

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB

DATE: FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2017

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS:

- A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)
- D COOPER
- J ZUCAL
- B BAUDINETTE
- P HALL
- J AINSCOW
- G GRIFFIN (STARTER)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR FIONA DUGGAN

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

RACE 1 – LUXBET TWO YEAR OLD – 1680 METRES

KRAFTY BOY broke shortly after the start and then settled 30 metres from the leader after regaining its gait. The gelding has been placed out of the draw for future mobile start events. The gelding again broke racing past the winning post with a lap to travel when being restrained as the pace eased slightly, losing two lengths in the process, and has been placed on its last chance to race truly. Stewards inquired into the performance of the gelding which started as a \$1.20 favourite and finished in fifth placing and into aspects of Mr Ashwood's drive including the reasons for him going back to the peg line past the 800 metres and into his contacting marker pegs around the home turn. Mr Ashwood was fined \$200 for contacting marker pegs under AHRR 163(1)(c) and the Inquiry was then adjourned in respect of his drive and in relation to his notified gear as lodged in his stable return. It was also noted that the gelding had broken its chinstrap during the run. Stewards will also examine betting data from the race.

IDEN FOREST has been placed back in the mobile draw.

RACE 2 – BE AT THE EASTER CUP RACE MEETING SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2017 – 2200 METRES

The amended start time for this race was 5.42pm not 5.44pm as notified in the race book.

The start of this race was delayed due to The Gardens greyhound race running behind schedule.

MIGHTY SPARK NZ and BYMARJAC were fractious before the start.

OUTLAW NZ which galloped out has been placed on its last chance in the draw. That gelding was then held up and unable to be tested over the concluding stages.

FLYLIKA HAWK which galloped out will continue out of the draw. The gelding then hung in on the home turn towards DAYRAID which was attempting to shift wider at the same stage. DAYRAID was then inconvenienced and broke briefly.

JAY DUB NZ, MIGHTY SPARK NZ and FUTURE PROMISES were all held up and unable to be tested in the home straight.

All clear was delayed when drivers Rohan Hillier (SIGN NO MORE) and Adrian Duggan (FLYLIKA HAWK) asked to view the films of the concluding stages and after doing so were satisfied and all clear was declared.

KYLEASHA shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages despite the efforts of driver Todd Rattray. Mr Rattray explained that if the mare was to race again this preparation that he would remove the near-side lugging pole which he believed had contributed to the mare shifting out. Subsequent to the meeting Mr Rattray advised that the mare has been sent for a spell and may be retired for breeding purposes.

RACE 3 – LONGFORD EQUINE CLINIC PACE – 2200 METRES

The start time for this race was 6.18pm not 6.14pm as notified in the race book.

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

LAKE EYRE NZ which broke after the start will continue out of the draw.

CRANBRE and CAMPAIGN DRIVE were held up rounding the home turn. IM FULL TILT was held up in the home straight.

RACE 4 – RANVET EASTER CUP HEAT ONE – 2698 METRES

The start of this race was significantly delayed due to a Melton harness race running behind schedule.

MISTER LENNOX NZ which galloped out has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

BLACKJACKHANOVER which galloped out has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

THE MAJORITY NZ unsuccessfully contested the lead towards the first turn before then restraining to obtain a trail. The gelding then pulled hard at various stages of the event.

SAPPHIRE SWAYZE stood flat footed and galloped out and will continue out of the draw. JUST KNEW was inconvenienced after the start by SAPPHIRE SWAYZE.

ROGER RAMJET was held up around the home turn and early in the home straight.

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

RACE 5 – RANVET EASTER CUP HEAT TWO – 2698 METRES

The start of this race was delayed due to a pre-race veterinary examination being required on IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ at the barrier. The on-course veterinarian examined IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ and determined the gelding was suffering from a heart arrhythmia and was then withdrawn by order of the Stewards acting on veterinary advice at 7.24pm. IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ will now be stood down from racing pending a veterinary certificate of fitness which includes an ECG taken after fast work and will then be required to trial to the satisfaction of Stewards. Post-race swab samples were taken from IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ.

Trainer Troy Hillier (IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR.211 for leaving his horse unattended prior to the race in the stalls area and was fined the sum of \$100.

JUKEBOX MUSIC which galloped out has been placed out of the draw and will now be required to complete three consecutive satisfactory stand starts to be reinstated in the draw.

MAJOR CALLUM NZ galloped out and has been placed out of the draw. The gelding also pulled hard in the run.

POKER STORM galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

BRAVO CHARLIE galloped out and will continue right out of the draw.

MODERN RULER pulled hard racing toward the back straight on the final occasion. Driver Steven Davis reported immediately after the race that the gelding's tongue tie broke and that the gelding then got his tongue over the bit placing him at a significant disadvantage.

MODERN RULER gave ground over the concluding stages.

