

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: TASMANIAN PACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER 2016

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS:

- A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)
- J GLEESON
- N MURRAY
- A O'CONNELL
- B FREE
- D MCMASTER
- R BROWN (STARTER)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR A MEEKER/DR J BUCKERFIELD

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

ORI Stewards carried out race day stable inspections at the licensed training premises of the following trainers: Rodney Ashwood, Daryl Bates, Adrian Duggan, Bianca Heenan, Chris Howlett, Zane Medhurst, Wayne Rainbird, Ben Rossendell, Christian Salter and Bradley Walters.

Driver J Austin was unable to fulfil his driving commitments and was replaced as follows.

Race 1, TSIMBA RIDGE- A Duggan.
Race 2 ANIMI SUB IGNIS- B Walters.
Race 4 WITCH MASTER- J Duggan.
Race 5 MAVIS MERLE- A Duggan.
Race 7 LE PREMIERE- S Rawnsley.

RACE 1 – ERIC REECE MEMORIAL HEAT ONE– 2090 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from ENTREEMANDESSERT, AHURA ART, IDEN AMRAK, POCKETS OF COURAGE, KARALTA BOOMER and COUTA ROCKS.

Rodney Ashwood was approved as a late driver replacement for Gareth Rattray on SHESASTANDOUT due to Mr Rattray being held up due to a traffic diversion.

ENTREEMAINDESSERT (M Howlett) pulled hard in running.

SHESASTANDOUT (R Ashwood) was disappointed for a run between the 400 metres and the 100 metres before then obtaining a run near the finish between IDEN AMRAK and POCKETS OF COURAGE. At that same stage IDEN AMRAK hung out under pressure affording DEMONSTRATIVE an inside run. IDEN AMRAK was then briefly tightened between SHESASTANDOUT and DEMONSTRATIVE.

ART EDITION (C Viney) which was out of position at the start despite the efforts of driver Chris Viney will be placed on its last chance in the draw.

TSIMBA RIDGE now reverts to being out of the draw after being right out of the draw.

RACE 2 – ERIC REECE MEMORIAL HEAT 2 – 2090 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from GAGGLE COORDINATOR, BONAFIDE DIVA, KOOL MINTZ, GOGGO GEE GEE, SIGN OF ORO and ME MATE LES.

Bradley Walters was approved as a late driver change for Rohan Hillier on ANIMI SUB IGNIS due to Mr Hillier being delayed due to a traffic diversion. Mr Walters was also reprimanded for not alerting Stewards to the need for a driver change as soon as he became aware of Mr Hillier being unable to be on course by the required time. ANIMI SUB IGNIS hung in under pressure over the concluding stages.

Racing around the first turn ME MATE LES (G Rattray) and BONAFIDE DIVA (R Ashwood) locked wheels as ME MATE LES progressed forward to the inside of BONAFIDE DIVA which had commenced to move down the track from its three wide position.

UCARNTBEATAMINT (P Hill) broke free of interference in the back straight, inconveniencing BONAFIDE DIVA (R Ashwood) and SIGN OF ORO (K Austin) and checking KOOL MINTZ (A Duggan) which broke. UCARNTBEATAMINT has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

Stewards queried driver Mark Yole and trainer Ben Yole as to the tactics adopted on LORD STARK NZ. After taking evidence from connections it was noted that the lack of gate speed from GAGGLE COORDINATOR which was drawn in barrier one had meant LORD STARK was able to immediately cross and lead.

Post-race swab samples were taken from GOGGO GEE GEE.

RACE 3 – TALBOT HOTEL PACE – 2090 METRES

Acting on a confirmed telephone call from trainer Adrian Duggan who advised that MARAVILLOSO was lame in its off fore leg and unfit to start, Stewards ordered that gelding's withdrawal at 9.30am. MARAVILLOSO has been stood down from racing for 28 days which may be varied upon production of a veterinary certificate as to the reasons for the scratching.

Pre-race swab samples were taken from BLISSTAR, LORD JONES NZ, ROCKIN AN RUNNIN, WARRIOR MAC and LAST GUY STANDING.

SWEET PEA JASPER (S Gangell) after working to the lead then tired markedly over the last 30 metres of the pace to the extent that after passing the winning post BLISSTAR (Z Phillips) and LAST GUY STANDING (M Yole) were severely checked and locked wheels. A post-race veterinary examination of SWEET PEA JASPER revealed no apparent abnormalities. Driver Samantha Gangell explained that the mare had, after working forward, then commenced to pull whilst leading when ROCKIN AN RUNNIN (M Howlett) raced to sit on her outside and as such, she was then unable to satisfactorily rate the mare in front. Trainer Campbell Watt reported that the mare had recovered well in the days after the race with no apparent abnormalities and would be nominated to race again in two weeks.

