

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2017

TRACK: SOFT

WEATHER: RAINING

STEWARDS:

- A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)
- D TYSON
- 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.

Prior to the first race Stewards inspected the track and directed that mudguards be fitted to sulkies in tonight's meeting.

RACE 1 – ELDERSLIE HORSE CARE PACE – 1680 METRES

After being crossed to the lead in the early stages by JOHNS LEGACY, ISNTSHEJUST (Chris Alford) then worked forward to re-take the lead in the middle stages.

GUESSTAMATE broke as the start was affected and has now been placed out of the draw.

PHIREY PHILTRA broke in the latter part of the score-up and was out of position as the start was affected and has been placed out of draw. Subsequent to the race it was found that PHIREY PHILTRA had dislodged its head check bit during the run.

ONLY A MYTH tired over the concluding stages.

READY TO FIRE NZ progressed worked forward in the three wide in early and middle stages.

RACE 2 – WREST POINT HOTEL CASINO STAKES – 2200 METRES

SMILIN GEOFF (John Walters) after showing gate speed then shortly after the start broke its near-side hopple loop and then broke racing into the first turn shifting away from the marker pegs inconveniencing ART OF MY ART and COURAGEOUS KATEE. SMILIN GEOFF was then retired from the event by its driver. Subsequent to the race the hoppers were inspected and found to be of near new quality.

Stewards enquired into the reason that GOGGO GEE GEE racing roughly near the 250 metre mark after taking evidence from the drivers Barrie Rattray (GOGGO GEE GEE) and Mark Yole (POCKETS OF COURAGE) Mr Yole pleaded guilty to a charge under AHHR 168(1)(a) careless driving for permitting his drive to shift out resulting in GOGGO GEE GEE's nearside hindleg being contacted. Mr Yole's licence was suspended for two race dates

commencing midnight on the 3rd December 2017, expiring midnight on the 10th December 2017.

AT WEST POINT NZ pulled hard in the score-up.

STRIKING BEAUTY raced rough in the back straight on the first occasion when working forward to the lead. Driver Chris Alford also reported that the mare had a tendency to hit the sulky with its hind legs during the run. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no apparent abnormalities.

ITZ GEMMAS DELIGHT and COURAGEOUS KATEE were inconvenienced on the home turn when GOGGO GEE GEE was checked.

A post-race swab was taken from OLWEN JACCKA, winner of the event.

Stewards inquired into the manner in which (Hannah Van Dongen) REGAL IDEA shifted ground racing toward the 900 metre mark after taking evidence from drivers (Hannah Van Dongen) REGAL IDEA and (Ricky Duggan) OLWEN JACCKA NZ. Miss Van Dongen was given the benefit of the doubt as to whether her actions constituted a breach of AHHR 163(1)(b) and was advised to take more care when shifting ground.

RACE 3 – GO RACING TASMANIA STAKES – 1680 METRES

After crossing the lead into the first turn BORDER CROSS in turn had the lead taken away by SPOT EIGHT.

CALL HER JULIE worked forward in the early stages to race outside the leader.

APACHE SHARK worked forward three wide in the middle stages to the lead. APACHE SHARK had a tendency to hang in and also shifted out approaching the finish.

RACE 4 – NORTHERN TASMANIAN LIGHT HARNESS ASSOCIATION CUP – 2698 METRES

RUSTY RED COMET stood flat footed then galloped out and has been placed out of the draw and must complete three consecutive satisfactory performances to be re-instated.

DELLAS COMMAND was held and unable to obtain clear running in the home straight.

HAFTER galloped out and was placed on his last chance in the draw and then tailed the field throughout

LIV LAVISH NZ galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

Stewards inquired into the manner in which Natalee Emery (IVE GOT OOMPH) shifted to the peg line racing into the first turn when insufficiently clear of DELLAS COMMAND, which resulted in driver Craig Hayes having to restrain his drive which then raced rough. Ms Emery pleaded guilty to a charge under AHHR 163(1)(b) for failing to be a metre clear of extended front legs of DELLAS COMMAND when crossing and after consideration was given to her offence record for interference related matters her licence was suspended for three races dates commencing midnight tonight and expiring at midnight on 17th December 2017.

Post race swab samples were taken from SOLID AS A ROCK, winner of the event.

RACE 5 – GREAT NORTHERN SUPER CRISP CITY OF LAUNCESTON CUP – 2698 METRES

QUEENS ADVOCATE NZ surrendered the lead as MAJOR SECRET worked forward in the early stages to the lead.

DESTREOS NZ pulled hard in the score-up.

TAURISI and DAPPER DANA NZ were held up for clear racing when rounding the home turn.

IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ was held up and unable to obtain clear running over the concluding stages.

A post-race swab sample was taken MAJOR SECRET winner of the event.

RACE 6 – LUXBET STAKES NON WINNERS FINAL – 2200 METRES

INVEST withstood a challenge for the lead from BETTOR GO GO to the winning post on the first occasion.

