

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: DEVONPORT HARNESS RACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2017

TRACK: RAIN AFFECTED

WEATHER: RAIN

STEWARDS:

A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)

S LARKINS

D COOPER

C BRYDON

G GRIFFIN (STARTER)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR J MCKENNA

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

Due to the rain affected track Stewards ordered that all mudguards be fitted for tonight's race meeting.

RACE 1 – CUB BELMONT – 1930 METRES

LADY OLIVE OYL raced rough in the early part of the score up.

CLASS TELLS hung in in the early part of the score up.

There were no racing incidents during the running of this race.

RACE 2 – ROBERTS RURAL MOBILE DIVISION ONE – 2297 METRES

LITTLE ROSA was a late scratching at 4.12pm by Stewards acting on veterinary advice due to the filly having sustained a cut to its off hind pastern. LITTLE ROSA has been stood down from racing pending a veterinary certificate of fitness to race.

POP THE CORK (Mark Yole) hung out slightly and then raced rough shortly after the start.

UNION FORCE raced four wide into the first turn and was then restrained in the early stages. UNION FORCE then pulled hard before obtaining a trail into the race from the 900 metres.

OSCAR BLAKEDON raced rough racing off the back straight on the final occasion.

RACE 3 – DERRICO CYCLES PACE – 2297 METRES

LYNNIEMACH broke as the start was effected and has now been placed out of the draw. The filly which tired over the concluding stages to finish beaten 84 metres underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no apparent abnormalities. The filly has been placed on her last chance to race truly.

BLUES ACE (Brett Jaffray) raced rough after the start.

Upon entering the home straight on the final occasion AVALON AVA (Ben Parker) shifted out under pressure and contacted the sulky of HOLLY HALO and raced rough.

CHADWICKS ROAD commenced to tire from the 1000 metres and was retired from the event by driver Gareth Rattray with a lap to travel. CHADWICKS ROAD underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no apparent abnormalities. Driver Gareth Rattray explained that the gelding was making respiratory noises as it tired and that the gelding would now be scoped to determine any issues. CHADWICKS ROAD has been stood down from racing pending a veterinary certificate of fitness including the results of a satisfactory endoscopic examination.

In the middle stages of the event CHENIN VALLEY (Troy Hillier) commenced to over-race as ROCKNROLL TURBO worked forward three wide. CHENIN VALLEY then as a consequence shifted out and briefly raced three wide before resuming its position in the running line.

RACE 4 – JEREMY ROCKLIFF MP PACE DIVISION TWO – 2297 METRES

ALWAYS A SHOW had a tendency to hang in whilst racing outside the leader.

IDEAL DISTRACTION pulled hard in the early stages whilst being restrained.

PABLO SANTANNA was held up for clear racing room and unable to be tested over the concluding stages.

Stewards inquired into the manner in which driver Jack Laugher drove out over the concluding stages. Mr Laugher explained that due to the wet conditions he had experienced difficulties in judging his distance from the leaders back racing off the back straight on the final occasion and attempted to lift his face shield to improve his vision but that his shield had immediately dropped down placing him at a disadvantage. He added that in the home straight he had continued to try to ascertain his distance from the back of IMA GINGER ROGERS. Mr Laugher also presented his glasses and face shield to Stewards in the Inquiry just after the race. After considering Mr Laugher's explanation and verifying on the films his actions Stewards accepted the explanation put forward as to the reasons for him not finishing closer to the back of IMA GINGER ROGERS which would have afforded him the opportunity to run second in the race.

Driver Samantha Freeman's (BUSTED) left foot momentarily left the foot rest when adjusting gear rounding the home turn. Ms Freeman explained that it had taken a couple of attempts to release the removable earplugs and that her foot had slipped momentarily at that time.

RACE 5 – LUXBET SHEFFIELD CUP – 2645 METRES

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

RED SUN BLISS was held up for clear racing room rounding the home turn.

WILLBE DOC galloped out and has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

Shortly after the start, CEMENTO RAPIDO which had galloped out then SHIFTED ABRUPTLY up the track, severely checking and locking wheels with LAKE EYRE (Gareth Rattray). CEMENTO RAPIDO was then pulled up from the event and LAKE EYRE took no competitive part in the race.

Racing towards the winning post on the first occasion SIGN NO MORE (Tim Yole) which was progressing three wide broke free of interference and lost ground as a consequence. SIGN NO MORE has now been placed on its last chance to race truly. Driver Tim Yole was reprimanded for careless driving for the manner in which he shifted back to the one out line which resulted in CHIEF DESTROYER being inconvenienced.

CEMENTO RAPIDO has been placed out of the draw.

LORD JONES NZ pulled hard whilst racing outside the leader.

PUSHKIN NZ pulled hard whilst racing in a trail.

