

**CLUB:** DEVONPORT HARNESS RACE CLUB

**DATE:** FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER 2017

**TRACK:** GOOD

**WEATHER:** FINE

**STEWARDS:**

A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)  
R BROWN  
B BAUDINETTE  
C BRYDON  
G GRIFFIN (STARTER)

**VETERINARY SURGEON:** Dr John McKenna

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

**RACE 1 – ROBERTS NON WINNERS - 2017 ADC HEAT ONE – 2297 METRES**

As the field approached the mobile barrier on the first occasion the head check of TIZ A SHAKER became unfixed and as a result the start was aborted.

Racing into the back straight on the first occasion CUSTERS KID (A Collins) hung out and contacted the sulky wheel of SKETCH and then raced rough for a short distance. The gelding then continued to hang out at various stages at the race and tired from the 600 metres to finish distanced and has been stood down from racing for ten days and until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

LEOTHEGREAT(S Freeman) raced wide in the early stages and pulled hard before then being restrained to the rear of field, the gelding then commenced to tire and broke and then trailed the field to finish distanced. LEOTHEGREAT has been stood down from racing for 10 days and a trial.

Post-race swab samples were taken from TIZ A SHAKER the winner of the event.

**RACE 2 – IMPRESSPRINT PACE - 2017 ADC HEAT ONE – 2297 METRES**

JODIS CHOICE pulled hard in the score up.

FUTURE PROMISES hung out after the start whilst being restrained and the gelding then had a tendency to hang out under pressure in the home straight before then being corrected by driver Conor Crook

FLASH ANATOMY broke its near side hopple connecting strap as the start was affected which then worked loose in the back straight on the first occasion. The gelding continued to pace tractably while leading and finished in second placing. Subsequent to the race the hoppers were inspected and found to be of suitable quality.

MIGHTY SPARK NZ hung in toward the wheel of MIDAIR MELTDOWN racing towards the back straight on the first occasion and had to be checked away by driver Natalee Emery, the gelding continued to hang in throughout the race and then tired over the concluding stages to finish distanced. The gelding underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no apparent abnormalities. MIGHTY SPARK has been stood down from racing for ten days and until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

KILBIRNIE NORTH VIEW NZ(S Freeman) commenced a run three wide with a lap to travel however then failed to progress and as a result MISS RUTHLESS (Gareth Rattray) which was trailing that runner lost ground.

Driver Rohan Hillier JODIS CHOICE was reprimanded for failing to return to the check-in area for the all clear. Mr Hillier was also reprimanded pursuant to 231(2) for misconduct.

MIDAIR MELTOWN was detained on course until 9:40PM to allow post-race swab samples to be taken.

### **RACE 3 – HARDINGS HOTMIX 2017 ADC HEAT TWO – 2297 METRES**

PADDY MACH was driven forward from the start and withstood a challenge for the lead from HAFTER rounding the first turn.

KARALTA DELUX hung in on the first turn and contacted a marker peg as driver Mark Jones activated hopple shorteners.

OSCAR BLAKEDON which broke in the early part of the score up and was out of position at the start will continue out of the draw.

UNION FORCE was briefly held up rounding the home turn.

Driver Robert Walters (PADDY MACH) pleaded guilty to a charge under AHRR 162(1)(y) for failing comply with minimum sectional time requirements and was fined the sum of \$200.

Driver Mark Jones KARALTA DELUX was reprimanded under provisions AHRR 163(1)(c) for allowing his drive to contact marker pegs on the home turn.

### **RACE 4 – MAXFIELD DRILLING PACE – 2297 METRES**

The start of this race was delayed due to a Sunshine Coast gallops race running behind schedule.

FOUR SMART ACES which hung out in the score up and broke was then out of position as the start was affected and has been placed out of the draw and must complete three consecutive satisfactory performances to be reinstated.

IM PAIGE which was racing outside the leader was then retired from the event just short of two laps to travel by driver Natalee Emery when the buxton of that mare became dislodged from the girth. The gear was inspected and found to be of suitable quality. The mare then threw herself down the track subsequent to the event when leaving the track and underwent a post-race veterinary examination and was found to be uninjured.

LONG AGO and WHENTHEGROUNDSHOOK which both raced wide in the early stages were then restrained to race in a rearward trailing position.

After gaining the position outside the leader with two laps to go when IM PAIGE was retired from the race. ULTIMATE COURAGE (Wade Rattray) then gave ground from the 600 metres

to finish last of the main body of the field. The gelding underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no apparent abnormalities. Stewards queried driver Wade Rattray who stated that the gelding had travelled comfortably in the run however was soon under pressure when the three wide train had moved up on level turns with him at the bell and that the gelding had only briefly responded once he had activated removable earplugs passing the 600 metres. The gelding has now been placed on its last chance to race competitively. Trainer Ben Yole reported that the gelding, which was engaged at Hobart on Sunday, had pulled up well on the day following the race.

