

## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>CLUB</b>	LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB
<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2024</b>
<b>WEATHER</b>	<b>FINE</b>
<b>TRACK</b>	<b>GOOD</b>
<b>STEWARDS PANEL</b>	<b>CHAIR</b> N Finnigan
	<b>PANEL</b> M Castillo E Morice-Smith B Hine (Data)
	<b>INSPECTIONS</b> C Ellson D Luttrell
	<b>SWAB</b> M Robinson
	<b>HUMAN SAMPLES</b> C Ellson
	<b>STARTER</b> A Emery
	<b>VETERINARIAN</b> Dr M Fitzgerald
	<b>MEDCAL PROVIDER</b> Medical Edge

**General:** Stewards allowed the following late driving changes: *BUMPY J NZ* (Race 3) – *Nathan Ford* and *RANIERI NZ* (Race 5) – *Tiarna Ford*, due to *Kyle Pratten* being unable to fulfill his driving engagements after being injured at his stables early that day. *Mr Pratten* will require a medical clearance before returning to race driving.

**General:** Alcohol and/or drug testing was carried out on all participating drivers.

### **RACE 1 – KING FILLIES & MARES SERIES – 2200m Mobile**

**SHES A TINY DANCER** – Hung in when full of running on the final turn, resulting in its sulky wheel brushing markers.

## **RACE 2 – LADBROKES FAST WITHDRAWALS PACE – 1680m Mobile**

**IMPERIAL SANZ** – Hung out and raced rough in the score-up inconveniencing runners on the second row, obliging the starter to declare a false start. Hung out again at the restart, racing roughly and checking runners to its outside. Gave ground to be beaten in excess of 70 metres. Stewards deemed the performance of IMPERIAL SANZ to be below the required standard and as such stood the gelding down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial, in addition IMPERIAL SANZ will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events.

**JOES PLACE** – First registered race start.

**INSIDE THREE BARS** – Started \$2 favourite. Tired after leading to be beaten in excess of 45 metres. A subsequent Veterinary inspection failed to find any obvious abnormalities. Trainer’s representative, P Ford, informed Stewards that INSIDE THREE BARS had been treated for an infection of which further tests had shown the issue had been corrected, although adding tonight’s performance has raised some doubt in whether the gelding is fully over its issues. The evidence was noted and follow up required.

**BOLT OF COBARGO** – Shifted ground over the concluding stages. Driver O Weidenbach was reprimanded for carelessly allowing BOLT OF COBARGO to shift ground [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

**IDEN REGAL WAVE** – First registered race start.

**PAZIAH** – First registered race start.

***General:** At the ‘Check-in’, driver M Yole (IDEN REGAL WAVE) exercised his right and requested the opportunity to review the official race footage of the final 200 metres. On review, driver Yole had no objections, and as such Stewards declared the ‘al-clear’ on the judge’s numbers 2-6-5-7-9.*

***General:** Driver O Weidenbach was suspended from driving for two(2) Tasmanian race dates due to the unapproved manner she used her whip on BOLT OF COBARGO in the run to the finish. At the request of driver Weidenbach, Stewards deferred the imposition of penalty until she completes her driving engagements at Hobart 18/08/24. Stewards in imposing penalty were mindful of Ms Weidenbach’s recent poor record re whip use [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)].*

## **RACE 3 – LADBROKE IT! STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**IDEN KAMAKAZI** – Dust sheet became dislodged passing the 1600. Hung out under pressure in the run to the finish inconveniencing other runners. On questioning, trainer L Hooper stated that IDEN KAMAKAZI had failed to settle during the run, over-racing, which had a negative effect on how it finished off the race, adding he believes IDEN KAMAKAZI did not back up after its most recent run 9 days ago, and will endeavor to space the gelding’s races further apart whenever programming permits.

**BETTABLACK TIGER** – Tended to hang out during the run and shifted ground in the run to the finish. Connections were advised to take the necessary action to remedy this issue.