TSIMBA RIDGE raced rough after the start from its inside second row draw and has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

KALISKA LEIS tired badly over the concluding stages to finish distanced. The mare underwent a post-race veterinary examination which indicated a heart arrhythmia. KALISKA LEIS has been stood down from racing pending a veterinary certificate of fitness including the results of an ECG taken after fast work. The mare must then also trial prior to racing.

OUR BOY JOHNNY tired the concluding stages.

RACE 7 – MICK'S FRUIT & VEGIE SHED STAKES – 2200 METRES

As the field scored -up on the first occasion KRAFTY BOY fell in the score-up and the starter called a false start. . KRAFTY BOY was then ordered a late scratching at 9:18pm with all wagers ordered to be refunded. The track also then required remedial works prior to the race causing a significant delay . KRAFTY BOY underwent a post race veterinary examination which indicated only minor lacerations. Driver Paul Ashwood reported that a hopple loop had become caught under a knee boot, causing the colt to break and then fall. Mr Ashwood was assessed by the on course ambulance officers and was uninjured.

IDEN FOREST broke a hopple connecting strap and was then retired from the event. The gear was inspected and was found to be of suitable quality.

Stewards inquired into the manner in which ALBAYZIN(S Freeman) shifted in on the first turn, causing IZAHA(B Rattray) to be severely checked.. After taking evidence from drivers Samantha Freeman and Barrie Rattray IZAHA and viewing the films Miss Freeman pleaded guilty to a charge under AHHR 163(1)(a)(iii) and her licence to drive in races was suspended for 4 race dates, commencing midnight tonight and expiring midnight 22nd December 2017. Stewards also enquired into the tactics adopted on the mare and after taking evidence from driver (Samantha Freeman) adjourned that inquiry.

AMERICAN ALLI broke in the latter part of the score up and was out of position at the start. The colt then continued to race rough and broke on several occasion in running. A post-race

veterinary examination indication a laceration to near hind pastern and the colt was also found to be lame in that leg. Connections were advised that AMERICAN ALLI has been stood down from racing pending a veterinary certificate of fitness to race. Given the circumstances of a false start and a finding of lameness the colt was placed on its last chance in the draw.

SEMOWILLREV worked forward in the early stages four then three wide to the lead. Stewards queried driver Craig Hayes who explained that the fast lead time during which time he worked forward contributed to the colts defeat.

RACE 8 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 1680 METRES

Due to the delay in race 7 the amended start time for this race was 9:52pm.

SHADOW STORM after working forward to race outside the leader then gave ground badly from the 500 metres, severely checking FOUR SMART ACES which contacted its sulky. SHADOW STORM has been stood from racing for 10 days and until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

UNION FORCE was held up over the concluding stages.

Prior to the all clear, driver Ricky Duggan (CARDINAL ART) asked to view the films, in particular from the bell to the 800 metres. After doing so and taking into consideration the beaten margin he then elected not to lodge a protest. Stewards the inquired into the circumstances around CARDINAL ART racing four wide at that point. Driver (Hannah Van Dongen) LONG AGO pleaded guilty to a charge AHHR 163(1)(b) her licence to drive in races was suspended for three race dates commencing midnight on the 3rd December, expiring midnight on the 17th December 2017.

Post-race swab samples were taken from LONG AGO winner of the event.

RACE 9 – FASHIONS ON THE FIELD PACE – 1680 METRES

MASTERKOVA hung out in the score-up and was late getting into position as CARLAS HEAVEN (Mark Yole) which was draw to its outside also had a tendency to hang in in the score-up.

JAMINAS JOY was held up and unable to obtain clear running over the concluding stages.

Acting under a confirmed telephone call from trainer Brent Parish who advised that SVENSSON had an elevated temperature and was not drinking and unfit to start. Stewards ordered that mares scratching at 1:15pm.SVENSSON has been stood down for 28 days which may be varied upon production of a veterinary certificate of fitness to race.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	
FINES	
SUSPENSIONS	R4 - N EMERY - AHHR165(1)(b) - 3 Race dates R7 - S FREEMAN - AHHR 163(a)(iii) - 4 Race dates R8 - H VAN DONGEN - AHHR 163(1)(b) - 3 Race dates R2 - M YOLE - AHHR 168(1)(a) - 2 Race dates.
HORSE ACTIONS	

LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	
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PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	ARTARAMA PHIREY PHILTRA
Race 2	GOGGO GEE GEE REGAL IDEA
Race 3	ALL STYLE SAMMY BORDER CROSS APACHE SHARK
Race 4	STYLISH TREND NZ CEMENTO RAPIDO
Race 5	BLACK CENTURIAN QUEENS ADVOCATE NZ NO SPRING SECRETS IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ MAJOR SECRET DESTREOS NZ
Race 7	LEAD SINGER IZAHA
Race 8	POP THE CORK FOUR SMART ACES

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 2	OLWEN JACCKA NZ
Race 4	SOLID AS A ROCK
Race 5	MAJOR SECRET
Race 8	LONG AGO

**A CROWTHER
CHAIRMAN**

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