

## HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

**CLUB:** DEVONPORT HARNESS RACING CLUB

**DATE:** SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2017

**TRACK:** GOOD

**WEATHER:** FINE

**STEWARDS:**

D FARQUHARSON (CHAIRMAN)

D COOPER

B BAUDINETTE

P HALL

J AINSCOW

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 – CUB PACE DIVISION ONE – 2297 METRES**

Stewards approved a change of tactics for the connection of CRAFTY OLD FOX to drive the horse less aggressively from the start. An announcement was made to this effect.

CARDMASTER KIWI (Chris Aylett) which was in position when the start was effected, will be re-included in the barrier draw in future mobile starts.

COMEON HOWZAT NZ (Natalee Emery) which led the race, had a tendency to race keenly.

MOBI DOC (Mark Yole) was caught racing three wide in the early stages of the race before being restrained to a rearward trailing position.

Entering the front straight after the completion of one lap, CARDMASTER KIWI (Chris Aylett) galloped without interference. Driver Chris Aylett could offer no satisfactory explanation for CARDMASTER KIWI's unruly behaviour and indicated to Stewards that he may be sending the colt for an immediate spell. Stewards directed that CARDMASTER KIWI be stood down from racing for a period of 10 days and until completion of a satisfactory trial.

### **RACE 2 – ARGOSY MOBILE – 2297 METRES**

SUMMERVILLE SAN (Paul Ashwood) which was in position when the start was effected, will be re-included in the barrier draw in future mobile starts.

CARLAS HEAVEN (Robert Walters) raced roughly after the start was effected and had a tendency to race greenly at various stages of the race.

SWINGIN ARMS (Justin Howlett) raced roughly in the score up and was slow to muster speed after the start was effected. SWINGIN ARMS will be placed on its last chance to perform in the desired manner from the front line. SWINGIN ARMS continued to lose ground in the

concluding stages and finished a distant last. A post-race veterinary examination of SWINGIN ARMS failed to reveal any abnormalities. In view of the poor performance Stewards directed that SWINGIN ARMS be stood down from racing for a period of 10 days and until completion of one satisfactory trial before being nominated to race.

### **RACE 3 – TR & KR SHIPTON MOBILE DIVISION TWO – 2297 METRES**

The connections of BLACK OPS sought permission for a change of tactics to race the horse more forward after the scratching of SAYWHAT which was drawn directly to its inside. Stewards agreed to the change of tactics and announcements were made accordingly.

MONARCO PLAYBOY (Troy Hillier) hung in during the score up and was out of position when the start was effected. MONARCO PLAYBOY will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile starts.

MARTYS FOR REAL (Justin Howlett) broke in latter stages of the score up and was well out of position when the start was effected. Connections were advised that MARTYS FOR REAL will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile starts.

### **RACE 4 – THORATE BAR CLAIMER – 2286 METRES**

Stewards approved a late driving change on CROMAC JAMIE NZ from Paul Hill to Dylan Ford after driver Paul Hill reported to Stewards that he was suffering soreness as a result of a race fall in Hobart on Friday 23 June 2017.

YAHOLYTERROR NZ galloped out when the start was effected. Connections were advised that the gelding would be excluded from the barrier draw in future standing starts.

SHANGHAI KNIGHT NZ (Rohan Hadley) galloped out when the start was effected and will be excluded from the barrier draw in future standing start races.

REGAL STRIDE NZ (Tim Yole) stood flat footed and galloped out when the strands were released. After considering the gelding's record in this regard, connections were advised that REGAL STRIDE NZ would be placed on its last chance in the draw.

It was noted that WILLIAMLEE (John Walters) was inconvenienced at the start due to the galloping REGAL STRIDE NZ.

Stewards inquired into an incident which occurred on the turn entering the front straight with a lap remaining where WILLIAMLEE (John Walters) was obliged to race four wide. At a subsequent inquiry it was established that WASHIES CHANCE NZ (Natalee Emery) which was racing in a one out position, was moved wider by its driver when WILLIAMLEE had covered its wheel. Driver Natalee Emery was subsequently charged pursuant to AR163(1)(b) for obliging WILLIAMLEE to cover more ground than necessary. Miss Emery pleaded guilty to the charge and her licence to drive in races was suspended for two race dates, commencing midnight 30 June and expiring midnight 9 July 2017.

Stewards adjourned an inquiry into the driving tactics adopted by Jack Laughler (SHANGHAI KNIGHT NZ). This inquiry will be held at the Devonport Harness Racing Club meeting on Friday 30 June 2017

## RACE 5 – DIGNAS CUISINE PACE – 2286 METRES

WILL BE DOC (Justin Howlett) was slow to muster speed at the start.

SIGN NO MORE (Rohan Hadley) galloped out losing ground as a result. SIGN NO MORE has been placed on its last chance in the draw in standing start events.

## RACE 6 – LINX COFFEE MOBILE – 1930 METRES

IDEAL DISTRACTION NZ (Damian Spring) which was racing at the rear of the field, was inclined to pull very hard which resulted in Mr Spring moving the mare out three wide in an attempt to gain a position without cover. This manoeuvre was unsuccessful and, as a result, IDEAL DISTRACTION NZ raced three wide for the remainder of the race before tiring over the concluding stages. Connections were advised that IDEAL DISTRACTION NZ will be placed on its last chance to race competitively.

MULTIPLE CHOICE (Allister Woods) which raced in a rearward trailing position, failed to run on in the concluding stages and was beaten 71 metres into last position. Connections were advised that the mare would be placed on its last chance to race competitively.

BERTILS DELIGHT (Heath Szczyпка) was slightly out of position when the start was effected despite the efforts of its driver. A warning was issued.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	NATALEE EMERY – AR163(1)(b) – 2 RACE DATES COMMENCING MIDNIGHT 2 JULY 2017, EXPIRING MIDNIGHT 9 JULY 2017
<b>HORSE ACTIONS</b>	CARDMASTER KIWI – STOOD DOWN 10 DAYS & 1 TRIAL MARTYS FOR REAL – ODM SWINGIN ARMS – STOOD DOWN 10 DAYS & 1 TRIAL MONARCO PLAYBOY – CODM YAHOLYTERROR NZ – ODS SHANGHAI KNIGHT NZ - ODS

<b>PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY</b>	
Race 1	CRAFTY OLD FOX MASTER CHARLIE
Race 4	JUKEBOX MUSIC CROMAC JAMIE NZ MODERN CHIC
Race 5	TIMELY SOVEREIGN
Race 6	BERTILS DELIGHT

<b>POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY</b>	
Race 1	COMEON HOWZAT NZ
Race 3	IM FULL TILT NZ
Race 5	PUSHKIN NZ

**DAVID FARQUHARSON**  
**CHAIRMAN**

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