

CLUB: LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB

DATE: 18-02-2022

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS:

R NEAL (CHAIR)

R BROWN (PANEL)

B BAUDINETTE (PANEL)

C ELLSON (PANEL/DATA)

D LUTRELL (INSPECTIONS)

M ROBINSON (SWABS)

VETERINARY SURGEON: I COLLIER

STARTER: A EMERY

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

Race 1 – TASMANIAN SPORTS TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION STAKES (2,200 METRES)

OZZIE PLAYGIRL– compounded passing the 500 metres finishing well back - stood down for 14 days and 2 satisfactory trials.

FLASHY RULER – cast a near front plate and broke passing 500 metres - last chance to race truly.

MACHBEV – held up on the back of a weakening runner passing the 500 metres.

NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ– briefly held up rounding the final bend.

Race 2 – CROWN LAGER STAKES (2,200 METRES)

COOL SCOOTER NZ– raced greenly in score-up

CAROLS JUDGE – raced greenly passing the 400 metres.

SPORTS CANDY - raced greenly for a short distance passing the 400 metres.

OUR SIR OLIVER - held up passing the 500 metres.

TACTILE SENSATION – weakened from 500 metres- last chance to race competitively.

BOSTON BUSKER – held up rounding the final bend and became awkwardly placed for a short distance before obtaining clear racing room passing the 150 metres.

STALEY – hung in and contacted marker pegs near 250 metres - warning issued.

Race 3 –LADBROKES PACE (2,200 METRES)

BLOSSOM GRANT – hung in and contacted marker pegs rounding final bend- warning issued.

IM QUITE AMERICAN – weakened from 500 metres finishing well back- veterinary check revealed no obvious abnormality - stood down one trial.

MODERN BART – broke late in score-up placed out of the draw; gave ground over latter stages finishing well back- last race to race competitively.

TELL A TALL STORY – gave ground from 900 metres; compounded from 500 metres being distanced at the finish - veterinary check revealed the gelding to displaying respiratory noise - stood-down to veterinary certificate, including a satisfactory endoscopic examination.

Race 4 –IMPRESS PRINT STAKES (2,200 METRES)

MY CELEBRITY – suffered flat tyre over the final stages.

HOT EMBERS - pulled hard in score-up; held up for some distance rounding the final bend and early part of the home straight.

Junior driver M Ford (**MY CELEBRITY**) was reminded of his obligations when trailing, after permitting his drive to race near the back of **KRAFTY BOY** passing the 450 metres.

Junior driver J White (**LONGWINDINGROAD**) was firmly reminded of his obligations with respect to the use of the whip when driving out.

RACE 5 – VIZPIX BROADCAST PACE (1,680 METRES)

CASTOR TROY – tightened and broke rounding first bend.

THE BLACK ASSASSIN – trainer questioned regarding improved performance.

MONTANA LAD NZ– inclined to hang out early and middle stages.

SOMEDAN – shifted out under pressure rounding the final bend.

Following the event, R Ashwood driver of the 5th placed **CASTOR TROY** lodged an objection against the 3rd placed **SOMEDAN** alleging interference in the final straight. After consideration the Stewards dismissed the protest.

Junior driver M Ford (**SOMEDAN**), with the assistance of trainer Mr B Yole, admitted a breach of Rule 168 (1) (a) with the particulars being that he permitted his drive to shift out rounding the final bend enabling the race winner **THE BLACK ASSASSIN** to improve to his inside. After consideration as to penalty Mr Ford was fined \$200.00

Stewards questioned trainer Mr B Yole with respect to the improved performance of race winner, **THE BLACK ASSASSIN**. In explanation Mr Yole stated that despite its average form line, the gelding had been working well and had not had all favours in recent racing. Mr Yole's explanation was noted.

Stewards adjourned an investigation to Sunday 20th February relating to **CASTOR TROY** breaking stride going into the first turn when racing to the inside of **SOMEDAN**.

RACE 6 – LONGFORD EQUINE CLINIC STAKES (2,200 METRES)

LUTETIA MIDFREW NZ – broke at start - excluded from the draw in upcoming starts.

GOT THE GOODS – fractious before start; broke at the start – continue to be excluded from draw.

HEZA RUMMAGE NZ- reared at start, broke and lost ground - last chance in the draw.

ASHLEYS BLUE CHIP – broke at the start - excluded from the draw in upcoming starts.

KEEP PLAYING – fractious before start.

OZZIE MAJOR – back in stand draw.

BIG BANG RAJ – stood flat footed and refused to move off the mark, taking no competitive part- must complete satisfactory standing start trial prior to next racing - excluded from the draw in upcoming starts.

