

# OFFICE OF RACING INTEGRITY

# HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

**CLUB: LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB** 

**DATE:** Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 **TRACK:** Good

**WEATHER:** Fine

**STEWARDS:** S SHINN (CHAIRMAN)

R BROWN (PANEL)

**B BAUDINETTE (PANEL)** 

C ELLSON (DATA)

J DENNIS (CADET DATA)

D LUTTRELL (INSPECTIONS/BIRDCAGE)

J AINSCOW (SWABS)

**VETERINARY SURGEON:** DR F DUGGAN

**STARTER:** A EMERY

#### RACE 1 – TRAINERS ENCOURAGEMENT PACE – 2200 METRES MS

This race stared approximately 3.5 minutes behind the scheduled starting time due to a problem with the Sky Channel Telecast.

DONNY IN PARIS – Led the one wide line then gave ground from the 300 metres. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any significant abnormalities other than a slow recovery rate.

 $EL\ JAYS\ BLU-Was\ held\ up\ for\ clear\ running\ until the\ middle\ stages\ of\ the\ home\ straight$  - finished strongly once clear.

LA TOISON DOR – Raced three wide for the first 500 metres, eventually being restrained to the rear of the field.

MAJOR DAVVIN – Raced three wide one back for the first 450 metres then obliged to lead the three wide line thereafter.

ARTYBOY GLENWOOD – Three wide one back from the 1100 metres.

SMILE LYLE – Three wide two back for the 900 meters. Driver B Parker advised the stewards that the gelding had been contacting its own sulky wheels with its back legs resulting in one of the tyres being flattened.

# RACE 2 – LAUNCESTON VETERINARY GROUP TWO YEAR OLD – 1680 METRES MS

This race started approximately 1 and a half minutes behind the scheduled starting time due to a late starting race from Shatin.

MARGARETS CLAN – Led the one wide line for the first 350 meters prior to being restrained to a three back peg line position. Broke free of interference near the 350 meters - placed on is last chance to race truly.

ALL THINGS NICE – Three wide for the first 500 metres, whilst being restrained to the rear of the field. Tired at the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 65 metres - placed on its last chance to race competitively.

Street Address: 171 Westbury Road, Prospect Tasmania 7250 Postal Address: P O Box 1329, Launceston, Tasmania 7250 NOTLAUGHINNOW – Out of position at the start despite the driver's best effort - Placed on its last chance in the draw in mobile barrier races.

HURRICANE ROCK – Slightly inconvenienced in the score up by the runner to its inside hanging out. Raced three wide for the first 450 metres whilst being restrained to the rear of the field.

MAYLEEJAE EAGLE – Was well out of position when the start was effected - placed on its last chance in the draw in mobile barrier races.

MACARIA – Raced in a four back peg line position until shifting out to lead the one wide line after 350 metres.

BETTER LINE – Hung out in the score up inconveniencing another runner - Placed on its last chance in the draw in mobile barrier races. Raced three wide for the first 450 metres eventually being restrained to the rear of the field. Broke free of interference near the 800 metres - placed on its last chance to race truly.

#### RACE 3 - VIZPIX BROADCAST SERVICES STAKES - 2200 METRES MS

KABIBI – Led then surrendered the lead after 400 metres.

LIVING ON PRARE – Led one wide lane throughout.

GYPSY ROSE – Trailed the leader throughout. Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 61 metres - Placed on its last chance to race competitively.

VIVID STRIDE – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 950 metres.

NOVA BAXTER – Worked forward three wide to the lead after 400 metres.

MOST PERFECT MAJOR – Out of position when the start was effected. Driver R Ashwood fined \$100 under the provisions of AHRR162(1)(j) for failing to maintain position until the start.

#### RACE 4 – LADBROKES RACING CENTRE THREE YEAR OLD – 2200 METRES MS

THE ATHERLETE – Shifted in and contacted a marker peg when giving ground entering the home straight on the final occasion - a warning was issued.

NORTHERN STRIDE – Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 58 metres. Having considered the gelding's recent race record the Stewards ordered that Northern Stride be stood down from racing for 14 days and until the completion of two satisfactory requalifying trials.

IMPULSIVE GEORGE – Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess 76 metres - placed on its last chance to race competitively.

MORGAN INTERCEPTOR – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail after 400 metres.

FRANCO JOE – Worked forward three wide to take over the position leading the one line near after 400 metres.

GRAPHITE STRIDE – Held up behind a tiring runner on the final turn losing significant ground.

MONTANA JET – Commenced a three wide run from the rear of the field near the 900 metres.

#### RACE 5 - TASSIE GOLDEN APPLE NIGHT 11 DECEMBER 2021 - 2200 METRES MS

YATSENYUK LEIS – Shifted out to lead the one wide line after 500 metres. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

JAMES DEAN – Led the one wide line until being restrained to a peg line trailing position after 400 metres.

BLACKBIRD POWER – Worked forward three wide to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1400 metres.