**MORE THAN THIS** – Inconvenienced when IDEN KAMAKAZI shifted ground.

**MIKI SANZ** – Inconvenienced when IDEN KAMAKAZI shifted ground.

## **RACE 4 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**GRINNING AGAIN NZ** – Started \$1.80 favourite. Raced to the early lead, withstanding a short challenge from YARECKON IM SWEET which had also began well. Briefly challenged passing the 1400 by MACH ANGELO which had improved three-wide to be positioned leading the one-out line. Backed off to record a moderate second quarter of 32.5 seconds. Surrendered lead passing the 800. Failed to run on as may have been expected over the concluding stages. A post-race Veterinary inspection failed to find any abnormalities. On questioning trainer/driver R Hillier stated that the challenges during the run had an adverse effect on GRINNING AGAIN NZ, further adding that in similar circumstances he may need to revise his driving tactics. The explanation was noted.

**YARECKON IM SWEET** – Began well, unsuccessful with a brief challenge for the early lead racing toward the first turn.

**MACH ANGELO** – Left a rearward trailing position leaving the 1500, progressing forward to briefly challenged for the lead approaching the 1300 before easing to lead the one-out line. Once in this position over-raced, particularly as the pace of the race steadied.

**IDEN BLACK PRINCE** – Raced wide early before positioned leading the one-out line approaching the 1600. Secured a trail when MACH ANGELO improved three-wide. Held up for clear running until well into the home straight in the run to the finish.

**CUZZY BRO** – Held up for clear running until well into the home straight in the run to the finish.

## **RACE 5 – ELDERS INSURANCE LAUNCESTON PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**LAID BACK** – Began well securing the early lead racing into the first turn. Surrendered lead leaving the 1900.

**GYPSY AMOUR** – Hung out under pressure in the run to the finish.

**REMEMBER ME NOW NZ** – Raced forward from the start, racing wide until approaching the 1700, gaining the position outside the leader. Once in this position tended to over-race and pull hard. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

**MY ULTIMATE ROMEO** – Inconvenienced when obliged to race wide through the movement of several runners in the back straight on the final occasion.

*General: Driver N Ford was fined \$400 due to the unapproved manner he used his whip on SNEAKY PEAK, particularly on entering the home straight for the run to the finish. Stewards in imposing penalty were mindful of driver Ford's recent poor record re whip use. Driver Ford was further advised that this was his fifth breach within a twelve month period and another whip breach will be dealt with via suspension [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)].*

## **RACE 6 – STACEY LEAR PHOTOGRAPHY PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN NZ** – Worked forward from the start to lead the one-out line, where it failed to settle and over-race. Broke gait midway through the home straight in the run to the finish.

**PARDOE PLUGGA** – Held up for clear running in the home straight for the run to the finish.

**ROYAL APPOINTMENT** – Severely checked on the first turn, locking wheels and forced to race wide for approximately 150 metres.

**JEREMY WELLS** – Checked when racing in the early stages of the first turn when WATTABOUT SPANGHER hung out and shifted ground.

**WATTABOUT SPANGHER** – Placed on its last chance to race truly after hanging out for the majority of the event, of note, when racing into the first turn WATTABOUT SPANGHER shifted out

despite the efforts of its driver, causing interference to a number of runners, in particular, ROYAL APPOINTMENT, carrying it out three-wide and locking wheels for a distance.

**KUZMA** – Checked when racing in the early stages of the first turn when WATTABOUT SPANGHER hung out and shifted ground.

**General:** *Driver B Davis was fined \$200 for the careless manner he shifted ground with PARDOE PLUGGA near the 100. This movement resulted in HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN, which was racing to its outside wheel, to be placed racing in restricted room, obliging driver M Yole to check his gelding, which resulted in it breaking gait. Stewards in assessing penalty were mindful of driver Davis's guilty plea and the level of carelessness [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].*

### **RACE 7 – 6TY FREE FOR ALL – 2200m Mobile**

**VILLACCI** – Gave ground to be beaten in excess of 60 metres. Although registering an individual mile rate of 2:00.6, connections informed Stewards that they were disappointed with the way the gelding raced and would be reassessing its training and racing programme. The evidence was noted.