Driver Robert Walters EBONYALLSTARZZZ was reprimanded for failing to return to the check-in area for the all clear.

### **RACE 5 – COLLINS HOME PACE – 2286 METRES**

RAINBOW PHOENIX galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

MERSEY DELIGHT galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

STYLISH TREND NZ raced rough at the start.

HEZA RUMMAGE NZ which was fractious before the start before galloping out and has now been placed right out of the draw.

DEVIL OF TYNE was fractious before the start contributing to the start being delayed and then galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the draw. Trainer Adam Emery reported that the gelding had resisted its nearside lugging pole and that he would now make gear changes.

Stewards opened an inquiry into the driving tactics adopted on PUSHKIN NZ (Conor Crook), winner of the event and STYLISH TREND NZ (Robert Walters), the 5<sup>th</sup> placegetter, in relation to the slow tempo of the race including a slow lead time during which time HOLLYS MISS MOLLY (R Hadley), worked forward to race outside the leader, and then a slow first half of the last mile. After taking evidence from both drivers and viewing the official race replays Stewards adjourned the inquiry to a date to be fixed and will examine betting data on the race.

### **RACE 6 – JOHN MCKENNA RACE NIGHT VET CLAIMER – 2297 METRES**

Connections of REGAL STRIDE NZ advised their intention to drive the gelding further forward from the start due to the lower class of runners drawn to its inside. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly to lead and finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

CLASSIEMAHON NZ was caught three wide and then restrained to a rearward trailing position and tired and has been placed on its last chance to race competitively.

REGAL EAGLE NZ which tired to be beaten in excess of 120 metres has been stood down for 10 days and until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

IM YOUNG TOMMY NZ raced three wide in the early stages before then being restrained to the rear also tired to finish distanced and has been stood down from racing for 10 days and until the completion a satisfactory trial.

IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ which raced outside the leader throughout hung in at various stages of the event most noticeably in the home straight with a lap to go when it had to be checked away from the leader by driver Rohan Hillier and again on the home turn. IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ was claimed by Richard Hall of Bridport. Post-race swab samples were also taken from the gelding.

WASHIES CHANCE NZ was held up for clear running rounding the home turn.

JEANS MATTJESTY NZ has been placed back in the mobile draw. Post-race swab samples were taken from that gelding which won the event.

Stewards inquired into the actions of driver Rohan Hadley (JEANS MATTJESTY NZ), from the entrance to the home straight with a lap to travel until the 600 metre mark, and after taking evidence from Mr Hadley and from Gareth Rattray (IM BORN TO RULE NZ), and acting on their own observations and after viewing the films Mr Hadley was found guilty of a charge under 163(3) for half carting and was fined the sum of \$200.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>REPRIMANDS</b>	R2 – R HILLIER – AHHR 231(2) – Misconduct R3 – M JONES – AHHR 163(1)(c) – Contact Marker Pylons R2 – R HILLIER – AHHR 238 – Failure to go to all clear R4 – R WALTERS – AHHR 238 – Failure to go to all clear.
<b>FINES</b>	R3 – R WALTERS – AHHR 162(1)(y) – Sectional times \$200 R6 – R HADLEY – AHHR 163(3) Half carting - \$200
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	Nil
<b>HORSE ACTIONS</b>	R1 CUSTERS KID- Stood down 10 days and 1 trial. R1 LEO THE GREAT- Stood down 10 days and 1 trial. R2 MIGHTY SPARK NZ – Stood down 10 days and 1 trial. R3 OSCAR BLAKEDON- CODM R4 FOUR SMART ACES- ODM- 3 consecutive required. R5 HEZA RUMMAGE NZ – RODS R6 REGAL EAGLE NZ- Stood down 10 days and 1 trial. R6 IM YOUNG TOMMY NZ- Stood down 10 days and one trial.
<b>LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS</b>	

<b>PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY</b>	
Race 1	TRIPLE AITCH FELLA BETTOR GO GO
Race 2	FLASH ANATOMY
Race 3	PADDY MACH KARALTA DELUX
Race 4	IM PAIGE ULTIMATE COURAGE
Race 5	DELLAS COMMAND LORD JONES NZ
Race 6	REGAL EAGLE NZ TIBYTOA

<b>POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY</b>	
Race 1	TIZ A SHAKER
Race 2	MIDAIR MELTDOWN
Race 4	TUXEDO MAX
Race 6	JEANS MATTJESTY NZ IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ

A CROWTHER.

**CHAIRMAN**

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[http://www.racing.tas.gov.au/harness\\_racing/policies\\_and\\_rules](http://www.racing.tas.gov.au/harness_racing/policies_and_rules) - *ORI Integrity Policy Manual*