

CLUB: LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2016

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS:

- A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)
- S QUILL
- B BAUDINETTE
- C ELLSON
- C BRYDON
- G GRIFFIN (STARTER)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR FIONA DUGGAN

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

Due to the non-arrival of the course ambulance all races were put back one race with an amended start time for Race 11 of 10.42pm.

Stewards will enquire also into the reasons for Driver C Alford not fulfilling his driving engagements at the meeting. Mr Alford was replaced on his drives as follows:

Race 2 – Our Maxicam – Paul Hill

Race 3 – Gaborone – Josh Duggan

Race 4 – Safari Sunshine – Rohan Hillier

Race 7 – Truly Blissfull – Josh Duggan

Race 10 – My Highlights – Natalee Emery

RACE 1 – CROWN LAGER PACE – 1680 METRES

COCO SPIRIT (A Arnott) was out of position despite the efforts of its driver and has been placed on its last chance in the draw. As a result of COCO SPIRIT being out of position DICEMBRE was not fully in position. Mr Arnott was reprimanded under 156(3) for his unapproved whip use, the particulars being his whip action over the concluding stages was more than a wrist and elbow with his whip hand drawn back higher than shoulder level.

Stewards inquired into an incident which occurred around the first turn when CUSTERS KID raced up on to the back of FRED'S UNDER FIRE and broke, inconveniencing PAGLIACCI and AHURA ART. After taking evidence from drivers Tim Yole (CUSTERS KID) and Craig Hayes (FRED'S UNDER FIRE), Tim Yole was found guilty of a charge of careless driving for contacting the sulky of FRED'S UNDER FIRE. His licence to drive in races was suspended for one race date commencing midnight tonight and expiring midnight 18 December 2016.

PAGLIACCI proved difficult to restrain in the early stages.

ROLL WEST (C Salter) broke near the 1200 metres and then galloped excessively before being retired from the event. ROLL WEST has been stood down from racing for 10 days until

completion of a satisfactory trial. Trainer Christian Salter advised that the gelding would now be given a brief let-up.

RACE 2 – MAXFIELD DRILLING PTY LTD PACE – 2200 METRES

HUSTLER HALO which had not started in a race since November 2015 underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to race.

The connections of MASTER HANOVER (P Ashwood) indicated that, if possible, they would look to drive the gelding forward at the start. Following the race in which MASTER HANOVER settled back in the field, Mr Ashwood explained that with gate speed shown by all three runners to his inside and HUSTLER HALO (R Duggan) pulling hard and working forward from his outside, his drive was unable to muster sufficient speed to take up a forward position and he was then obliged to restrain to the rear with no position available in the one out line.

In the score up shortly before release point HUSTLER HALO (R Duggan) broke, checking AMINI SUB IGNIS (J Austin) which was drawn on the second row. The starter then called a false start. HUSTLER HALO has now been placed out of the draw.

HUSTLER HALO (R Duggan) pulled hard before racing forward to race outside the leader and then tiring badly from the 600 metres to finish beaten 140 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no apparent abnormalities. HUSTLER HALO has now been stood down from racing for 10 days and until the completion of a satisfactory trial. As HUSTLER HALO gave ground in the back straight, BLUES ACE (B Jaffray) and ART EDITION (C Viney) were both inconvenienced.

OLIVERS MATE (R Hadley) was taken up the track by driver Rohan Hadley when racing down the back straight on the first occasion before then re-joining the running line at the rear of the field. Stewards queried driver Rohan Hadley as to the reason OLIVERS MATE raced wide in the back straight on the first occasion and Mr Hadley explained that due to the false start the gelding had become fired up and had a tendency to hit the wheels of the sulky and, for this reason, he then took the horse up the track in the back straight where upon it then settled and he was then able to regain his position in the running line at the rear of the field. Stewards accepted the explanation of Mr Hadley. A post-race veterinary of the gelding revealed no apparent abnormalities.

AMINI SUB IGNIS has been placed back in the mobile start draw.

RACE 3 – NORTHERN TASMANIAN LIGHT HARNESS ASSOCIATION CUP – 2698 METRES

JANE GRANT (C Hayes) has been placed back in the standing start draw.

ITZ GEMMAS DELIGHT (G Rattray), MASTER CHARLIE (J Walters) and SIGN NO MORE (M Yole) all galloped out and have been placed on their last chance in the draw.

ROCKBANK DANCER (C Salter) which galloped out has now been placed out of the draw in standing start events and must complete three consecutive standing starts to be reinstated.

FUTURE PROMISES (R Hadley) which galloped out, will continue out of the draw.

PUNT ROAD DISCO (B Parker) was fractious before the start.

COOL WHARTON (S Freeman) which broke after the start will continue out of the draw.

SIR DASHER DEE (R Hillier) raced rough momentarily after the start. The gelding which sustained a flat tyre during the race was eased over the last 400 metres by driver Rohan Hillier.