RACE 4 – RELISH CATERING PACE – 2090 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from UNION FORCE, CAMPAIGN DRIVE, SULTAN FELLA, PAINT THE WIND and TIZYALATOR.

Connections of CAMPAIGN DRIVE advised that their intention was to go forward at the start with the intention of gaining a sit closer to the lead than in more recent starts. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly, racing in the one out, one back trail.

Driver Kristy Grant (UNION FORCE) was reprimanded under the provisions of AHRR 163(3) for half carting when racing in to the back straight on the first occasion.

Z Phillips (FRANCO JAMESON NZ) was fined the sum of \$200 under the provisions of AHRR 162(1)(h) for failing to come up into position at the start.

R Hadley (PAINT THE WIND) was reprimanded under the provisions of AHRR 162(1)(h) for failing to come up into position at the start.

Racing past the 1300 metre mark as CHARLIE JAMES (S Rawnsley) attempted to improve three wide, SULTAN FELLA (P Ashwood) then also shifted wider on the track in an attempt to progress forward. SULTAN FELLA then raced rough and broke, inconveniencing CHARLIE JAMES. Mr Ashwood was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground. SULTAN FELLA has been placed on its last chance to race truly for breaking.

TIZYALATOR and CAMPAIGN DRIVE were both held up for a clear run in the home straight.

Stewards inquired in to an incident which occurred on the home turn and heard evidence from drivers Matthew Cooper (ONEMORELAUGH), Paul Ashwood (SULTAN FELLA) and Sam Rawnsley (CHARLIE JAMES). Mr Cooper pleaded guilty to a charge under R168(1)(a) for careless driving, the particulars being that when angling wider on the track he had been careless in not allowing sufficient room resulting in his drive contacting the sulky wheel of CHARLIE JAMES and breaking. SULTAN FELLA was then checked and broke as a consequence. Mr Cooper's licence to drive in races was suspended for two race dates commencing midnight tonight, expiring midnight 27 December 2016.

RACE 5 – LUXBET GEORGE JOHNSON – 2579 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from WEONA MASTERPIECE, ZUMBA BROMAC NZ, ANGEL OR DEMON, MAVIS MERLE, MODERN CHIC and SPITFIRE ROSE.

All runners in this race were required to be on course two hours prior to the advertised start time.

Trainer Paul Ashwood was reprimanded under R273(6)(b) for having an incorrect gear return on WEONA MASTERPIECE.

SPITFIRE ROSE unsuccessfully contested the lead in the middle stages. ANGEL OR DEMON commenced to over race after resisting the challenge of SPITFIRE ROSE and then tired to finish beaten 63 metres. A post-race veterinary examination was carried out on ANGEL OR DEMON which indicated abnormal lung sounds and a slow recovery rate. Trainer Shelley Barnes later advised that the mare had been scoped with no abnormalities detected and that blood samples were taken to establish the cause of the poor performance and will advise Stewards of the results of those tests.

Driver Adrian Duggan's left foot momentarily slipped from the foot rest upon entering the home straight before immediately being replaced.

Post-race swab samples were taken from ANGEL OR DEMON and SPITFIRE ROSE.

RACE 6 – LUXBET TASMANIA CUP – 2579 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from MACHO COMACHO NZ, STAR CHAMBER, MAJOR CALLUM NZ, PACHACUTI, FIVE STAR ANVIL NZ and LETS ELOPE NZ.

All runners in this race were required to be on course two hours prior to the advertised start time.

Stewards inquired into the reasons for LETS ELOPE racing three wide for some distance after the winning post with two laps to run and after viewing the replays and hearing evidence from drivers J Duggan (LETS ELOPE) and S Rawnsley (STAR CHAMBER) Mr Rawnsley pleaded guilty to a charge under AHRR 163(1)(b) for forcing another runner wider and his licence to drive in races was suspended for two race dates commencing midnight tonight and expiring at midnight on December 27.

FIVE STAR ANVIL shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages and a post-race veterinary examination indicated a slower than normal recovery rate.

Post-race swab samples were taken from LETS ELOPE NZ

RACE 7 – CUB PACE – 1609 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from MY ARTHUR BEE, RAJAH WEALTH, LE PREMIERE, MOTO KENNY NZ and ANCIENT MOONLIGHT NZ.

Connections of CROMAC JAMIE advised their intention to go forward and take up a forward sit. Stewards approved the change and the gelding was driven accordingly before then tiring in the back straight to be beaten 66 metres and will be placed on its last chance to race truly. RAJAH WEALTH and MY ARTHUR BEE were inconvenienced as CROMAC JAMIE gave ground.