DENSTOWN NZ – broke after start and again shortly after settling well back – continued to be excluded from draw in standing starts.

RACE 7 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE (1,680 METRES)

JO DINA – pulled hard during early and middle stages; tightened and contacted marker peg passing 250 metres; held up rounding final bend until passing the 100 metres.

ISLAND ROCKNROLL – shifted out rounding final bend, driver fined.

VELOCITY STRIDE – hung in and contacted marker peg rounding the final bend.

Junior driver K Williams (**ISLAND ROCKNROLL**), with the assistance of trainer Mr B Yole, admitted a breach of Rule 168 (1) (a) with the particulars being that he permitted his drive to shift out rounding the final bend enabling **JO DINA** to improve to his inside. After consideration as to penalty Mr Williams was fined \$100.00

Stewards questioned Junior driver M Ford, with the assistance of trainer Mr B Yole, regarding his driving of **HYDE PARK** rounding the final bend, where, when attempting to shift ground outward, he became awkwardly placed near the wheels of **ISLAND ROCKNROLL** and **MACHAVELLI**, and in consequence, was held up for some distance.

In response Mr Ford stated that, in his view, the race leader (**ISLAND ROCKNROLL**) would not be able to sustain its run in the lead and, rather than being caught behind **ISLAND ROCKNROLL** with no opportunity to improve, he believed it would be more advantageous to attempt to shift outward in search of clear racing room. However after leaving the marker line, it became apparent that no run was developing wider and in consequence he then became very awkwardly placed between **ISLAND ROCKNROLL** and **MACHAVELLI**, with no option of going wider or regaining his vacated position.

Given all circumstances, and in particular Mr Ford's relative inexperience, the Stewards took no further action other than to counsel Mr Ford with respect to expectations when he is placed in similar circumstances.

RACE 8 – CARLTON DRAUGHT PACE (1,680 METRES)

WEERBROOK HARRY – checked after the start.

MY ULTIMATE MAJOR – checked after the start and lost position.

ROCKOWSROAD – shifted inward after the start- driver suspended.

COVEFFE HUSTLER – checked after the start.

SOUTHERN GNP NZ– checked and broke after the start.

YELLOW TAXI NZ– raced in restricted room in the early part of the final straight; held up and unable to improve final 50 metres.

Stewards inquired into an incident racing into the first bend where **MY ULTIMATE MAJOR** was checked and broke when racing to the inside of **ROCKOWSROAD** (H Van Dongen) which, when improving its position, shifted in. Also affected in this incident were **WEERROOK HARRY** and **COVEFFE HUSTLER**, which were checked, and **SOUTHERN GNP NZ** which was checked and broke.

Miss H Van dongen admitted a resultant breach of Rule 163 (1) (a) in that she shifted ground inward when not clear. After consideration Miss Van dongen's licence to drive in races was suspended from the close of racing tonight, up to and including racing on Friday 25th February 2022.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	NIL
FINES	R5 – M Ford – AHRR 168(1)(a) – shifting out in the home straight advantaging another runner– fined \$200.00 R7 – K Williams - AHRR 168(1)(a) – shifting out in the home straight advantaging another runner – fined \$100.00
SUSPENSIONS	R8 – H Van dongen - AHRR 163(1)(a)(iii) – Suspended 2 race dates - commence midnight 18th February 2022 expire midnight 25 th February 2022
HORSE ACTIONS	R1 – OZZIE PLAYGIRL – Stood down 14 days & 2 trials R1 – KOSIMO - BMD R3 – IM QUITE AMERICAN - Stood down 1 trial R3 – TELL A TALL STORY – Stood down veterinary certificate (including an endoscopic examination) R3 – MODERN BART - ODM R6 – LUTETIA MIDFREW NZ – ODS

	R6 - GOT THE GOODS – CODS R6 – ASHLEYS BLUE CHIP – ODS R6 – OZZIE MAJOR – BSD R6 – BIG BANG RAJ - Stood down 1 satisfactory standing start trial R6 – BIG BANG RAJ - ODS R6 - DENSTOWN NZ - CODS
LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	NIL

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	KENYA NZ
Race 2	PROFICIENT NZ
Race 3	AITUTAKI
Race 4	KRAFTY BOY
Race 5	CASTOR TROY
Race 6	LUTETIA MIDFREW NZ
Race 7	HYDE PARK
Race 8	YELLOW TAXI NZ

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	TOP HANOVER
Race 2	SPORTS CANDY
Race 3	BLOSSOM GRANT
Race 4	KRAFTY BOY
Race 5	THE BLACK ASSASSIN
Race 6	INCOGNITO
Race 7	BACCARAT
Race 8	IDEAL INVESTMENT

CHAIR: R NEAL

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