

**CLUB:** TASMANIAN PACING CLUB

**DATE:** SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2016

**TRACK:** GOOD

**WEATHER:** OVERCAST

**STEWARDS:**

- A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)
- D COOPER
- B FREE
- C BRYDON
- D McMASTER
- R BROWN (STARTER)

**VETERINARY SURGEON:** DR A MEEKER

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

**RACE 1 – CUB PACE – 2090 METRES**

A pre-race swab sample was taken from BUSTER BRUV.

In the score up on the first occasion HILARGI (Todd Rattray) took charge of its driver slipping its crupper in the process, as a result the gelding then contacted the mobile barrier checking REALLY FRANK. The starter then called a false start. There was a delay to the start due to gear adjustments being necessary to HILARGI which has been placed on its last chance in the draw due to its gear failure contributing to driver Todd Rattray being unable to restrain that gelding.

HILARGI underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no apparent abnormalities. The gelding has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

The start of the race was initially delayed due to Singapore gallops running behind schedule.

BORIS BANANAS which raced rough in the score up has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

**RACE 2 – LUXBET PACE – 2090 METRES**

Pre-race swab samples were taken from KOTARE MAHDI NZ and COUTA ROCKS.

DEPLOY after being restrained from its wide draw in the early stages then tired to finish in excess of 70 metres to the winner. DEPLOY underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no apparent abnormalities.

AMBERLU ANGUS tired over the concluding stages and has also been placed on its last chance to race truly.

COUTA ROCKS, Paul Hill raced four wide in the early stages around DEPLOY which was being at that stage restrained before then racing forward to sit outside the leader.

A post-race swab sample was taken from KOTARE MAHDI NZ winner of the event.

### **RACE 3 – MIGHTY MIDGE PACE – 2090 METRES**

Pre-race swab samples were taken from UNION FORCE, MIGHTY JASPER and SIOUX WEST NZ.

The start of this event was delayed due to an interstate greyhound race running behind schedule.

As the start was effected UNION FORCE galloped out and has now been placed on its last chance in the draw. As UNION FORCE galloped, JANE GRANT, Adrian Collins shifted down the track and was obliged to contact marker pegs to avoid the galloping UNION FORCE.

DEMONSTRATIVE raced rough after the start.

LAST GUY STANDING galloped out and will continue to be placed out of the draw for future standing start events.

MONARCO PLAYBOY galloped out and will continue to be placed right out of the draw.

MIGHTY JASPER galloped out and has been placed out of the standing start draw.

SIOUX WEST raced rough after the start.

PUSHKIN which galloped will continue to be placed right out of the draw. PUSHKIN was further inconvenienced by the galloping of MIGHTY JASPER.

Trainer Bianca Heenan advised that it was connections intentions that if SIOUX WEST was able to step cleanly, it would take up a forward position. The gelding subsequently raced roughly after the start, placing the gelding in a worse than mid-field position before then leading the three wide line up from the 1100 metre mark. SIOUX WEST commenced to tire from the 500 metre mark.

PUSHKIN and OUTLAW were held up for clear racing room rounding the home turn.

DEMONSTRATIVE was held up for clear running in the home straight and raced rough approaching the finish.

Christian Salter trainer of ROCKBANK DANCER was reprimanded under AR 273(6)(b) for not wearing the gear listed in the stable return. The particulars being that the gelding raced in pull down Dolly Varden's as opposed to a hood which was listed on the stable return.

### **RACE 4 – SUPER SAHARA PACE – 2090 METRES**

A pre-race swab sample was taken from BOLTNMACH.

Trainer Juanita McKenzie ZUMBA BROMAC was reprimanded under AR273(6)(b), particulars being that the mare ZUMBA BROMAC NZ trained by her wore an open bridle when listed as Dolly Varden's in its gear return.

DAMITSAM was held up for clear running room rounding the home turn.

After working three wide in the early stages BOLTNMACH then commenced to tire from the 350 metres.

HAPPY SCHNAPPS and KINGS LAW both tired to be beaten in excess of 60 metres have been placed on their last chance to race truly.

### **RACE 5 – CANNONBALL CHARGE – 1609 METRES**

Pre-race swab samples were taken from ALL I CAN BE and RESURGENT SPIRIT.

Connections of MACHO COMACHO advised their intention over the shorter trip to then go forward from the start. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly.

Shortly after the start JUKEBOX MUSIC which hung in during the score up, broke and then shifted down the track contacting the sulky of RESURGENT SPIRIT checking that gelding which then raced rough. JUKEBOX MUSIC has now been placed out of the draw for mobile start events and the gelding was examined after the race and found to have a superficial cut to its near fore pastern.

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

### **RACE 6 – ROCKA FELLA PACE – 2090 METRES**

Pre-race swab sample was taken from CHARLIE JAMES.

Shortly after the start GABORONE, Christian Salter broke free of interference, inconveniencing both POSTAL EXPRESS and ORIGIN BILLY. GABORONE will now be placed out of the mobile draw.

No action was taken against driver Gareth Rattray, I AM CAMELOT who exceeded the sectional requirement by point 1/3 of a second due to the sectional time board at the 1200 metre mark not operating.

TIZYALATOR was held up and unable to obtain clear running near the finish.

### **RACE 7 – FLYING JASPER PACE – 1609 METRES**

LUWAY WINNIE raced rough after the start before then breaking gear and breaking a near side hind hobble loop and being then retired from the event by driver Gareth Rattray. LUWAY WINNIE will continue to be placed out of the mobile draw.