MAVIS MERLE was held up for clear racing room over the concluding stages and was unable to be fully tested.

Stewards queried the driving tactics of Jack Laughher CHIEF DESTROYER and also took evidence from trainer Shelley Barnes. Mr Laughher stated, and Stewards verified after viewing the films, that the gelding was somewhat slow off a 30-metre handicap and then took some time to tack on to the back of the field and was inconvenienced as SIGN NO MORE shifted in to the running line. Mr Laughher also stated that he was not of the view that the position outside the leader would be available had he progressed three wide in the middle stages and that he had obtained a trail on the back of SIGN NO MORE with a lap to travel and that mare had then failed to progress forward meaning he was obliged to go four wide and that his drive was unable to make up sufficient ground over the last lap.

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

RACE 6 – HARDINGS HOTMIX PACE – 1930 METRES

As the horses approached the mobile barrier, the mobile experienced a loss of power and the start was aborted. The mobile was then successfully test run before the second start was effected.

TIBYTOA pulled hard and raced ungenerously whilst being restrained in the early stages.

RACE 7 – COLLINS HOMES GRANNY SMITH HEAT ONE – 2297 METRES

TAMBROS MILLY shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.

Stewards inquired into the circumstances around ITZ GEMMAS DELIGHT racing four wide into the back straight on the first occasion. Driver Rohan Hadley (LITTLE BIT OF BIG) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR163(1)(b). The particulars of the charge were that in completing his shift driver Gareth Rattray (ITZ GEMMAS DELIGHT) was obliged to shift four wide for a short distance before then restraining to trail LITTLE BIT OF BIG and after considering all relevant mitigating circumstances including the significant length of time since Mr Hadley had offended under this rule and his immediate guilty plea, his licence was suspended for one race date, commencing midnight 23/4/17 and expiring midnight 28/4/17.

RACE 8 – SEAFM MOBILE – 2297 METRES

CHIRAC unsuccessfully contested the lead in the early stages.

PAIN THE WIND which led the event, then hung out significantly with a lap to travel before being corrected by its driver. The gelding has now been placed on its last chance to race truly.

RACE 9 – COLLINS HOMES GRANNY SMITH HEAT TWO – 2297 METRES

Driver David Miles (AFTER LUNCH) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR163(1)(d) and was fined the sum of \$100 for causing KARALTA STARDUST (Jack Laugher) to contact marker pegs whilst unsuccessfully challenging for the lead in the middle stages of the race.

GUESSTAMATE, which tired to be beaten 69 metres, has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

RACE 10– MAXFIELD DRILLING RAIDER STAKES HEAT ONE – 2297 METRES

HILLVIEW JAKE hung out and then shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.

SPOT EIGHT raced rough in the score up and was then held up rounding the home turn.

ALL STYLE SAMMY hung in under pressure near the finish. Driver Rohan Hadley pleaded guilty to a charge under AR156(3) for unapproved whip use, the particulars being that he used the whip after the winning post at the finish of the race. Mr Hadley was fined the sum of \$200.

RACE 11– MAXFIELD DRILLING RAIDER STAKES HEAT TWO – 2297 METRES

KWIATKOWSKI hung in in the score up and hung in in the run.

There were no further racing incidents during the running of this race.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	TIM YOLE – AR168(1)(a) – CARELESS DRIVING
FINES	DAVID MILES – AR163(1)(d) – FORCE ANOTHER RUNNER OVER PEGS - \$100 ROHAN HADLEY – AR156(3) – WHIP USE AFTER LINE - \$200
SUSPENSIONS	ROHAN HADLEY – AR163(1)(b) – 1 RACE DATE - MIDNIGHT 23/4/17 TO MIDNIGHT 28/4/17
HORSE ACTIONS	LITTLE ROSA – STOOD DOWN – VET CERTIFICATE LYNNIEMACH – ODM CHADWICKS ROAD – STOOD DOWN XXX & VET CERTIFICATE CEMENTO RAPIDO - ODS

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	LADY OLIVE OYL
Race 2	POP THE CORK CRAFTY OLD FOX
Race 3	BLUES ACE POCKETS OF COURAGE
Race 4	ALWAYS A SHOW
Race 5	RED SUN BLISS SIGN NO MORE JANE GRANT PUSHKIN NZ CHIEF DESTROYER

Race 6	DEVIL OF TYNE
Race 7	KVITOVA LEIS
Race 8	WEONA MASTERPIECE PAINT THE WIND
Race 9	SHEASTANDOUT AFTER LUNCH
Race 10	SPOT EIGHT
Race 11	KWIATKOWSKI

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 5	JANE GRANT
Race 9	AFTER LUNCH

ADRIAN CROWTHER
CHAIRMAN

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