

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: TASMANIAN PACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 2 JULY 2017

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS:

- A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)
- D FARQUHARSON
- J GLEESON
- R BROWN
- D COOPER
- D MCMASTER
- G GRIFFIN (STARTER)

VETERINARY SURGEON: Dr A MEEKER

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

RACE 1 – IGNATIUS 2YO MILE RECORD HOLDER PACE – 1609 METRES

As the start was being effected ARK FURY (J Walters) shifted in despite the efforts of its driver contacting and locking wheels with PEZZAMYSTIC(J Laugher), which was then taken inside marker pegs and broke. ARK FURY has been placed out of the draw. ARK FURY was unable to obtain clear running in the home straight.

Shortly after the start INWIL (T Rattray) broke. The filly has been placed out of the draw.

DEBT TILL WE PART (P Williams) hung in under pressure over the concluding stages.

RACE 2 – GREEN ELECTRICAL PACE DIVISION ONE – 2090 METRES

Acting on a confirmed telephone call from trainer Mark Reggett who advised that SPARKLING was suffering nasal discharge and unfit to start, Stewards ordered the late scratching of the mare which is stood down for 28 days which may be varied upon production of a veterinary certificate as to the reasons for the scratching.

Connections of RILEY COYOTE advised that with the gelding being unable to finish its races off and with a wide draw they would look to restrain from the start and put the gelding into the race in the last lap. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly.

Connections of THE STATE OF PLAY advised that circumstance permitting they would look to drive the gelding further forward. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding settled in a forward trailing position.

LOCKAWAY KACIE broke under pressure nearing the finish and has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

ALEMERIA was slightly inconvenienced nearing the finish.

BLACK OPS shifted out under pressure nearing the finish.

The all clear was held up in order to view the photo finish of the dead heat. Drivers M Yole and G Rattray were both satisfied and the all clear was given on the judges numbers.

RACE 3 – BURGER ME CAMPBELL TOWN PACE – 1609 METRES

ANIMI SUB IGNIS was out of position at the start and will continue RODM. Driver Bradley Walters was cautioned to make more of an effort in similar circumstances to get into position.

PALMISANO (S Freeman) broke on the first turn as the pace eased slightly and has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

COUTA ROCKS (P Hill) was caught three wide after unsuccessfully attempting to gain a position in the running line. The gelding was severely checked in the back straight as ONEMORELAUGH (M Cooper) shifted wider on the track. Driver M Cooper pleaded guilty to a charge under AHRR 168(1)(a)- Careless Driving and his licence was suspended for three race dates. Mr Cooper sought, and was granted, a deferment to allow him to take his drives in the remaining legs of the Novice drivers series. His suspension will start at midnight on Sunday July 9 and expire at midnight on July 21.

KVITOVA LEIS (T Rattray) and FRANKIE FALZONI(J Howlett) were unable to obtain clear running in the home straight.

ARTARAMA was held up early in the home straight.

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

RACE 4 – BOTRA CLAIMING NOVICE DRIVERS HEAT THREE – 2090 METRES

Acting upon a confirmed telephone call from trainer B Yole, who advised that PABLO SANTANNA had suffered a serious leg injury when being loaded to be transported to the race meeting, Stewards ordered that gelding be scratched from the race at 11:30 a.m.

After withstanding a challenge for the lead in the early stages of the race PUT MBACK(T Ford) then broke free of interference racing into the back straight and was taken inside marker pegs by its driver and was restrained to its correct gait before returning to the running line. The gelding has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

Driver S Gangell (LAST GUY STANDING) was reprimanded under AHRR 162(1)(h) for failing to make sufficient effort to have her drive in position.

RACE 5 – RELEX NORTH HOBART PACE – 2090 METRES.

There were no claims in this race.

LA EBONY KITA (G Rattray) unsuccessfully challenged for the lead after the start.

CROMAC JAMIE (P Hill) which tired from the 500 metres after leading has been placed on its last chance to race competitively.

Stewards inquired into the manner in which J Howlett (WASHIES CHANCE) attempted to shift off the back of the tiring CROMAC JAMIE near the 500 metres. After taking evidence from drivers P Hill, G Rattray and J Howlett, viewing the race replays and acting on their own observations it was established that LA EBONY KITA was placed in extremely restricted room as a result of Mr Howlett directing his drive away from the peg line as Mr Rattray had TIZ A JAMANE, THATSWHATSHE SAID and all DAMITSAM racing to his outside leaving him no avenue to shift ground. Evidence from P Hill also confirmed that he had shifted his drive down the track to avoid contact from the legs of WASHIES CHANCE to his outside wheel and to afford Mr Rattray sufficient room so as to avoid heavier contact. It was also noted that LA EBONY KITA was in advance of WASHIES CHANCE when Mr Howlett attempted to shift out. WASHIES CHANCE and CROMAC JAMIE also locked wheels in the incident. Mr Howlett pleaded guilty to a charge under AHRR 163(1)(a)(iii) for causing interference and after hearing submissions in relation to penalty Mr Howlett was suspended from driving in races for a period of six race dates. He sought, and was granted a deferment to take his remaining drives in the Novice Drivers series. In determining penalty Stewards considered Mr Howlett's immediate plea of guilt, his driving record and the very serious nature of the incident which jeopardised several drivers and horses. Mr Howlett's suspension will commence at midnight on July 9 and expire at midnight on August 6.