Stewards reprimanded driver Ben Parker, driver of PUNT ROAD DISCO, under 156(3) for his unapproved whip use, particularly for loose reining over the concluding stages.

Post-race swab samples were taken from PUNT ROAD DISCO, winner of the event.

RACE 4 – LUXBET STAKES – 2200 METRES

A post-race swab sample was taken from SEE DOUBLE UGRANT, winner of the event.

Stewards queried driver Gareth Rattray and trainer Peter Dornauf as to the tactics on SEE DOUBLE UGRANT. Mr Dornauf stated that after the gelding's most recent run at Carrick where it had a tendency to be one paced he then added a hood to the gelding's gear and the gelding had then worked well in that gear leading up to the race. After watching the films and considering the evidence of both trainer and driver, it was evident that SEE DOUBLE UGRANT began well of its own accord without being driven out of the gate and then led by virtue of its inside draw.

RED SHED ROBBIE and ODINS WITCHBLADE were both held up rounding the home turn and early in the home straight.

RACE 5 – MERRY CHRISTMAS STAKES – 2200 METRES

Driver Adrian Duggan (TIZYALATOR) was found guilty of a charge under 44(1) for failing to notify a change of tactics on TIZYALATOR which was driven out in an attempt to lead in contrast to its most recent runs from similar draws. Mr Duggan was fined \$100. TIZYALATOR was held up and unable to obtain clear running in the home straight.

LU WAY LORD (P Hill) which broke free of interference after the start has now been placed out of the draw.

Racing to the 1200 metres PAINT THE WIND hung out despite the efforts of driver R Hadley and as a consequence LE PREMIERE raced three wide for a short distance before regaining its position in the running line and FORTINO raced three wide until the bell. WASHIES CHANCE which was pulling hard in a trail was also inconvenienced as was RAJAH WEALTH which was trailing WASHIES CHANCE. PAINT THE WIND underwent a post-race veterinary examination which indicated hopple chafe on its near hind leg.

There were no claims in this event.

RACE 6 – GREAT NORTHERN SUPER CRISP CITY OF LAUNCESTON CUP – 2698 METRES

The start of this event was delayed 2 minutes due to a Hong Kong gallops race running behind schedule.

Acting on a confirmed telephone call from trainer D Braun who advised that IM CORZIN TERROR was lame in its near hind leg and unfit to start Stewards then ordered the scratching of that gelding at 1.30 pm IM CORZIN TERROR will be stood down for 28 days which may be varied upon production of a veterinary certificate as to the reasons for the scratching.

Prior to the event the connections of PACHACUTI advised that the gelding would be driven less aggressively from the wide draw. Stewards approved that change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly, being restrained off the gate.

THE BETTORMACK NZ (T Rattray) after pulling hard in the middle stages then tired over the concluding stages.

SPITFIRE ROSE (R Hadley) which was hanging in and SOMETHING EYRE NZ (R Duggan) which had angled off the back of the tiring THE BETTORMACK briefly locked wheels passing the 300 metres.

The Judge briefly sounded the bell in error with two laps to travel. The bell was then sounded at the correct time a lap later.

A post-race swab sample was taken from FIVE STAR ANVIL NZ, winner of the event.

RACE 7 – LUXBET CLUB XTRA STAKES – 2200 METRES

Prior to the event, the connections of BIG GORILLA advised that it was their intention for the gelding to look to lead and then to hold the lead today over the shorter distance. Stewards approved the change of tactics. The gelding shifted out at the start contacting POKER STORM and was unable to then lead.

Stewards will inquire into the circumstances around the start being delayed as ALL I CAN BE (R Hillier) initially lined up in the wrong barrier position.

Stewards inquired into the reasons for POKER STORM (A Duggan) sustaining a flat tyre which then caused the gelding to be retired from the event racing into the first turn. After taking evidence from driver Adrian Duggan, John Walters (KARALTA DAZZLER) and Christian Salter (ANINCHOFHISLIFE), it was established that POKER STORM had shifted out slightly at the same time as ANINCHOFHISLIFE was being restrained, contributing to the contact. Stewards will further inquire into the reasons for KARALTA DAZZLER having to be restrained and losing its position in the running line.

MISTER SUMNA (C Hayes) and SKY TOWER (T Yole) both galloped out and have been placed on their last chance in the draw.

FRANCO SHEFFIELD NZ (P Hill) galloped out and will continue out of the draw.

Post-race swab samples were taken from JUST KNEW, winner of the event.

RACE 8 – NICHOLS SOUND & COMMUNICATIONS STAKES DIVISION ONE – 2200 METRES

Connections of OLWEN JACCKA sought and were granted permission for the mare not to enter the parade ring prior to the race. The mare was then fractious and pulled hard in the score up and consequently had to be checked off METRO MOUSE and broke shortly before the start. OLWEN JACCKA then broke gear causing the mare to be retired from the event. OLWEN JACCKA NZ will now be placed out of the draw and must complete three satisfactory mobile starts before being reinstated in the draw.

