

# OFFICE OF RACING INTEGRITY

# HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

**CLUB:** Tasmanian Trotting Club

**DATE:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 **TRACK:** GOOD

**WEATHER: FINE** 

**STEWARDS:** S SHINN (CHAIRMAN)

R BROWN (PANEL) J GLEESON (PANEL)

J STEELE (DATA)

E DUNBABN (BIRDCAGE)

K CULLEN (SWABS)

**VETERINARY SURGEON:** DR M BUCKERFIELD

**STARTER:** A EMERY

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

### RACE 1 – HOBART FIRE PROTECTION PACE – 2090 METRES SS

STYLISH TREND NZ – Stepped and led then surrendered the lead after 400 metres.

KEEP PLAYING – Worked forward from outside the leader to take over the lead after 400 metres.

WEERROOK HARRY – Left leading the one-wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail near the 1450 metres.

JO DINA – Galloped out -Will continue to be placed out of the draw in standing start races. Hung in and contacted the marker pegs on the final turn - A warning was issued.

 $BRIGHTON\ PRINCE-Stood\ flat\ footed\ and\ then\ galloped\ away\ -\ Placed\ on\ its\ last\ chance$  in the draw in standing start races.

SOMEHOWSOMEWAY – Commenced a three-wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 750m to take over the position leading the one-wide line near the 1450m.

#### RACE 2 – PEP PIZZA PACE – 2090 METRES MS

BRIAN WHO – Led then surrendered the lead after 450 metres. Obtained an inside run just prior to entering the home straight on the final occasion.

ONEOFTHELADS – Worked forward from outside the leader to take over the lead after 450m. Shifted out just prior to entering the home straight on the final occasion, affording a clear run to the trailing runner.

Street Address: 171 Westbury Road, Prospect Tasmania 7250 Postal Address: P O Box 1329, Launceston, Tasmania 7250 DONNY IN PARIS – Was caught racing three-wide for the first 500 metres whilst being restrained to the rear of the field. Three-wide three back from the 1150m. Checked near the 700 metres.

EMRITES – Worked forward three-wide to take over the position leading the one-wide line after 450 metres racing into the back straight on the final occasion.

SEA HAWKE – Commenced a three-wide run near the 1150 metres.

LIVE FOR PEACE – Right side sulky wheel contacted flattening the tyre near the 700 metres.

WAR CHEST – Contacted the outside wheel of the proceeding runner LIVE FOR PEACE flattening its tyre. Driver Dylan Ford was fined \$100, Mr Ford having pleaded guilty to a charge issued under the provisions of AHRR 168(1)(a) for carelessly contacting the sulky wheel of another runner flattening its tyre. DONNY IN PARIS was checked in this incident. Three-wide one back from the 1150 metres.

ROQUEFORT CHEESE - Three-wide two back from the 1150m.

#### General:

Stewards questioned Ms Jordan Chibnall, driver of ONEOFTHELADS, Ms Chibnall being accompanied by trainer Ben Yole. The questioning was regarding ONEFOTHELADS shifting up the track in the latter stages of the final turn, which afforded an inside run to the trailing runner. The evidence from Ms Chibnall and Mr Yole revealed that as Ms Chibnall activated gear in the latter stages of the final turn, she had allowed ONEOFTHELADS to shift up the track which afforded the opportunity for the trailing runner to take the inside run. After consideration of the matter Stewards issued Ms Chibnall a charge under the provisions of AHRR 168(1)(a) – careless driving. Details of the charge were that racing in the latter stages of the final turn Ms Chibnall had carelessly allowed ONEOFTHELADS to shift up the track as she activated gear, which afforded an inside run to another runner. Ms Chibnall pleaded guilty to the charge and was issued a \$200 fine. In assessing the fine Stewards considered her guilty plea and the fact that another runner had obtained an inside run at a crucial stages of the race however, Stewards felt that there was nothing sinister involved in her actions.

### RACE 3 – DIAMOND SOLUTIONS TASMANIA PACE – 1609 METRES

This race started approximately two and a half minutes behind the scheduled starting time due to a false start.

