

## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>Club:</b>	Launceston Trotting Club
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
<b>Weather:</b>	Overcast
<b>Track Condition:</b>	Good
<b>Stewards Panel:</b> Chair Panel Panel/Data Inspections Swabs	N Finnigan J Gleeson C Ellson M Castillo M Robinson
<b>Officials:</b> Starter Veterinarian Raceday Medical Providers	A Emery Dr R Blackwell Medical Edge

### RACE 1 – FIND US ON FACEBOOK PACE – 2200m Mobile

**NAUTIBUTNICE** – Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 80 metres.

**MAJOR IDEAL** – Raced rough when checked by its driver when tightened for racing room shortly before entering the home straight for the run to the finish.

**NAURU** – Hung out at times.

**General:** Driver B Rattray was fined \$100 for the careless manner he allowed NAURU to shift ground rounding the final turn which resulted in MAJOR IDEAL being checked. Stewards in considering penalty were mindful of the racing characteristics of NAURU [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

## **RACE 2 – TASSIE WASH PACE – 1680m Mobile**

**RESUME NZ** – Worked forward from the start, securing a trail from then 1300 metres. Dropped out significantly over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 90 metres. A post-race Veterinary examination found RESUME NZ to be lame in the off-fore leg. Stewards stood RESUME NZ down from racing until connections can produce a Veterinary clearance.

**CARIBBEAN DELIGHT** – Cast both hind shoes during the run.

**General:** Driver T Madden was fined \$200 for the unapproved, continuous manner he used his whip over the concluding stages [AHR Rule 156(3)].

## **RACE 3 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT STKES – 2200m Mobile**

**ENDEAVOUR STRIDE** – Tended to over-race and pull hard in the lead.

**MAJOR DAVVIN** – Restrained after the start, began to over-race preventing driver S Davis from securing a position at the rear of the field. Subsequently driven forward, attempting to secure the position outside the leader, however after being unable to cross the one-out line was left racing three-wide. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

**PROFICIENT NZ** – Raced three-wide in the middle stages, gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 60 metres. A subsequent Veterinary examination could find no obvious issues with the gelding. The performance was noted.

**GOBSMACKED** – Tended to over-race and pull hard.

## **RACE 4 – LEES ORCHARD TASSIE GOLDEN APPLE HEAT 1 – 2200m Stand**

**General:** Trainer E Stewart (MAJOR MOTH) was fined \$100 for failing to follow the direction of Stewards by not adhering to the requirements under the “Visiting Trainer’s Requirements” policy [AHR Rule 238].

**DENWEN DANCER** – Galloped out for a short distance after the strands were released.

**KHAKI NUI NZ** – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in standing start events after galloping away.

**BABY YOU A SONG** – After delaying the start due to gear issues, galloped away for a short distance. Hung in at times.

## **RACE 5 – BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS FUNCTION WITH US FOR 3 DECEMBER PACE – 1680m Mobile**

**General:** Trainer B Mackrill was fined \$100 for presenting ARTYBOY GLENWOOD to race with an incorrect saddle-cloth number [AHR rule 273(6)(a)].

**General:** Driver M Yole was reprimanded for carelessly allowing SMOOTH DEAL NZ to shift ground in the run to the finish [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

### **RACE 6 – LEES ORCHARD TASSIE GOLDEN APPLE HEAT 2 – 2200m Stand**

**General:** Trainer A Ashwood, (BEAT CITY) was fined \$100 for failing to follow the direction of Stewards by not adhering to the requirements under the “Visiting Trainer’s Requirements” policy [AHR Rule 238].

**KILLARNEY DANCE NZ** – Hung in passing the 300 metres resulting in its sulky wheel passing inside markers. Tightened for room when returning to the course proper.

**ALL BY MYSELF NZ** – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after galloping away at the start.

**WE SALUTE YOU** – Hung in on the latter stages of the final turn, resulting in KILLARNEY DANCE NZ and WE SALUTE YOU coming together.

### **RACE 7 – FAMILY FUN NIGHT 3 DECEMBER STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**KIAVINO STRIDE** – Raced outside the leader, over-racing and pulling hard.

**URUS NZ** – Subjected to a pre-race Veterinary examination after arriving on course with a cut to its off-fore leg. On inspection, the cut was deemed minor and as such URUS NZ was declared fit to race.

**LORD VERDE NZ** – Tired badly to be beaten in excess of 160 metres. A subsequent Veterinary examination failed to detect any obvious issues. Stewards deemed the performance of LORD VERDE NZ below the required standard and as such stood the gelding down from racing until satisfactorily completing one barrier trial.

### **RACE 8 – GREAT NORTHERN SUPER CRISP PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**STARVIN MARVIN NZ** – Shifted ground in the run to the finish.

**MERRY DANCER** – Tired badly, beaten in excess of 100 metres. A post-race Veterinary examination detected sounds from the respiratory tract. Stewards subsequently stood MERRY DANCER down until connections forward on a Veterinary clearance which includes a favourable endoscope report, in addition, after having the clearance and before returning to racing, MERRY DANCER must trial to the Stewards satisfaction.

