

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: TASMANIAN PACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 8 JANUARY 2017

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS:

- A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)
- J GLEESON
- D COOPER
- B FREE
- 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 – DEFIBRILLATOR LODGE PACE – 1609 METRES

LUWAY WINNIE was a late scratching due to an elevated temperature and has been stood down for 28 days which may be varied upon production of a veterinary certificate as to the reasons for the scratching.

Connections of CALL HER JULIE advised that due to the favourable draw and the shorter distance that mare would look to be driven forward from the gate. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the mare was driven accordingly, settling outside the leader before then obtaining cover when KYLEASHA progressed forward.

WHATELSUGOT (Taylor Ford) which broke in the score up and was out of position at the start will continue out of the draw for future mobile start events. Driver Taylor Ford was issued with a reprimand under the provisions of R156(3) for unapproved whip use.

Driver Nicholas Brockman (RECKLESS ABANDON) was reminded of his obligations relating to whip use.

Trainer Kevin Denny (ODINS CALL GIRL) was fined \$100 under the provisions of R273(6)(a) for presenting that mare to the parade ring wearing an incorrect number.

RACE 2 – LUXBET PACE – 2090 METRES

The start of this event was delayed due to an Albany (W.A.) gallops race running behind schedule.

ROCKNROLL TURBO which was out of position at the start despite the efforts of driver Rohan Hillier will now be placed out of the draw for future mobile start events.

Stewards delayed the All Clear to review the film of the start and, after doing so, were satisfied that HEAVENROLL's (Adrian Collins) material chances were not affected at the start. All Clear was then given. HEAVENROLL which tired over the concluding stages to finish beaten 70.5 metres has now been placed on its last chance to race truly. The colt was also briefly inconvenienced on the first turn as the pace eased.

Stewards inquired into the reasons for WAR CHEST (Todd Rattray) being checked and breaking in the home straight and after taking evidence from drivers Todd Rattray (WAR CHEST) and Rodney Ashwood (SHESASTANDOUT), Mr Ashwood pleaded guilty to a charge under AR163(1)(a)(iii) for causing interference. Mr Ashwood's licence to drive in races was suspended for two race dates expiring midnight 14 January 2017.

Stewards accepted the explanation put forward by trainer Eric Jacobson for the late driver change on WAR CHEST, approving Todd Rattray as the replacement for John Walters.

MEANDER VALLEY (Gareth Rattray) and SAFARI SUNSHINE (Rohan Hillier) both pulled hard in the score up.

MEANDER VALLEY (Gareth Rattray) which tired to finish beaten 58 metres has now been placed on its last chance to race truly.

LORD STARK NZ (Tim Yole) which tired to finish beaten 63 metres has now been placed on its last chance to race truly.

RACE 3 – CROWN LAGER PACE – 1609 METRES

The start of this event was delayed due to an Albany (W.A.) gallops race running behind schedule.

Connections of POSTAL EXPRESS advised their intention for that gelding to be driven forward to attempt to lead. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was able to cross BILLY KHAN (Sam Rawnsley), but was then crossed by WARRIOR MAC (Justin Howlett). POSTAL EXPRESS, then commenced to hang out rounding the home turn and continued to hang out between the 1200 metre point and the bell, losing its position as OUTLAW challenged WARRIOR MAC for the lead. As a result, COMEON HOWZAT NZ (Todd Rattray) then took up the position behind the leader on the peg line racing to the bell and REGMONDO (M Yole) then attempted to take the vacant position in the one out line however REGMONDO raced ungenerously and THATSWHATSHE SAID (R Duggan) then pushed forwards to hold the one out one back position. REGMONDO then shifted in whilst being restrained by its driver and contacted the sulky wheel of CHRISTIAN JAZ and broke, checking DEMONSTRATIVE which broke and inconveniencing RUTY RED COMET which broke

At the same time POSTAL EXPRESS (Taylor Ford) which was hanging out was restrained away from the sulky wheel of RUSTY RED COMET and shifted out and raced rough and has now been placed on its last chance to race truly. A post-race veterinary examination was also carried out on POSTAL EXPRESS which revealed no apparent abnormalities.

RUSTY RED COMET then further raced rough entering the back straight with 800 metres to run.

BILLY KHAN (Sam Rawnsley) was inconvenienced with a lap to travel as POSTAL EXPRESS hung out and shifted ground. The gelding then dropped out to finish beaten 85 metres. BILLY KHAN underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no apparent abnormalities. BILLY KHAN has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

Stewards inquired into the reasons for DEMONSTRATIVE (Paul Ashwood) sustaining a flat tyre near the 500 metres. After viewing the replays and hearing evidence from drivers Taylor Ford (POSTAL EXPRESS) and Paul Ashwood it was established that at the same time as

POSTAL EXPRESS commenced to shift wider DEMONSTRATIVE also shifted out slightly which contributed to the contact to its wheel.

Post-race swab samples were taken from WARRIOR MAC, winner of the event.

RACE 4 – TALBOT HOTEL PACE – 1609 METRES

Prior to the event, connection of DEPLOY (Samantha Freeman) advised that due to the gate speed drawn to its inside and the wider draw, that gelding would be restrained and driven with a sit. Stewards approved that change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly. DEPLOY hung in contacting marker pegs on the home turn.

ONEMORELAUGH (Matthew Cooper), refused to score up and then swung sideways up the track before again refusing to move as the runners approached the mobile barrier. The start was then aborted. ONEMORELAUGH has now been placed out of the draw. The gelding also hung out under pressure over the concluding stages.