MY ULTIMATE ROMEO – Led the one-wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 300 metres. Left leading the one-wide line near the 950 metres.

DEAL BREAKER – Broke in the score up checking another runner which caused a false start - Placed out of the draw in mobile barrier races.

BORDER CROSS – Led. the inside rein became detached near the 1000 metres which resulted in the gelding shifting out severely checking another runner. Retired from the race by its driver.

SQUATTER SHANNON – Worked forward three-wide to take over the position leading the one-wide line after 300 metres. Severely checked and run up the track by the runner to its inside which shifted out due to a gear failure. Subsequently obliged to race three-wide prior to giving ground over the concluding stages.

MYKINDOFFEELING – Its head pole on its near side became detached in the home straight on the final occasion.

HUGHIE PLAYBOY – Out of position when the start was effected - No action was taken against driver Rodney Ashwood or the horse due to HUGHIE PLAYBOY having been checked by the preceding runner in the first attempted start.

#### General:

When questioned regarding a report from the clerk of the course that DEAL BREAKER had been presented to race with an incorrectly fitted rein, driver Conor Crook explained to the Stewards that he was aware of this prior to leaving the birdcage area and the problem was rectified. When questioned regarding a report that BORDER CROSS had presented on the track with its inside rein connected to the cavesson rather than the bit, driver Kayleb Williams told the Stewards that this indeed was the case and that he had been obliged to steer the gelding up to the outside fence of the track in order to gain assistance from a track attendant who then fitted the rein onto the bit. Mr Williams confirmed to the Stewards that the rein was correctly fitted including through its keeper. When questioned regarding the situation with BORDER CROSS trainer Ben Yole told the Stewards that he was unable to offer an explanation to as to whether he himself or one of his staff had incorrectly fitted the rein. However, he acknowledged that he was fully responsible for this. Having considered the possible serious consequences of the incorrectly fitted gear, Stewards fined Mr Yole \$400 fine under the provisions of AHRR 273(2)(a). Stewards questioned Mr Yole regarding the inside rein becoming detached from the bridle during the race on BORDER CROSS. Mr Yole could offer no explanation however, Stewards took into account the evidence of Kaleb Williams, the driver of BORDER CROSS, that the rein was indeed correctly fitted by a track attendant including into the keeper. Stewards examined the rein subsequent to the race and it was found to be in good condition.

## RACE 4 – JC ELECTRICAL SERVICES PACE – 2090 METRES

COOLHAND EASTON NZ – Led and withstood a challenge for the lead. Driver Mitch Ford fined \$200, Mr ord having pleaded guilty to a charge issued under the provisions of AHRR 156(2) in that in the home straight he utilised his whip with more than a wrist only flicking motion.

JOBELLS IMAGE – Broke in the score-up causing a false start at the first attempt - Placed out of the draw in mobile barrier races. Pulled hard throughout the middle stages of the race. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

ASHLEYS BLUE CHIP – Three-wide one back from the 1100 metres.

SON OF RAYSON – Mounted an unsuccessful challenge for the lead over the first 200 metres and then obliged to lead the one-wide line thereafter.

CAPTAIN COSMONAUT – Raced three-wide for the first 400m prior to restraining to a one out one back position.

ARTIFLASH – Out of position when the start was effected - No action taken due to the false start.

SCOTLYNN BEACH NZ – Failed to circle in the pre-race formation. Broke in the score up - Will continue to be placed out of the draw in mobile barrier races. Commenced a three-wide run near the 1100 metres.

## RACE 5 – BURGESS BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION PACE – 2090 METRES SS

GONE AND FORGOTTEN – Stepped and led. Tightened coming into the first turn contacting the marker pegs. Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

KARALTA DAZZLER – Shifted in when challenging for the lead approaching the first turn tightening the runner to his inside whose inside sulky wheel contacted the marker pegs as a result.

BLACKJACKHANOVER – Worked forward three-wide to take over the position leading the one-wide line and then obtained a one-out one back trail near the 1000 metres.