**General:** The ‘all-clear’ was delayed so as Stewards could review the lead up to the start of the race. On review Stewards found no issues. A further delay to the ‘all-clear’ was due to driver C Castles, (JACKSON NEPTUNE) exercising his right to review the run to the finish, this was done together with concession driver advocate Mr N Webberley. On review, both driver Castles and Mr Webberley had no issues with the placings, and acknowledged that the shift of STARVIN MARVIN NZ was no more than careless. Subsequently the ‘all-clear’ was declared on the judge’s numbers 12-4-7-11-8.

**General:** Driver M Yole was fined \$200 for the careless manner he shifted ground with STARVIN MARVIN NZ, in the run to the finish [AHR Rule 162(1)(www)(c)].

### **RACE 9 – TASSIE GOLDEN APPLE NIGHT 3 DECEMBER 2023 – 2200m Mobile**

**KIWI TILLY** – Shifted out and broke gait after the start. KIWI TILLY will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events.

**DONTPUSHMEBUTTONS** – Shifted in and contacted markers in the middle stages of the home turn.

### **RACE 10 – CHARTLEY ESTATE STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**ARDEN ROANOKE NZ** – Tired out of the event beaten in excess of 80 metres. A post-race Veterinary examination failed to find any obvious issues. Stewards deemed the performance of ARDEN ROANOKE NZ below the required standard and stood the gelding down from racing until trialling the Stewards satisfaction.

**General:** HY LEINVINCIBLE, the \$1.95 favourite, which was allowed to hold a forward position after the start and secure cover on the first turn, failed to run on over the concluding stages as may have been expected. A post-race Veterinary examination failed to detect any obvious issues. At a subsequent inquiry, trainer/driver R Hillier stated that HY LEINVINCIBLE was sent out well under the odds he would have expected the gelding to start at, adding that HY LEINVINCIBLE is at his mark in the ratings and that maybe winning his only start since its spell, and that being the sprint race over 1120 metres on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023, was a false indicator. Stewards noted the evidence as tendered.

**Supplementary:** Stewards concluded an inquiry adjourned from the Race 5 at the Burnie Harness Racing Club's meeting held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, regarding the tactics adopted on, \$38.50 race outsider, GOING GREAT GUNS, by driver Troy Madden. Stewards, after taking initial evidence on the night adjourned the inquiry to review performances of GOING GREAT GUNS and confirm or otherwise, evidence tendered by driver Madden. Tonight, further evidence was taken from driver Madden, as well as further questions put to driver Madden, which he declined to make comment on, these questions included reference to GOING GREAT GUNS' recent racing performances and whether he considered various options during the race itself. Stewards after taking all evidence into account and reviewing of the race in question, charged driver Madden under AHR Rule 149(2), which reads:

*“A person shall not drive in a manner which in the opinion of the Stewards is unacceptable.”*

In charging driver Madden, Stewards alleged that he drove GOING GREAT GUNS from the start of the race and until approximately 600 metres remaining (final lap) in such a consistent, solid manner, giving the horse no mid-race respite, leaving the gelding uncompetitive over the final lap, giving ground to be beaten in excess of 70 metres. Driver Madden pled not guilty to the charge. After being unable to provide further evidence to support his not guilty plea, and reviewing all the circumstances, Stewards found him guilty as charged. On the matter of penalty, being aware driver Madden had been found guilty of the same charge in recent months and also taking into account his not guilty plea, Stewards suspended his licence to drive for five(5) race dates.

## RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	Race	Details	Rule
<b>Suspensions:</b>	N/A	Troy Madden; 5 Meetings – Unacceptable Drive BHRC Race 5, 17 Nov 2023	149(2)
<b>Fines:</b>	1	Barry Rattray; \$100 – Careless Driving	168(1)(a)
	2	Troy Madden; \$200 – Unapproved Whip	156(3)
	4	Emma Stewart; \$100 – Fail to follow Stewards Directive	238
	5	Brian Mackrill; \$100 – Present ARTYBOY GLENWOOD with incorrect saddlecloth no.	273(6)(a)
	6	Alex Ashwood; \$100 – Fail to follow Stewards Directive	238
	8	Mark Yole; \$200 – Shift ground in the run to the finish	162(1)(www)(c)
<b>Reprimands:</b>	5	Mark Yole – Carelessly Shift Ground	168(1)(a)
<b>Horse Action:</b>	2	RESUME NZ – Stood Down Vet Clearance	
	7	LORD VERDE NZ – Stood Down 1 Trial, PP	
	8	MERRY DANCER – Stood Down Vet Cert (Endoscope) & Stood Down 1 Trial, PP	
	9	KIWI TILLY – ODM	
	10	ARDEN ROANOKE NZ – Stood Down 1 Trial, PP	
<b>Pre-race Swabs: 6</b>	2	JUNIPER	
	3	ENDEAVOUR STRIDE	
	4	MAJOR MOTH	
	5	MISTA EAGLE	
	6	RACKEMUP TIGERPIE	
	9	MARV DREAMING	
<b>Post-race Swabs:11</b>		ALL WINNERS	
	1	HUNT A RAINBOW (TCO2)	
<b>Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:</b>		NIL	