# Tasmanian Government

#### OFFICE OF RACING INTEGRITY

# HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

**CLUB: TASMANIAN TROTTING CLUB** 

**DATE:** SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER **TRACK:** GOOD

**WEATHER: SHOWERY** 

**STEWARDS:** S SHINN (CHAIR)

R BROWN (PANEL) C ELLSON (DATA)

D LUTRELL (BIRDCAGE - INSPECTIONS)

K CULLEN (SWABS)

**VETERINARY SURGEON:** DR MARK BUCKERFIELD

**STARTER:** A EMERY

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

#### RACE 1 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 2090 METRES

DEMAND RESPECT NZ – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish – a warning was issued.

HENRY HU NZ – Raced in a rearward peg line position until shifting out to lead the one wide line near the 1300 metres.

### RACE 2 – LADBROKES TRAINERS ENCOURAGEMENT PACE – 2090 METRES

SPRING QUEEN – Led then surrendered the lead after 400 metres. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

SPORTY BEN – Raced in a one out one back position for the first 400 metres then led the one wide line until obtaining a one out one back trail near the 1500 metres.

STAROFREMEMBRANCE – Raced three-wide for the first 400 metres prior to being restrained to a rearward trailing position.

EL JAYS BLU – Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

DEBT TILL WE PART – Worked forward from outside the leader to take over the lead after 400 metres.

KICK IT TO JACK – Out of position when the start was effected. Raced roughly for a short distance approaching the 1000 metres point. Driver Ms H van Dongen was reprimanded under the provisions AHRR 162(1)(j) for failing to maintain her correct position until the start.

SCOTLYNN BEACH NZ – Commenced a three-wide run from one out one back near the 1700 metres to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1500. Had a tendency to over race when leading the one wide line.

# RACE 3 – TASMANIAN EQUINE VETERINARY SERVICES PACE – 2090 METRES

ISAAC NZ – Inconvenienced just prior to entering the home straight on the final occasion.

COOL WATER PADDY NZ – Led then gave ground over the concluding stages ultimately being beaten 16.3 metres in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which failed to reveal any abnormalities. Driver R Duggan reported to Stewards that he felt that the performance of COOL WATER PADDY was most disappointing, and he could offer no explanation. Connections advised that should an explanation surface they would advise the Stewards.

SMART LITTLE SHARD – Over raced when leading the one wide line throughout. Driver M Ford reported to the Stewards that the horse had been contacting its own sulky throughout the race. Hung in entering the home straight inconveniencing another runner – a warning was issued. Trainer Ms B Heenan gave assurances that she would make adjustments to the sulky setup to ensure that this does not reoccur.

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

#### RACE 4 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT 2YO PACE – 1609 METRES

HURRICANE ROCK – Raced in a one out one back trail until being left leading the one wide line after 350 metres. Obtained a one out one back trail after 400 metres.

HALIS BOY – Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 119 metres. Stewards ordered that HALIS BOY be stood down from racing until the completion of a satisfactory requalifying trial.

MISSUS DISASTER – Led then surrendered the lead after 350 metres.

JOE THE BOOKIE – Worked forward from outside the leader to take over the lead after 350 metres.

MAYLEEJAE EAGLE – Worked forward to take over the one wide line after 350 metres.

NOTLAUGHINOW – Raced three-wide for the first 450 metres prior to being restrained to a one out three back position. Checked near the 1100 meters when the runner to its inside hung out.

MAGIC JOE – Hung out near the 1100 metres checking another runner – placed on its last chance to race truly.

WATCH THE ATTITUDE – Checked and forced wide near the 1100 metres when the runner to the inside hung out badly.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATOR – Broke free of interference near the 400 metres. Having considered the gelding's race record, the Stewards ordered that SPORTS ILLUSTRATOR be stood down from racing until the completion of a satisfactory requalifying trial.

DESYNCHRONOSIS – Tired at the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 96 metres - Placed on its last change to race competitively.

#### RACE 5 -MERRY XMAS PACE - 2090 METRES

LOOBY LOMBO - Raced in a one out one back position until being left leading the one wide line after 300 metres.

GRAPHITE STRIDE – Led the one wide line prior to being restrained to the position behind the leader after 300 metres.

BETTORZ BEACHVIVID STRIDE – Commenced a three-wide run from towards the rear of the field near the 1100 metres. Three wide one back from the 1000 metres.

FORGOT THE WALLET – Broke free of interference leaving the home straight on the first occasion - Placed on its last chance to race truly.

STAR ROCKER - Hung in contacting a number of marker pegs on the final turn - A warning was issued.

ITZ MONTANA JET NZ – Out of position when the start was effected - Will continue to be placed out of the draw in mobile barrier races. Three wide one back from the 1100 metres. Three wide two back from the 1000 metres.

#### RACE 6 - ALDEBARAN PARK NOVICE DRIVERS PACE - 2090 METRES

ROBS LEGACY - Severely checked and locked sulky wheels with another runner on the first turn.

BRIAN WHO -Severely checked and locked wheels with the sulky of another runner on the first turn.

IM LADY MADELEINE - Severely checked on the first turn, sustained a flat tyre in the incident.

HILLBILLY BAND – Shifted in from outside the leader leaving the back straight on the first occasion, causing interference to another runner, then took up the position trailing the leader. Driver L Older suspended under the provisions of AHRR 165(1)(b).

PROFICIENT NZ – Severely checked on the first turn.

ARTHUR ELLIOTT - Severely checked on the first turn.

TACTILE SENSATION - Severely checked on the first turn.

ONE OFF NZ - Severely checked on the first turn.

MAJOR LESTER - Severely checked on the first turn.

