight on 18 November 2016.

A post-race swab sample was taken from RECKLESS ABANDON, winner of the event.

RACE 5 – CORROSION TECHNOLOGY PACE – 2297 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from LORD STARK NZ and OUR MAXICAM.

Claiming novice driver Samantha Freeman was reminded of her obligations when driving out.

Stewards queried trainer Ben Yole (LORD STARK NZ) as to the below market expectation performance of that gelding. Mr Yole explained that after working early and racing outside the leader he believed the gelding was then incapable of finishing off. He also stated that LORD STARK had shown a preference for shorter trips which had seen the gelding run a placing at its most recent start.

A post-race swab sample was taken from BALDOCK, winner of the event.

RACE 6 – KEBIN REDPATH PACE – 1930 METRES

A pre-race swab sample was taken from OUR PERCIUS NZ.

On Thursday 3 November a Transfer of Ownership was affected for MARTYS FOR REAL which indicated the ownership to now be MG Baker, S Baker and J Coad.

OUR PERCIUS NZ which was out of position at the start has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

BLISSTAR hung in in the early part of the score up before then being out of position at the start. Driver Gareth Rattray was reprimanded under AR 162(1)(h) for failing to come up into position.

As a consequence of OUR PERCUS NZ and BLISSTAR being out of position runners on the second line including LORD JONES NZ, SU YOU TOO and CRANBERRY were then not fully in position.

SU YOU TOO had a tendency to hang in before breaking on the last turn. The gelding has now been placed on its last chance to race truly. Driver Paul Ashwood explained that the gelding had cross fired at that point of the race.

Driver Kristy Grant (LORD JONES NZ) explained that the gelding had pulled very hard in the score up and throughout the run and had constantly struck the right wheel of the sulky with its off hind leg and as such was unable to settle the gelding and pulled to the extent that she then felt obliged to shift three wide as she was unable to hold the gelding. It has now been placed on its last chance to race truly. Trainer Ben Yole stated he would now look to hitch the gelding which was having its first start for the stable differently to avoid the same problem. LORD JONES underwent a post-race veterinary examination and no abnormalities were detected.

TIBYTOA has now been placed back in the mobile draw.

A post-race swab sample was taken from MARTYS FOR REAL, winner of the event.

RACE 7 – HARDINGS HOTMIX CLAIMING NOVICE DRIVERS – 2297 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from PAS MATE and ANOTHERMETRO.

PAS MATE had a tendency to hang out.

INGLIS broke shortly after the start and has been placed out of the mobile draw. The gelding then tired to be beaten in excess of 60 metres and has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

Stewards inquired into an incident which occurred between the bell and the 500 metre mark as PAS MATE (Taylor Ford) commenced to give ground and at the same time hung out after being headed by UNION FORCE. Stewards took evidence from drivers Taylor Ford, Ben Parker (BOUTIQUE ART) and Samantha Freeman (BUSTED). After taking evidence from those three drivers, acting on their own observations and viewing the official films Ms Freeman pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 163(3) for half carting from shortly before getting the bell. Ms Freeman was fined the sum of \$100. Driver Ben Parker pleaded guilty to a charge of careless driving under AR 168(1)(a) for pursuing a run where that full run was not available to him. As a consequence of his actions PAS MATE was obliged to contact marker pegs and Samantha Freeman (BUSTED) was then obliged to shift wider on the track. Significance (Wade Rattray) was also checked in the incident. and lost ground. Mr Parker's licence to drive in races was suspended for three race dates commencing at midnight on 3 November 2016 and expiring at midnight on 18 November 2016.

After being headed by UNION FORCE at the bell PAS MATE hung out badly and tired to finish distanced. The gelding has been stood down from racing for ten days and until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Stewards handed down a decision relating to driver Taylor Ford (SIOUX WEST) stemming from Tasmanian Pacing Club on 25 September 2016. Miss Ford was found guilty of a charge under AHRR 149(1) for failing as the driver of SIOUX WEST to take all reasonable and permissible measures to win or obtain the best possible placing in the race. The inquiry was adjourned to allow Miss Ford in conjunction with her BOTRA appointed mentor to make submissions in relation to penalty.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	R6 – G RATTRAY – AR 162(1)(h) Fail to come into position
FINES	R4 – B RATTRAY – AR 156(2) Whip freehand R7 – S FREEMAN – AR 163(3) Half carting
SUSPENSIONS	R4 – N BROCKMAN – AR 156(3) – 3.R.D 3/11/16 – 18/11-16 R7 – B PARKER – AR 168(1)(a) 3.R.D 3/11/16 – 18/11/16
HORSE ACTIONS	DAYRAID – ODS PUT MBACK – ODS 3 CONSECUTIVE KOUPEL BAILEY – ODM ANIMI SUB IGNIS – CODM INGLIS – ODM PAS MATE – SD10D, SD1T FUTURE PROMISES – BSD TIBYTOA - BMD
LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	Nil

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	PUT MBACK WHO IS HARDEEN
Race 2	DODGERMEMATE LAKE EYRE NZ
Race 3	HEAVENROLL AUGURAL
Race 4	ROXBURGE WAY
Race 5	LORD STARK NZ OUR MAXICAM
Race 6	OUR PERCIUS NZ
Race 7	PAS MATE ANOTHERMETRO

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 4	RECKLESS ABANDON
Race 5	BALDOCK
Race 6	MARTYS FOR REAL

ADRIAN CROWTHER
CHAIRMAN

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http://www.racing.tas.gov.au/harness_racing/policies_and_rules - *ORI Integrity Policy Manual*