**General:** *Driver N Ford's right foot slipped from the footrest near the 100 but was quickly returned. Stewards reminded driver Ford of the need to keep his feet in the correct position in the sulky, and the possible consequences for failing to do.*

### **RACE 8 – LADBROKES RACING CLUB PACE – 1680m Mobile**

**SWIMINTHERIVER NZ** – Hung in near the 300 resulting in its sulky wheel contacting markers. Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary examination. On inspection, SWIMINTHERIVER was found to have an abrasion to the off-side neck, caused by the rubbing of a rein burr. The Burr was inspected and found to be within the allowable parameters. When questioned over the abrasion, Dr Fitzgerald informed Stewards that it was not as serious as it may seem. Stewards noted the circumstances. Of note, SWIMINTHERIVER had recently been clipped, which may have contributed to the abrasion.

**General:** *Driver T Rattray was reminded of his obligations regarding his whip use.*

### **RACE 9 – TASSIE WASH STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**BONNY MY BOY** – Returning to racing after a spell, tired badly to be beaten in excess of 130 metres. Connections acknowledged their disappointment with BONNY MY BOY, stating it is a much better horse than on display tonight, although adding that the way the race panned out does not suit the gelding, that being off the bit and having to chase throughout, rather than to get some respite mid-race. Stewards after considering the evidence, deemed the performance of BONNY MY BOY below the required standard and as such stood the gelding down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial.

**SERENGETI SUNRISE** – Over-raced and pulled hard before giving ground over the concluding stages.

### **RACE 10 – DAKIN REFRIGERATION STAKES – 1680m Mobile**

**CHIEF JUJON** – Over-raced and pulled hard during its preliminary. A pre-race Veterinary examination cleared CHIEF JUJON to race. Began well to lead the event. Under pressure from the 900, ultimately giving ground to be beaten in excess of 80 metres. A post-race Veterinary examination found CHIEF JUJON to be lame in the near-hind. CHIEF JUJON was subsequently stood down from racing until connections forward on a Veterinary Clearance.

**General:** Multiple participants were cautioned for either leading horses without a restraining device, and/or producing a horse to race in incorrect gear.

**Supplemental:** Connections of INSIDE THREE BARS informed Stewards on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, that the gelding on returning home from the Launceston meeting had shown no signs of ill health, eating up and seeming well within itself. Stewards noted the evidence; however it was stated that should INSIDE THREE BARS fail to perform in its ensuing races, Stewards may consider taking action against the gelding.

**Supplemental:** Stewards visited, unannounced, the stables of trainer W Yole on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, in particular, to assess the well-being of SWIMINTHERIVER. On arrival SWIMINTHERIVER was inspected where no more than a rub mark was evident on the geldings off-side neck. Photographs were taken for ORI records. What was clear to Stewards that SWIMINTHERIVER had been recently clipped and the gelding appeared to be thin skinned. SWIMINTHERIVER showed no discomfort when pressure was applied to the area. The area had been dressed prior to Stewards arrival and again whilst in the Stewards presence. Further, Stewards asked connections how both VILLACCI and BONNY MY BOY had pulled up after their runs the previous evening. Connections were satisfied that both geldings had recovered well, adding they will continue to monitor them over the ensuing days, but were of the opinion that nothing would eventuate.

## RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
SUSPENSIONS: 0	2	O Weidenbach; unapproved whip – 2 Race Dates	156 (2)(a)
FINES: 2	5	N Ford; \$400 – Unapproved Whip	156 (2)(a)
	6	B Davis; \$200 – Careless Driving	168(1)(a)
REPRIMANDS: 2	2	O Weidenbach; Carelessly Shifting Ground	168 (1)(a)
	4	W Yole; No throat lash – Mach Angelo	273(3)(c)
HORSE ACTIONS: 3	2	IMPERIAL SANZ; ODM, SD 1 Trial	
	9	BONNY MY BOY; SD 1 TRIAL	
	10	CHIEF JUJON; SD Veterinary Clearance	
PRE-RACE SWABS: 7	1	SPOT RULER	
	2	INSIDE THREE BARS	
	3	BETTABLACK TIGER	
	4	GRINNING AGAIN NZ	
	6	STEPPING STONES	

	8	SWIMINTHERIVER NZ	
	10	CHIEF JUJON	
POST RACE SWABS: 10	1 - 10	ALL WINNERS	
POST RACE TCO2: 0		NIL	
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES: 0		NIL	