TRIED AND TRUE (P Dornauf) broke free of interference racing past the winning post with two laps to go and has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

BYMARJAC (C Hayes) was held up rounding the home turn.

FRANCO JAMESON NZ has been placed back in the mobile draw.

RACE 9 – MCKILLOPS INSURANCE BROKERS PACE – 1680 METRES

The start of this race was slightly delayed due to an overseas gallops event running behind schedule.

Stewards inquired into the reasons for WILLIAMLEE (J Walters) being tightened on to DODGERMEMATE (P Hill) which was then checked and broke, also checking LA EBONY KITA (A Collins). After taking evidence from drivers John Walters (WILLIAMLEE), Paul Hill (DODGERMEMATE) and Natalee Emery (ANGEL OR DEMON), Mr Emery was found guilty of a charge under 163(1)(a) for causing interference and her licence to drive in races was suspended for three race dates. Mrs Emery sought and was granted a deferment to allow her suspension to commence at midnight 18 December 2016 which will then expire at midnight 31 December 2016.

There were no claims in the event.

RACE 10 – SUNRISE BAKERY STAKES DIVISION TWO – 2200 METRES

JACKJESS (R Hillier) broke in the score up and was out of position at the start and has consequently been placed out of the draw.

Driver Craig Hayes (LU WAY WINNIE) was reminded of his obligations when crossing.

RACE 11 – CARLTON DRAUGHT STAKES DIVISION THREE – 2200 METRES

PUSHKIN NZ (P Hill) pulled hard and choked down near the 1500 metres and was then taken to the outside of the track by driver Paul Hill where the gelding then fell. PUSHKIN NZ will now be stood down from racing for fourteen days and until completion of two satisfactory trials. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no apparent injuries to the gelding. Mr Hill was examined by the on-course paramedics and was found to be uninjured.

Stewards accepted the explanation of trainer Andrew Rawlings regarding the engagement of Ricky Duggan to drive DAYRAID.

GENERAL

Stewards concluded an inquiry stemming from Race 2 at Carrick Park Pacing Club on 2 December 2016. After taking evidence from drivers Geoff Madden (MASTER PAIGE), Mark Yole (AMBERLU ANGUS) and Samantha Freeman (SU YOU TOO), Mr Madden was found guilty of a charge under 168(1)(a) Careless Driving, the particulars being that he attempted to shift Miss Freeman's drive wider on the track and then pursue a run between runners when insufficiently clear to do so. His licence to drive in races was suspended for two race dates commencing midnight tonight and expiring at midnight 26 December 2016.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	ANDREW ARNOTT – R156(3) – UNAPPROVED WHIP USE BEN PARKER – R156(3) – UNAPPROVED WHIP USE, LOOSE REINING
FINES	ADRIAN DUGGAN – R44(1) – TACTICS NOT NOTIFIED - \$100
SUSPENSIONS	TIM YOLE – R168(1)(a) – 1 RACE DATE 11/12/2016 - 18/12/2016 NATALEE EMERY – R163(1)(a) – 3 RACE DATES – 18/12/2016 – 31/12/2016 GEOFF MADDEN (CPPC 2/12/16) – R168(1)(a) – 2 RACE DATES – 11/12/2016 – 26/12/2016
HORSE ACTIONS	ROLL WEST – 10 DAYS & 1 TRIAL HUSTLER HALO – ODM HUSTLER HALO – 10 DAYS & 1 TRIAL ROCKBANK DANCER – ODS (3) FUTURE PROMISE – CODS COOL WHARTON – CODS SIR DASHER DEE – 10 DAYS & 1 TRIAL FRANCO SHEFFIELD – CODS JACKJESS – ODM OLWEN JACCKA NZ – ODM (3) PUSHKIN NZ – 14 DAYS & 2 TRIALS LUWAY LORD – ODM
RE-INCLUSION IN DRAW	ANIMI SUB INGNIS – MOBILE JANE GRANT – STAND FRANCO JAMESON NZ - MOBILE

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	THE VILLAGE SNEAK CUSTERS KID
Race 2	BLUES ACE OUR MAXICAM
Race 3	SIGN NO MORE PUNT ROAD DISCO
Race 4	GIRLS ROCK THE BOYS SAFARI SUNSHINE
Race 6	CHOPSTIX BORIS IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ SPITFIRE ROSE PACHACUTI LETS ELOPE NZ FIVE STAR ANVIL NZ
Race 7	BIG GORILLA JUST KNEW SKY TOWER
Race 8	TRIED AND TRUE FRANCO JAMISON NZ
Race 9	SUTTER MAN

Race 10	MY HIGHLIGHTS
Race 11	DEVIL OF TYNE LAST GUY STANDING

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 3	PUNT ROAD DISCO
Race 4	SEA DOUBLE UGRANT
Race 6	FIVE STAR ANVIL NZ
Race 7	JUST KNEW

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CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS

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