IZAHA – Raced in a one out one back trailing position until being left leading the one wide line after 400 metres the obtained a one out one back position near the 1400 metres. Held up for clear running on the final turn.

EARL JUJON – Out of position when the start was effected – continue out of the draw in mobile barrier races.

COOL WATER PADDY NZ – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 950 metres.

DEADLY ASSASSIN – Three wide one back from the 950 metres.

#### RACE 6 - CHARTLEY WESTATE STAKES - 2200 METRES MS

ENDEAVOUR STRIDE – Led then surrendered the lead near the 1000 metres.

RANIERI NZ – Raced three wide for the first 400 metres whilst being restrained to the rear of the field.

ART FRENZY – Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 90 metres. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have a slow post race recovery. Placed on its last chance to race competitively.

MONTANA LAD NZ – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field then worked forward to the lead near the 1000 metres.

#### RACE 7 - FIND US ON FACEBOOK - 1680 METRES MS

STAR ROCKER – Led then gave ground from the 400 metres. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

BITOSCOTTY - Led the one wide line for the first 300 metres prior to obtaining a one out one back position. Commenced a three wide run near the 900 metres.

FLASHY RULER – Worked forward three wide to take over the position leading the one wide line after 450 metres.

METRO MAN – Raced three wide for the first 300 metres prior to taking over the position leading the one wide line. Obtained a one out one back trail near the 1100 metres.

IMAGE OF STARZZZ – Raced three wide until working forward to the position outside the leader near the 1100 metres. Tired from the 450 metres ultimately beaten in excess of 59 metres – placed on its last chance to race competitively.

NIFTY JOLT – Commenced a three wide run from midfield near the 1000 metres. Three wide one back from the 850 metres.

KRAFTY BOY – Three wide one back from the 1000 metres. Three wide two back from the 850 metres.

BETTOR SPORT – Pulled extremely hard throughput the middle stages. Raced up onto the back of the preceding runner near the 350 metres and broke stride – placed on its last chance to race truly. Driver M Jones was shown the replay of the race and underwent counselling by senior driver T Rattray.

## RACE 8 - CARLTON DRAUGHT PACE - 2200 METRES MS

This race started approximately 4 minutes behind the scheduled starting time subsequent to HEZ THE ONE bolting in the preliminary and undergoing a veterinary examination. Acting on veterinary advice Stewards declared the gelding a late scratching at 9:33PM.

COURAGEOUS KATEE – Hung out approaching the first turn. Broke leaving the front straight on the first occasion when racing in restricted room. No action taken.

COOL SCOOTER NZ – Worked forward to the lead leaving the front straight on the first occasion.

KARALTA DAZZLER – Obtained an inside run to the finish.

CAPTAIN COSMONAUT – Worked forward three wide to take over the lead after 400 metres. Shifted out in the run to the finish. Driver Ms J Chibnall fined \$100 under the provisions of AHRR162(1)(www) for allowing the gelding to shift out in the run to the finish advantaging another runner.

LETS SAVE THE DAY NZ – Held up for clear running until the middle stages of the home straight – finished strongly once clear.

#### General

Stewards questioned K Williams, driver of COOL SCOOTER NZ, Mr Williams accompanied by trainer B Yole, and L Hooper driver of COURAGEOUS KATEE, Mr Hooper accompanied by senior driver C Crook, regarding the reason for COURAGEOUS KATEE breaking stride leaving the front straight on the first occasion. After viewing the official race videos and taking evidence and comments from all parties Stewards determined that no fault could be placed on any one horse or driver. However, Mr Williams, a relatively inexperienced driver, was counselled regarding permitting his drive to lose momentum when crossing to the lead.

# RACE 9 – BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS FUNCTION WITH US FOR 11 DECEMBER – 2200M MS $\,$

EXCITER – After securing a comfortable peg line run in transit, tires over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 62 metres. Having considered the gelding's recent race record Stewards ordered that EXCITER be stood down from racing for 14 days and until the completion of two consecutive satisfactory requalifying trials.

MACHS MARETA – Broke free of interference near the 900 metres. Retired from the race by its driver who subsequently reported that he felt the mare had broken gear or had suffered an injury and had retired the mare from the race for safety/welfare reasons. A review of the race replays confirmed that MACHS MARETA had put in an unusual stride subsequent to breaking and no further action was taken other than to place her on her last chance to race truly. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

KICK IT TO JACK – Led then gave ground from the 400 metres. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

BELLE OF BROOKLYN NZ – Led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail near the 1600 metres.

MACHBEV – Inconvenienced when the paced slackened near the 1500 metres. Taken wide by its driver then assisted by the clerk of the course to retire the mare from the race. Subsequent to the race an examination of the mare's bit revealed that the bit ring had broken away from the bit.

SHADOW PASS NZ – Raced three wide for the first 400 metres whilst being restrained to the rear of the field.

