

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: DEVONPORT HARNESS RACING CLUB

DATE: FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2017

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS:

A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)

J ZUCAL

R BROWN

J GLEESON

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 – COLLINS HOMES MOBILE DIVISION ONE – 2297 METRES

Transfer of ownership was processed prior to the meeting indicating the new owner of TENOVUS CULLEN to be Ben Yole.

MASTER CHARLIE broke in the score up on the first occasion in a false start. MASTER CHARLIE has now been placed out of the draw

SLEEPY BOY broke on the first turn and was then retired from the event. The gear of SLEEPY BOY was inspected as the gelding left the track and it was observed that one hopple shortener cord and pin were wrapped around a hind leg. Driver Mark Yole explained that one hopple shortener pin had prematurely come out which contributed to the gelding breaking and the hopple shortener cord had then wrapped around the gelding's hind leg. SLEEPY BOY underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

FLYLIKA HAWK hung in during the event.

ROYAL CANVAS and BUCKINGHAM BOY tired over the concluding stages. BUCKINGHAM BOY has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

TENOVUS CULLEN which tired to finish distanced underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no apparent abnormalities. TENOVUS CULLEN has been stood down from racing for a period of 10 days and pending the completion of a satisfactory trial.

MONARCO PLAYBOY has been placed back in the mobile draw.

RACE 2 – CUB MOBILE DIVISION TWO – 2297 METRES

OUR MAXICAM broke after the start and has now been placed out of the draw.

MASTER PAIGE had a tendency to hang out during the event.

LAST GUY STANDING relinquished the lead with 750 metres to run and tired from the 500 metres and has now been placed on its last chance to race truly.

DAYRAID was held up racing off the back straight behind the tiring HEAVENLY ROCK.

Prior to the all clear being given, driver Todd Rattray (RAINBOW PHOENIX) asked to view the films of the concluding stages and after doing so lodged a protest alleging interference in the home straight. After hearing from drivers Todd Rattray (RAINBOW PHOENIX) and Mark Yole (FAITHFUL JET), acting on their own observations and viewing the official race films, Stewards were comfortably satisfied that the extent of the shift from Mr Yole's drive which impeded RAINBOW PHOENIX, had exceeded the margin of a short half head and upheld the protest, amending the judges numbers to RAINBOW PHOENIX 1st place and FAITHFUL JET 2nd place. Driver Mark Yole pleaded guilty to a charge under AR162(1)(www) and his licence to drive in races was suspended for two race dates, commencing midnight 19 March 2017 and expiring midnight 26 March 2017.

Post-race swab samples were taken from FAITHFUL JET, second placegetter in the event.

RACE 3 – MAXFIELD DRILLING CLAIMER – 2297 METRES

There were no claims in this event.

ELECTRIC OLLIE NZ and MODERN CHIC both pulled hard in the score up.

Stewards inquired into an incident which occurred entering the home straight on the final occasion and after taking evidence from drivers Todd Rattray (MODERN CHIC) and Natalee Emery (WASHIES CHANCE NZ), Ms Emery was found guilty of a charge under AR163(1)(a)(iii) causing interference, the particulars being that as the driver of WASHIES CHANCE NZ she allowed her drive to shift in slightly and contact the off fore leg of MODERN CHIC which then raced rough. Ms Emery's licence to drive in races was suspended for two race dates, commencing midnight 17 March 2017 and expiring midnight 24 March 2017.

RACE 4 – LINX COFFEE VAN MOBILE – 1930 METRES

GIVIT TO ME raced rough on the first turn.

AVALON AVA which raced three wide around the first turn hung in on two occasions and was then restrained to the rear of the field by driver Craig Hayes.

CARMA CLASSIC was briefly held up for clear racing room rounding the home turn.

RACE 5 – ROBERTS PACE – 2297 METRES

LIKE IT IS pulled hard while leading and then tired over the concluding stages and has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

BAROOGA BUSTER unsuccessfully contested the lead in the early stages.