VIGOROSO NZ – Severely checked on the first turn. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to have sustained a laceration to its near foreleg. No further action was taken on veterinary advice.

#### General

Stewards questioned J Duggan, driver of ROBS LEGACY Mr J Duggan being accompanied by senior driver R Duggan, and L Older, driver of HILLBILLY BAND Mr Older being accompanied by senior driver B Rattray in regard to an incident on the first turn where ROBS LEGACY broke stride. After taking evidence from the parties and viewing the official race videos, the Stewards issued Mr Older a charge under the provisions of AHRR 165(1)(b). Details of the charge were that leaving the front straight on the first occasion Mr Older has shifted from one wide to a position closer to the marker pegs when insufficiently clear of ROBS LEGACY resulting in that runner being tightened over the maker pegs and breaking stride. Mr Older pleaded guilty to the charge and having considered his submission on penalty, Stewards suspended his licence to drive for two race dates to commence midnight 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to expire 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Mr Older was advised of his right of appeal.

#### RACE 7 - CASCADE DRAUGHT PACE - 2090 METRES

This race started approximately eight minutes behind the scheduled starting time due to a late running stewards enquiry and then subsequently a false start. A false start was declared at the first attempt when CLASSIE AMERICAN hung in onto the runner to its inside in the score up causing that horse to be checked.

CLASSIE AMERICAN NZ – Hung in a score up causing a false start. Placed out of the draw in mobile barrier races. Led then surrendered the lead after 300 metres.

BAO NIEN – Raced in a one out trailing position until being left leading the one wide line after 300 metres. Obtained a one in one back trail approaching the 1600 metres.

RANIERI NZ – Worked forward from outside the leader to take over the lead after 300 metres.

OUR SIR OLIVER – Worked forward three-wide to take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1600 metres. Obtained a one out one back trail near the 1200 metres.

ROCKNOVERTIME – Commenced a three-wide run from towards the rear of the field approaching the 1400 metres to work forward and take over the position leading the one wide line near the 1200 metres.

KARDESLER NZ – Commenced a three-wide run from the rear of the field approaching the 1000 metres.

# RACE 8 - NUTRIEN SPRINTLANE PACE - 1609 METRES

The start of this race was rescheduled back five minutes to 9.46PM due to delays in the previous race.

MY CELEBRITY – Led and gave ground over the concluding stages.

ROCKNROLL NITRO - Hung in and contacted the marker pegs near the 1200 metres - A warning was issued.

JUST FOR DAVE – Led the one wide line until being restrained to the position behind the leader near the 1200 metres. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

HEZ RAZOR SHARP -Held up for clear running until the early stages of the home straight - Finished strongly once clear.

LETS HUSTLE NZ – Worked forward three-wide to take over the position leading the one wide line after 450 metres.

#### RACE 9 - HOBART PACING CUP 9TH JANUARY PACE - 2090 METRES

This race started approximately 4 minutes behind the scheduled starting time due to the delays in the previous two races.

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

EYE SEE DOUBLE – Worked forward three-wide to take over the position leading the one wide line after 400 metres.

NIFTY JOLT – Three wide two back from the 850 metres. Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 62 metres - Stewards placed the gelding on its last chance to race competitively.

CROWN MOJO - Three-wide one back from the 1100 metres.

BIG BANG RAJ - Commenced a three-wide run towards the rear of the field near the 1100 metres.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	R2 Ms H van Dongen AHRR162(i)(j) - Starting position
FINES	R6 L OLDER AHRR156(2)(a) - \$400 - Whip action
SUSPENSIONS	R6 L OLDER AHRR165(1)(2) - 2 Race Dates 26/12/21-1/1/22.
HORSE ACTIONS	R7 CLASSIE AMERICAN - ODM R4 SPORTS ILLUSTRATOR – SDIT R4 HALIS BOY - SDIT
LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	NIL

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY		
Race 1	DEMAND RESPECT	
Race 2	SCOTTLYN BEACH NZ	
Race 3	IZAHA	
Race 4	MISSUS DISASTER	
Race 5	BETTORZ BEACH	
Race 6	PROFICIENT NZ	
Race 7	ROCKNOVERTIME	

Race 8	MY CELEBRITY
Race 9	CROWN MOJO

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY		
Race 1	DEMAND RESPECT	
Race 2	IFBUTZANDMAYBES	
Race 3	BE MAJOR THREAT	
Race 4	JOE THE BOOKIE	
Race 5	ITZ MONTANA JET NZ	
Race 6	HILLBILLY BAND	
Race 7	ROCKNOVERTIME	
Race 8	ROCKS ROY	
Race 9	BITOSCOTTY	

**CHAIR: S Shinn** 

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY**

# Burnie Harness Racing Club Race 5, Friday 17th December 2021

Stewards tonight inquired into the reason for TOP HANOVER breaking stride in the back straight on the final occasion. After viewing the official race videos and taking evidence from M Yole the driver of BE GOOD BENNY, R Hillier the driver of TOP HANOVER and R Ashwood the driver of ARTYBOY GLENWOOD Stewards determined that shortly after entering the back straight on the final occasion Mr Yole had commenced to shift out from behind the leader to one wide simultaneous to Mr Ashwood commencing to shift down from three wide to take up the same position resulting in both drivers attempting to gain full purchase on the position. At this stage Mr Hillier had commenced a run to the inside of Mr Yole however, as a result of a minor shift inward of the horses to his outside the gap narrowed with TOP HANOVER being tightened and breaking stride as a result. As Stewards could place no full blame on any horse or driver Stewards took no further action in the matter.

# \*\*Please note that this report may be subject to review and may not be the final version\*\*

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