MAJOR LESTER – Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 1750 metres to work forward to the position outside the leader near the 1600 metres. Over raced throughout the middle stages.

TARLETON RILEY – Inconvenienced a runner on a break near the 900 metres.

OUR SIR OLIVER – Inconvenienced near the 1400 metres when the pace slackened. Commenced a three wide run from towards the rear of the field approaching the 1000 metres.

VIGOROSO NZ – Out of position when the start was effected. Driver C Crook reprimanded under the provisions of AHRR162(1)(h) for failing to come up into position by the start. Inconvenienced and

raced roughly when the pace slackened near the 1400 metres. Three wide one back from the 1000 metres. Inconvenienced by a galloping runner near the 900 metres.

SUMMARY		
REPRIMANDS	R 9 C CROOK – AHRR162(1)(h) – Failing to be in position at the start.	
FINES	R3 R ASHWOOD – \$100 AHRR162(1)(j) – Failing to maintain position to the start.  R8 Ms J CHIBNALL – \$100 AHRR162(1)(www) – Shifting out advantaging another runner.	
SUSPENSIONS	R5 BHRC 19/11/2021 - T RATTRAY - AHRR163(1)(a)(iii) - Causing interference. 2 race dates - midnight 28/11/2021- midnight 5/12/2021	
HORSE ACTIONS	R4 NORTHERN STRIDE – SD14D SD2T R9 EXCITER – SD14D SD2T	
LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	B RATTRAY – AHRR231(2) – Misconduct. \$1000 with \$500 fully suspended for 24 months.	

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY		
Race 1	SPRING QUEEN	
	DONNY IN PARIS	
Race 2	ALLTHINGSNICE	
	MAYLEEJAE EAGLE	
Race 3	LOOBY LOMBO	
Race 4	ITS MONTANA JET NZ	
Race 5	SMART LITTLE SHARD	
Race 6	ENDEAVOUR STRIDE	
Race 7	METRO MAN	
Race 8	YOUNG ROOSTER	
Race 9	MACHBEV	

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY		
Race 1	SPRING QUEEN	
Race 2	BIGLITTLESIS	
Race 3	NOVA BAXTER	
Race 4	ITZ MONTANA JET NZ	
Race 5	SMART LITTLE SHARD	
Race 6	ENDEAVOUR STRIDE	
Race 7	ROCKS ROY	
Race 8	COOL SCOOTER NZ	
Race 9	BELLE OF BROOKLYN NZ	

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY**

(Conducted at Launceston Pacing Club - Sunday 28 November 2021)

## Burnie Harness Racing Club Friday 19 November 2021 - Race 5

Stewards questioned Todd Rattray, driver of KABIBI and Mark Yole, driver of LIVINONTHEEDGE regarding the reason for LIVINONTHEEDGE racing roughly in the back straight on the final occasion. After taking evidence from the drivers and viewing the official race videos Stewards issued Mr Rattray a charge under the provisions of AHRR163(1)(a) (iii) – causing interference. Details of the charge being that in back straight on the final occasion Mr Rattray has shifted KABIBI from a peg line position to a position wider on the track when not clear of LIVINONTHEEDGE to his outside which resulted in contact to LIVINONTHEEDGE which raced roughly as a result. Mr Rattray pleaded guilty to the charge and after considering his submission in regard to penalty Stewards suspended his licence to drive for two race meetings. Stewards deemed the suspension to commence midnight Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021, to expire midnight Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Mr Rattray was advised of his right of appeal.

#### **GENERAL**

The Stewards inquired into a complaint by driver Mark Yole that prior to the first race he was approached by licenced person Barrie Rattray. Mr Yole alleged that Mr Rattray had proceeded from the stabling area of Todd Rattray to the stabling area of Mr Yole who was gearing up one of his runners. Mr Yole further alleged that Mr Rattray then chastised him in an abusive, belittling manner and referred to him with words that were entirely inappropriate. When questioned, Mr Rattray confirmed the details of Mr Yole's complaint. Subsequently Stewards issued Mr Rattray a charge under the provisions of AHRR 231(2) in that, by his action in approaching Mr Yole who was in his workplace performing his licenced duties, and by his using abusive and inappropriate language towards Mr Yole, that he, Mr Rattray, had misconducted himself. Mr Rattray pleaded guilty to the charge and after considering his submission in regard to penalty, Stewards fined him \$1000.00. Stewards ordered that \$500.00 of the fine be fully suspended for a period of two years should Mr Rattray not reoffend under any part of AHRR 231. In determining the penalty, Stewards considered penalty precedents under AHRR231(2) however, they were mindful of the unique circumstances inherent to contraventions of this rule. Stewards also considered the clearly traumatic effect that Mr Rattray's actions had upon Mr Yole. Further, Stewards considered that the reasons Mr Rattray put forward for his behaviour in no way excused or minimised his culpability for the conduct he displayed. Mr Rattray was advised of his right of appeal

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## **CHAIRMAN**

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