CALL HER JULIE was held up rounding the home turn.

Shortly after the candy pole THATSWHATSHE SAID successfully shifted DAMITSAM wider on the track.

RACE 6 – LUXBET PACE – 2090 METRES

There were no claims in this event.

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

RACE 7 – STINGAS NETBALL PACE – 2090 METRES

VIVIERS(C Salter) both hung in and hung out in the score up and after showing gate speed to lead then tired over the concluding stages and has been placed on its last chance to race competitively.

Stewards inquired into the reasons for CARLAS HEAVEN(M Yole) being checked and breaking racing into the back straight on the final occasion and after hearing evidence from drivers M Yole and J Campbell(REALLY FRANK) and viewing the race replays Mr Campbell pleaded guilty to a charge under AHRR 163(1)(a)(iii) for causing interference. After hearing submissions on penalty his licence to drive was suspended for three race dates, commencing midnight tonight and expiring at midnight on 16 July 2017.

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

RACE 8 – BOTRA CLAIMING NOVICE DRIVERS HEAT FOUR – 2090 METRES

Connections of MARNU THE BEAST advised that with the gelding having been unable to finish off in recent races they would drive with a sit, circumstances permitting. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly.

ROCKNROLL PANTHEON (M Cooper) hung out racing into the first turn despite the efforts of its driver, and WHEREOHWHERE, NEW CAPER, MARNU THE BEAST, STRIKER JIM and STUCKFAST were all obliged to race wider on the track. The gelding then hung in and contacted marker pegs from the 250 metres, resulting in driver M Cooper's left foot being dislodged from the sulky footrest. The gelding then continue to contact marker pegs for some distance into the home straight. Driver M Cooper pleaded guilty to two charges, the first under AHRR 170(1) A driver shall at all times drive with both feet in the sulky footrests and AHRR 163(1)(c), contact marker pegs. M Cooper was fined \$200 in relation to the first charge and \$100 in relation to the second charge.

Stewards inquired into the sectional times recorded by the leader KARALTA KRUISE (T Ford) and Ms Ford pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 under AHRR 162(1)(y) pursuant to the published scale of penalties for this rule.

Stewards intend to inquire into the whip action of driver Brady Woods (MARNU THE BEAST).

RACE 9 – TALBOT HOTEL PACE DIVISION TWO – 2090 METRES

RUBY DAWN underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to race. The mare, which tired to finish distanced has been stood down from racing for a period of ten days and until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

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

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	SAMANTHA GANGELL – AR162(1)(h) – FAIL TO COME INTO POSITION FROM 23.06.2017 – MARK YOLE - AR168(1)(a) CARELESS DRIVING
FINES	MATTHEW COOPER – AR163(1)(c) - \$100 MATTHEW COOPER – AR170(1) - \$200 TAYLOR FORD – AR162(1)(y) - \$100
SUSPENSIONS	MATTHEW COOPER – AR168(1)(A) – 3 RACE DATES COMMENCING MIDNIGHT 9/7/17, EXPIRING MIDNIGHT 21/7/17 JUSTIN HOWLETT – AR163(1)(a)(3) – 6 RACE DATES COMMENCING MIDNIGHT 9/7/17; EXPIRING MIDNIGHT 6/8/17 JUSTIN CAMPBELL – AR163(1)(a)(3) – 3 RACE DATES COMMENCING MIDNIGHT 2/7/17, EXPIRING MIDNIGHT 16/7/17
HORSE ACTIONS	ARK FURY – ODM INWIL – ODM ANIMI SUB IGNIS – CRODM RUBY DAWN – STOOD DOWN 10 DAYS & 1 SATISFACTORY TRIAL

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 2	BLACK OPS THE STATE OF PLAY NZ ALEMERIA KARALTA STARDUST
Race 3	FRANKIE FALZONI EBONYALLSTARZZZ
Race 4	PUT MBACK POP THE CORK GOD SAKE
Race 5	CROMAC JAMIE NZ LA EBONY KITA TIZ A JAMANE
Race 6	MODERN CHIC ANOTHER SWINGER NEVER SIGHTED NZ REMEMBER JOE
Race 8	MISS SHARAPOVA STUCKFAST
Race 9	FLYLIKA HAWK RUBY DAWN

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 3	EBONYALLSTARZZZ
Race 6	ROGER RAMJET NZ
Race 7	WILLIAMTELL
Race 9	REGAL MAJOR

GENERAL.

On Monday July 3 2017 Stewards inquired into the placing of account bets by track attendants Matthew Reggett and Matthew Lovell at the TPC meeting on 7 May 2017. Both pleaded guilty to a charge under AHRR 40(1)(a) and after considering submissions on penalty were fined the sum of \$500, suspended for two years conditional upon their being no further offences. In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of the forthright evidence tendered, size of the bets and that their activities had not posed a threat to the Integrity of the race meeting.

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Stewards inquired in to the reasons for MELOLYN (P Ashwood) sustaining a flat tyre in the back straight on the final occasion and after viewing the race replays and hearing evidence from Mr Ashwood and M Yole (FERNCO BOBBY G NZ) and giving consideration to the various mitigating circumstances Mr Yole was reprimanded under AHRR 168(1)(a)- careless driving.

ADRIAN CROWTHER
CHAIRMAN

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