ARK BREEZE broke under pressure in the home straight and has now been placed on its last chance to race truly.

Barrie Rattray was indisposed and unable to take his drive and was replaced by Adrian Collins as the driver GLENENISE. Mr Rattray will be required to provide a medical certificate fitness prior to again driving.

SIGN NO MORE unsuccessfully contested the lead before racing outside the leader. ARK BREEZE broke under pressure in the home straight and has now been placed on its last chance to race truly.

### **RACE 8 – LIGHTENING STRIKE PACE – 2090 METRES**

A pre-race swab sample was taken from RAJAH WEALTH.

JOLLY DRYDEN pulled hard in the early stages before then appearing to choke down racing off the back straight. The gelding then raced inside marker pegs and was subsequently retired

from the event by driver Gareth Rattray. The horse underwent a post-race veterinary examination and was found to have bled from both nostrils. As it was the gelding's second bleeding attack it has now been barred from racing indefinitely.

Stewards queried driver Adrian Collins, SUTTER MAN as to his tactics and in particular the reasons for him electing to race three wide after passing the bell and the reasons for him then not subsequently improving his position. Stewards adjourned that inquiry to consider the evidence by Mr Collins and also by trainer Ben Yole. Stewards will also view betting data from that race. SUTTER MAN was beaten in excess of 70 metres and has been placed on the last chance to race truly.

### **RACE 9 – ROBERTS BRIDGEWATER PACE – 2090 METRES**

ROCKIN AN RUNNIN which had not started in a race since August 2015 underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to run.

THE REAL REVEREND had a tendency to hang out whilst leading.

Stewards queried driver Kristy Grant and Trainer Mark Butler SMILIN GEOFF as to that gelding's below market expectations in its performance. Miss Grant stated the horse had travelled comfortably in the trail however then raced rough for no apparent reason racing down the back straight and had then lost ground in the process before then racing wide around the home turn and then making late ground. Trainer Mark Butler could offer no explanation adding that he would space the gelding's next start and have veterinary follow up work done to ascertain any abnormalities and has advised he will advise Stewards of any abnormalities detected.

Kristy Grant (SMILIN GEOFF) was reprimanded under AR 162(1)(j) for failing to maintain her position in the score up.

TSIMBA RIDGE hung in during the score up and was out of position and will continue out of the draw.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>REPRIMANDS</b>	R3 – C SLATER – AR 273(6)(b) – Incorrect Gear R4 – J McKENZIE - AR 273(6)(b) – Incorrect Gear R9 – L GRANT – AR 162(1)(j) – Fail to maintain position
<b>FINES</b>	R7 – TPC 23/10/16 – P HILL – \$100 – AR 170(i) – Drive without both feet in the sulky rests
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	R7 – TPC 23/10/16 P HILL - AR 149(2) – 6 race dates from midnight 4/11/16 till midnight 4/12/16
<b>HORSE ACTIONS</b>	LAST GUY STANDING – CODS MIGHTY JASTER – ODS PUSHKIN – CRODS MONARCO PLAYBOY – CRODS JUKEBOX MUSIC – ODM GABORONE – ODM LUWAY WINNIE – CODM JOLLY DRYDEN – SD Indefinite (2 <sup>nd</sup> bleeding attack)
<b>LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS</b>	NIL

<b>PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY</b>	
Race 1	BUSTER BRUV
Race 2	KOTARE MAHDI COUTA ROCKS
Race 3	UNION FORCE MIGHTY JASPER SIOUX WEST
Race 4	BOLTNMACH
Race 5	ALL I CAN BE RESURGENT SPIRIT
Race 6	CHARLIE JAMES
Race 8	RAJAH WEALTH

<b>POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY</b>	
Race 2	KOTARE MAHDI
Race 3	UNION FORCE
Race 5	CHOPSTIX BORIS

## **GENERAL**

### **TPC 23 OCTOBER 2016**

Stewards queried driver Paul Hill REGAL STRIDE and trainer Ben Yole as to the tactics adopted on that gelding. After hearing evidence and viewing the official race replays Mr Hill was issued two charges. The first one being under AR 170(1), the particulars of that was his right foot was out of the foot rest from the start until the winning post on the first occasion. Further that he was using the whip continuously at that stage of the race. He was then issued a charge under AR 149(2) which says “*a driver shall not drive in a manner which in the opinion of the Stewards is unacceptable*” the particulars are that as the driver of REGAL STRIDE in race 7 at the Tasmanian Pacing Club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2016, he after an extended challenge for the lead which resulted in the fastest ever lead time for this distance. This being 4 seconds faster than the average and had then failed to ease the pace and give his drive any respite which has then seen him increase his lead once taking control of the race. Stewards state his actions were the major contributing factor in his horse then tiring to finish third beaten 19 metres, a course of action which in the opinion of stewards is unacceptable. In determining penalty Stewards took into consideration Mr Hill’s not guilty plea, previous offences this year under AR 149 and that at no stage did he make a demonstrable effort to give his horse any respite whilst leading and when the opportunity was available to him to do so. Mr Hill’s licence to drive in races was suspended for 6 race dates commencing midnight tonight and expiring midnight on 4 December. Mr Hill was advised of his rights of appeal.

**ADRIAN CROWTHER**  
**CHAIRMAN**

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