GOOD FEELINGS – Raced three-wide prior to restraining to a rearward one out trailing position.

KRAFTY BOY – Raced three-wide for the first 500 metres eventually being restrained to the rear of the field.

BOUNTY EYRE NZ – Galloped away - Will continue to be placed right out of the draw in standing start races.

JUST FOR DAVE – Commenced a three-wide run from near the 1300 metres to work forward to the position leading the one-wide line near the 1000 metres.

### General:

Stewards questioned Mark Yole, driver of KARALTA DAZZLER, and Mitch Ford, driver of GONE AND FORGOTTEN Mr Ford being accompanied by Nathan Ford regarding the reason for GONE AND FORGOTTEN contacting marker pegs leaving the front straight on the first occasion. After taking evidence from the drivers, viewing the official race videos and giving regard to their own observations Stewards issued Mr Yole a charge under the provision of AHRR 165(1)(a). Details of the charge were racing towards the first turn when challenging for the lead Mr Yole has allowed KARALTA DAZZLER to continually shift down the track obliging GONE AND FORGOTTEN closer to the marker pegs, with that mare eventually having its inside sulky wheel contacting a number of marker pegs leaving the front straight. Mr Yole pleaded guilty to the charge, and after considering his good record and his guilty plea Stewards issued a \$200 fine.

# RACE 6 - SHAMROCK HOTEL PACE - 2090 METRES

HEAR THE CALL NZ – Led then gave ground over the concluding stages.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATOR – Led the one-wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 350 metres.

YELLOW TAXI NZ – Three-wide one back from the 1100 metres.

ISLAND ROCKNROLL – Worked forward three-wide to take over the lead after 350 metres. Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 54m. Having considered the mare's recent race record Stewards ordered that ISLAND ROCKNROLL be stood down until the completion of a satisfactory requalifying trial.

GOT THE GOODS – Commenced a three-wide run from midfield near the 1150 metres.

NAVUA PIXIE – Three-wide two back from the 1100 metres.

MACH CHARM –Three wide three back from the 1100 metres.

WHEY BETTER – Three-wide three back from the 1100 metres.

#### RACE 7 – HEALTH DYNAMICS PACE – 2090 METRES

STREETSIDE CLASSIC – Led and then surrendered the lead near the 1400 metres.

COOL SCOOTER NZ – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 400 metres. Inconvenienced by a tiring runner in the back straight on the final occasion.

KIAVINO STRIDE – Worked forward three-wide to take over the position leading the one-wide line after 400 metres. Commenced to tire from the 500 metres, eventually being beaten in excess of 71 metres. Stewards placed the gelding on its last chance to race competitively.

DENWEN DANCER – Commenced a three-wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 1600 metres to take over the lead approaching the 1400 metres.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	NIL
FINES	R2 – D FORD - \$100 – AHRR 168(1)(a)
	R2 – J CHIBNALL - \$200 – 168(1)(a)
	R3 – B YOLE - \$400 – AHRR 273(2)(a)
	R4 – M FORD - \$200 – AHRR 156(2)
	R5 – M YOLE - \$200 – AHRR 165(1)(a)
HORSE ACTIONS	R3 – DEAL BREAKER – ODM
	R4 – JOBELLS IMAGE – ODM
	R6 – ISLAND ROCKNROLL – SD1T

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY		
Race 1	KEEP PLAYING	
Race 2	ROQUEFORT CHEESE	
Race 3	SQUATTER SHANNON	
Race 4	SCOTLYNN BEACH NZ	
Race 5	JUST FOR DAVE	
Race 6	MACH CHARM	
Race 7	DENWEN DANCER	

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY		
Race 1	STYLISH TREND	
Race 2	ROQUEFORT CHEESE	
Race 3	LIVINONTHEEDGE	
Race 4	COOLHAND EASTON NZ	
Race 5	MAJOR LESTER	
Race 6	NAUVA PIXIE	
Race 7	DENWEN DANCER	

# **CHAIRMAN**

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