Stewards queried driver Natalee Emery (PUSHKIN) who raced three wide throughout. Ms Emery explained that her intention had been to go forward however when BAROOGA BUSTER was racing outside LIKE IT IS which then held the lead her drive commenced to

pull to the extent that she was not able to restrain and consequently her only option was then to remain three wide. Stewards accepted the explanation put forward by Ms Emery. Stewards also inquired into the reasons for CHIRAC breaking racing off the back straight. Driver Natalee Emery was issued with a reprimand under AR168(1)(a) for following the shift of BAROOGA BUSTER which then obliged CHIRAC to be taken down the track. Driver Braden Howlett was also reprimanded under AR168(1)(a) for careless driving for the manner in which he attempted to get to a position wider on the track when leaving the back straight.

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

RACE 6 – TR & KR SHIPTON MOBILE – 2297 METRES

The connections of TIMELY SOVEREIGN advised that with the favourable draw they would look to lead and then hold the lead if possible. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly to finish third.

The connections of KYLEASHA advised their intention to restrain and take a trail at the start. Stewards approved the change of tactics. KYLEASHA was restrained accordingly at the start and was then put into the race in the middle stages when the tempo slowed and briefly contested for the lead.

In the score up on the first occasion THE REAL REVEREND refused to score up and then refused to move. The start was then aborted for safety reasons. THE REAL REVEREND has now been placed out of the draw and has been stood down from racing for 10 days until completion of a satisfactory trial. Trainer Craig Hayes advised he will no longer persevere with the gelding.

TIBYTOA which had raced ungenerously then broke free of interference and has now been stood down from racing for 14 days and the completion of two trials. Driver John Walters (TIBYTOA) was reprimanded under AR168(1)(a) for allowing his drive to briefly shift in toward MARTYS FOR REAL on the first turn.

MARTYS FOR REAL which broke after the start has been placed out of the draw.

RACE 7 – HARDINGS HOTMIX CLAIMING NOVICE – 2297 METRES

The connections of JAY DUB NZ advised their intention with gate speed drawn to its inside the gelding would look to be driven with a sit. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly.

Shortly after the start BUSTED (Samantha Freeman) shifted out slightly and at the same time JAY DUB NZ (Allister Woods) shifted slightly inwards whilst being restrained and the two made contact with JAY DUB NZ breaking as a consequence.

Driver Chris Aylett (MAJOR JAMANE) was reprimanded under AR162(1)(j) for failing to maintain his position at the start.

RACE 8 – LUXBET PACE – 2297 METRES

Rounding the home turn ONLY A MYTH hung in and as a consequence KARALTA DELUX which was racing to its inside contacted two marker pegs.

RACE 9 – DIGNA’S CUISINE PACE – 1930 METRES

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

There were no racing incidents in this race.

GENERAL

TASMANIAN PACING CLUB – FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2017

Trainer Paul Williams advised that CHASING CHEETAHS which had tired badly and finished distanced had undergone a series of veterinary tests. An ECG taken from the gelding was shown to be normal however a tracheal wash performed revealed a severe respiratory tract infection. Mr Williams reported that the gelding would now undergo a course of treatment and be spelled.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	NATALEE EMERY – AR168(1)(a) – CARELESS DRIVING BRADEN HOWLETT – AR168(1)(A) – CARELESS DRIVING JOHN WALTERS – AR168(1)(a) – CARELESS DRIVING CHRIS AYLETT – AR162(1)(j) – FAIL TO MAINTAIN POSITION
SUSPENSIONS	NATALEE EMERY – AR163(1)(a)(j) – 2 RACE DATES 17/03/17-24/03/17 MARK YOLE – AR162(1)(www) – 2 RACE DATES 19/03/17-26/03/17
HORSE ACTIONS	TENOVUS CULLEN – STOOD DOWN 10 DAYS & 1 TRIAL MASTER CHARLIE – ODM OUR MAXICAM – ODM THE REAL REVEREND – STOOD DOWN 10 DAYS & 1 TRIAL; ODM TIBYTOA – STOOD DOWN 14 DAYS & 2 TRIALS MARTYS FOR REAL – ODM

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	ROYAL CANVAS
Race 3	LUCKY DAVE NZ
Race 4	WHY WENT WONG
Race 6	PEACE CORPS NZ

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 2	FAITHFUL JET
Race 5	BAROOGA BUSTER

ADRIAN CROWTHER
CHAIRMAN

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