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

RACE 6 – FASIONS ON THE FIELD AT THE EASTER CUP – 2200 METRES

Driver Mark Yole (GIVIT TO ME) was fined the sum of \$100 for exceeding minimal sectional time requirements.

JOES LITTLE GIRL broke free of interference racing on the first turn, dipping twice and shifting out sharply and has now been stood down from racing for 10 days and until the completion of a satisfactory trial. As a consequence of JOES LITTLE GIRL breaking, HAZEL GRANT, JETSONVILLE JOHN and PAGLIACCI were all severely checked and NEVER UNACHIEVABLE was inconvenienced.

Driver John Walters (EL JAYS MONZA) asked to view the film of the concluding stages and, after doing so, protested against NEVER UNACHIEVABLE (Rohan Hadley) being declared the winner on the grounds of interference over the concluding stages. After hearing evidence from both drivers and trainer Kent Rattray (EL JAYS MONZA), acting on their own observations and viewing the official race replays Stewards determined that whilst Mr Hadleys drive had shifted in, they were not comfortably satisfied that the extent of any interference exceeded the margin between the runners at the finish and dismissed the protest, noting that Mr Walters had at all times continued to drive out and that his drive hit the lead shortly before the line before then again being headed by NEVER UNACHIEVABLE. Driver John Walters also asked to view the photo finish print and was afforded the opportunity to do so before all clear was declared.

RACE 7 – EASTER CUP RACE MEETING SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2017 DIVISION ONE – 2200 METRES

The connections of MAJORAMA advised that with the wide draw and speed to the inside they would look to restrain and drive with a sit. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly.

PUNCHINELLO pulled hard when being restrained to take a trail in the early stages.

MAJORAMA broke just prior to entering the home straight and after taking evidence from drivers Hannah Van Dongen (REGAL IDEA) and Jack Laugher (MAJORAMA), Stewards accepted the evidence of driver J Laugher that MAJORAMA had a tendency to hang in and hit

its knee at the same time that Ms Van Dongen was looking to shift wider on the track. No action was taken in relation to the incident other than to remind Ms Van Dongen of her obligations when attempting to shift ground.

RACE 8 – GREAT NORTHERN SUPER CRISP CLAIMER – 2200 METRES

There were no claims in this event.

REGAL STRIDE NZ tired after leading.

RACE 9 – FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE EASTER CUP SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2017 – 2200 METRES

The connections of ALPINION advised that with the wide draw and gate speed drawn inside, they would look to restrain at the start. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly.

TENFOUR worked forward in the middle stages to lead.

Driver Jack Laughler (MASTER CHARLIE) asked to view the films of the concluding stages and after doing so was satisfied and all clear was given on the judges numbers.

Driver Tanya Cavallaro was reprimanded under the provisions of AR162(1)(www) for allowing POP THE CORK to shift ground over the concluding stages.

MASTER CHARLIE has been placed back in the mobile draw.

GENERAL

Stewards inquired into the non-arrival of THE MAJORITY NZ at Carrick Park Pacing Club trials on 18 March 2017. Trainer Matthew Dwyer was found guilty of a charge under AR238 for failing to comply with the requirement, the particulars being that he failed to notify the organising club or Stewards that he did not intend to trial THE MAJORITY NZ. Mr Dwyer was fined the sum of \$50.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	TANYA CAVALLARO – AR152(1)(www) - SHIFTING GROUND
FINES	MATTHEW DWYER – AR238 – FAILING TO COMPLY WITH DIRECTION - \$50 (FROM CPPC TRIALS 18/03/17) PAUL ASHWOOD – AR164(1)(c) – CONTACTING INSIDE MARKER PYLON - \$200 MARK YOLE – AR162(1)(y) – SECTIONAL TIMES - \$100 TROY HILLIER – AR211 – HORSE UNATTENDED - \$100
HORSE ACTIONS	LAKE EYRE NZ – CODM KRAFTY BOY – ODM FLYLIKA HAWK – CODS SAPPHIRE SWAYZE – CODS JUKEBOX MUSIC (3) – ODS MAJOR CALLUM NZ – ODS BRAVE CHARLIE – CRODS IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ – VET CERT ECG; STOOD DOWN 1 TRIAL JOES LITTLE GIRL – STOOD DOWN 10 DAYS & 1 TRIAL

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 2	DAYRAID MIGHTY SPARK NZ
Race 3	CAMPAIGN DRIVE
Race 4	THE MAJORITY NZ MIGHTY FLYING MAC NZ
Race 5	MELOLYN IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ
Race 6	HAZEL GRANT NEVER UNACHIEVABLE
Race 8	REGAL STRIDE NZ BURITON BAILEY NZ
Race 9	POP THE CORK LEGENDA

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 4	BLACK CENTURIAN
Race 5	KARALTA DAZZLER IMBARNEY RUBBLE NZ

**ADRIAN CROWTHER
CHAIRMAN**

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