The start of this race was slightly delayed when driver S Rawnsley dropped his whip coming out of the pre start circle.

Stewards will inquire into an incident on the home turn involving ANCIENT MOONLIGHT and MOTO KENNY.

Driver Gareth Rattray (I AM CAMELOT) was reprimanded for loose reining under the provisions of AHRR 156(3).

There were no claims in the race.

RACE 8 – SMITHAWARDS HOBART PACING CUP HEAT – 2579 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from IDLE HANDS, KARALTA DAZZLER, CHIEF DESTROYER, IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ, REMEMBER JOE and RIVERBOAT JASPER.

IDLE HANDS stood flat footed and attempted to rear whilst moving off then galloped for a considerable distance and as a result has been placed out of the draw for standing starts.

SOMETHING EYRE was slowly away and shifted out after the start, inconveniencing RIVERBOAT JASPER. SOMETHING EYRE will be placed on its last chance in the draw.

REMEMBER JOE (R Ashwood) broke gear and then broke with 300 metres to run, inconveniencing BIG GORILLA (M Yole). The hobbles were inspected and found to be of suitable quality.

Stewards inquired in to the manner in which KARALTA DAZZLER (W Rattray) shifted to the peg line racing towards the first turn and after hearing evidence from Mr Rattray and from C Salter (BAYRIDGE BILL) as to his drives' racing habits Mr Rattray was reminded of his obligations when crossing.

Post-race swab samples were taken from IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Trainer Maurice Keating was fined the sum of \$100 under the provisions of AHRR 159A(7) for driving track work at Brighton training complex on Friday December 16 whilst not wearing a safety vest.

LPC 12/12/16. Driver Chris Alford was fined the sum of \$200 under the provisions of AHRR 158(1) for failing to fulfil driving his driving engagements at that meeting.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	KRISTY GRANT –AHRR163(3) – HALF CARTING PAUL ASHWOOD –AHRRR273(6)(b) – INCORRECT GEAR GARETH RATTRAY –AHRR R156(3) – UNAPPROVED WHIP USE (LOOSE REINING) ROHAN HADLEY – AHRR162(1)(h) – FAILURE TO BE IN POSITION AT START BRADLEY WALTERS – AHRR239(A) - NEGLIGENCE
FINES	ZAC PHILLIPS –AHRR162(1)(h) – FAILURE TO BE IN POSITION - \$200
SUSPENSIONS	MATTHEW COOPER –AHRR168(1)(a) – 2 RACE DATES 18/12/16-27/12/16 SAMUEL RAWNSLEY –AHRR163(1)(b) – 2 RACE DATES – 18/12/16-27/12/16
HORSE ACTIONS	TSIMBA RIDGE – ODM (WAS RODM) IDLE HANDS - ODS
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Race 7 – Jack Laugher and R Duggan.

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	ENTREEMAINDESSERT AHURA ART IDEN AMRAK POCKETS OF COURAGE KARALTA BOOMER COUTA ROCKS
Race 2	GAGGLE COORDINATOR BONAFIDE DIVA KOOL MINTZ GOGGO GEE GEE SIGN OF ORO ME MATE LES

Race 3	BLISSTAR LORD JONES NZ ROCKIN AN RUNNIN WARRIOR MAC LAST GUY STANDING
Race 4	UNION FORCE CAMPAIGN DRIVE SULTAN FELLA PAINT THE WIND TIZYALATOR
Race 5	WEONA MASTERPIECE ZUMBA BROMAC NZ ANGEL OR DEMON MAVIS MERLE MODERN CHIC SPITFIRE ROSE
Race 6	MACHO COMACHO NZ STAR CHAMBER MAJOR CALLUM NZ PACHACUTI FIVE STAR ANVIL NZ LETS ELOPE NZ
Race 7	MY ARTHUR BEE RAJAH WEALTH LE PREMIERE MOTO KENNY NZ ANCIENT MOONLIGHT NZ
Race 8	IDLE HANDS KARALTA DAZZLER CHIEF DESTROYER IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ REMEMBER JOE RIVERBOAT JASPER

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 2	GOGGO GEE GEE
Race 5	ANGEL OR DEMON SPITFIRE ROSE
Race 6	LETS ELOPE NZ
Race 8	IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ

HUMAN SWAB SUMMARY
Samuel Rawnsley Nicholas Brockman Matthew Cooper Justin Howlett

ADRIAN CROWTHER
CHAIRMAN

ORI has recently reviewed its Harness policies. To view the updated policies go to:
http://www.racing.tas.gov.au/harness_racing/policies_and_rules - *ORI Integrity Policy Manual*