LU WAY LORD (Tim Yole) which after unsuccessfully contesting the lead, then raced outside the leader before tiring to finish beaten 59 metres. That gelding has now been placed on its last chance to race truly.

CAMPAIGN DRIVE (Gareth Rattray) was held up in the home straight before obtaining an inside run close to the finish.

NO UNDIES SUNDIE (Todd Rattray) raced rough in the score up on the second occasion.

DO IT FOR DAVE (Taylor Ford), which was trailing the field by some considerable distance in the second score-up then broke in the score up and was out of position at the start and took no competitive part in the event. DO IT FOR DAVE will now be placed out of the draw.

Driver Nicholas Brockman (FUTURE PROMISES) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR156(3) for his unapproved whip use, the particulars being that his whip hand was drawn back higher than his shoulder. In light of Mr Brockman's poor record, his licence to drive in races was suspended for four race dates, expiring 22 January 2017.

Driver Jack Laugher (METRO MOUSE) was reprimanded under AR156(3) for his unapproved whip use, particulars being that his whip action was with more than a wrist and elbow flicking motion and his whip hand was drawn back higher than his shoulder.

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

RACE 5 – SHADFORTHS FINANCIALS GROUP PACE – 2090 METRES

Prior to the event, the connections of KOTARE MAHDI NZ (Todd Rattray) advised their intention to have that gelding driven further back due to runners drawn to its inside having gate speed. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly.

Trainer Juanita McKenzie was fined \$100 under the provisions of AR273(6)(a) for presenting ZUMBA BROMAC NZ to the parade ring wearing an incorrect number.

IM FULL TILT NZ (Jack Laugher) was fractious in the score up.

ZUMBA BROMAC NZ (Ricky Duggan) which pulled hard was held up and unable to be fully tested.

JACCKA LEN NZ (Gareth Rattray) had a tendency to race rough approaching the 400 metres.

Driver Rodney Ashwood (FOLLOWTHEWIND NZ) was reminded of his obligations when crossing.

RACE 6 – SMITHAWARDS PACE – 2090 METRES

FRANCO SHEFFIELD NZ was scratched by order of the Stewards after being stood down for a poor performance at the Scottsdale meeting on Friday 6 January 2017.

ROGER RAMJET NZ (Todd Rattray) had a tendency to hang in on the turns throughout the race.

Post-race swab samples were taken from BRAVO CHARLIE, winner of the event.

RACE 7 – BURGER ME CAMPBELL TOWN PACE – 2090 METRES

Connections of NEVER SIGHTED NZ (Matthew Howlett) advised that due to the class of the race and the mare being first up for a long spell, they would look to drive with a sit circumstances permitting. Stewards approved that change of tactics and the mare was driven accordingly.

RUN RIPALONG pulled hard in the score-up.

STAR CHAMBER (Sam Rawnsley) had a tendency to race ungenerously at various stages.

RACE 8 – CUB CLAIMER – 2090 METRES

Stewards queried driver Mark Yole (BIG GORILLA) as to the reasons for him leaving the one out two back position around the first turn to take up position on the pegs. Mr Yole explained that the horse had in recent times been unable to finish off its races and, as such, he pursued a rails run in preference to racing on the back of RAJAH WEALTH. BIG GORILLA was driven out over the concluding stages and made no ground in the straight in finishing 5th, beaten 16.2 metres. Stewards noted the explanation put forward by Mr Yole.

There were no claims in this event.

GENERAL

Driver Christian Salter was replaced on his drives due to a suspension which commenced on 6 January 2017 following an unsuccessful appeal hearing on 5 January 2017. He was replaced as follows:

Race 3 – Thatswatshesaid – replaced by Ricky Duggan

Race 5 – Rockbank Dancer – replaced by Rohan Hillier

Race 8 – Aninchofhislife – replaced by Ricky Duggan

TPC 18/12/16- ANGELS OR DEMONS.

Trainer Shelley Barnes reported that blood tests taken from the mare following its disappointing effort in the GEORGE JOHNSON stakes had revealed no significant findings, adding that in her opinion the mare's tendency to pull and refusal to settle after being challenged contributed to the mare tiring to finish beaten 63 metres. Ms Barnes added that the mare had since trialled satisfactorily and would now race on 13/1.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	TAYLOR FORD – R156(3) – UNAPPROVED WHIP USE JACK LAUGHER – R156(3)(b) – UNAPPROVED WHIP USE

FINES	KEVIN DENNY – R273(6)(a) – INCORRECT NUMBER - \$100 JUANITA MCKENZIE – R273(6)(a) – INCORRECT NUMBER - \$100
SUSPENSIONS	RODNEY ASHWOOD – R163(1)(a)(iii) – 2 RACE DATES 08/01/17-14/01/17 NICHOLAS BROCKMAN – R156(4) – 4 RACE DATES – 08/01/17-22/01/17
HORSE ACTIONS	WHATELSUGOT – CODM ROCKNROLL TURBO – ODM DO IT FOR DAVE – ODM ONEMORELAUGH - ODM

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	CALL HER JULIE GLAMOUR ART
Race 2	REASON TO GRIN
Race 3	WARRIOR MAC REGMONDO
Race 4	NO UNDIES SUNDIE DO IT FOR DAVE
Race 5	FINN MAC KEE ROCKBANK DANCER
Race 7	RUN RIPALONG NZ STAR CHAMBER MELOLYN
Race 8	RAJAH WEALTH BIG GORILLA

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 3	WARRIOR MAC
Race 4	ONEMORELAUGH
Race 6	BRAVO CHARLIE

ADRIAN CROWTHER
CHAIRMAN

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