

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: DEVONPORT HARNESS RACING CLUB

DATE: 2 JULY 2012

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS:

A O'CONNELL (CHAIRMAN)

W HADLEY

B BAUDINETTE

M PEILE

P HALL (STARTER)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR J MCKENNA

RACE 1 – THE ADAM BROOKS GROUP PACE – 2297 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from ISLAND AFFAIR.

Throughout the race START BLUSHING pulled hard when racing on the peg line.

A post race swab sample was taken from the winner REAL RIVER.

RACE 2 – MICK'S VEGI SHED PACE – 2645 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from LOLA BROMAC NZ.

STONE SKIPPER which delayed the start will be given one last chance in the draw.

ARTILLERY FIRE which galloped out and lost ground at the start will also be given one last chance in the draw.

On the latter part of the home turn and in the early part of the home straight LOADED FRANCO had difficulty in obtaining a clear run.

RACE 3 – BULLOCK CONSULTING YOUNGBLOODS HEAT THREE – 2297 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from URSULA KELLY.

Jamie Lee King (CARDINAL ART) was fined the sum of \$200 for using the whip on 2 occasions free of the rein prior to the 200 metres. Jamie Lee King was also reminded of her obligations when driving out to the finish.

A post race swab sample was taken from the winner CARDINAL ART

RACE 4 – TATSBET.COM PACE – 2286 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from MOST HAPPY JASPER.

As Zeke Slater was unavailable Stewards permitted Jamie Lee King to replace him as the driver of TWOGRANDAHAND.

As GLENWOOD JASPER had not arrived on course by the prescribed time Stewards ordered the withdrawal of the gelding at 7.54pm. It was latter established that the float transporting GLENWOOD JASPER had broken down en route to the course.

KING ALBERT galloped out at the start and will be given one last chance in the draw.

MOST HAPPY JASPER shifted in shortly after the start whilst in a gallop and made contact with the sulky of KARALTA WIZARD, resulting in that gelding galloping shortly after. MOST HAPPY JASPER will continue to be excluded from the draw. MOST HAPPY JASPER trailed the field for the remainder of the race.

Stewards interviewed James Johnson (DAWN OFA NIADH) and Rohan Hadley (NEXT SOUND) into their respective driving tactics between the 1500 metres and 1300 metres. Mr Johnson explained that when racing outside the leader he was aware of NEXT SOUND improving three wide from the 1600 metres however he was content to continue to occupy his position and when NEXT SOUND improved to his outside he made Rohan Hadley aware that it was his intention not to relinquish his position. However Mr Hadley issued a challenge for over 100 metres and he then restrained to obtain a trail. Rohan Hadley explained that he elected to improve when the early pace was only moderate as in his view NEXT SOUND is capable of maintaining an even pace during its races and the position outside the leader would assist it given the moderate early pace however when challenging for that position the gelding hung in which resulted in him having to drive more aggressively in an attempt to improve around DAWN OFA NIADH and when he became aware that he would be able to secure the position outside the leader he continued to drive forward for a short distance to ensure that he would secure the position. Mr Hadley added that when KARALTA WIZARD improved three wide he elected to relinquish his position as the gelding would be unable to resist that challenge and remain competitive. Mr Hadley further added that in his view the gelding was under pressure from the 600 metres.

After evaluating all tendered evidence the Stewards were of the view that the tactics adopted by both drivers were not totally unreasonable however both drivers were reminded to drive their horses in a manner which does not leave room for query.

RACE 5 – BULLOCK CONSULTING YOUNGBLOODS HEAT FOUR – 2297 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from SILVER TAIL LASS.

Prior to all clear Alex Ashwood (BUTTERS) sixth placed getter viewed the Stewards patrol film before lodging a protest against second placed getter Lyarna Graham (TISU TOOTA) on the grounds of interference near the 300 metres. After taking evidence from the relevant parties, it was established that TISU TOOTA when improving hung in and contacted the legs of BUTTERS which had obtained a run to the outside of SILVER TAIL LASS resulting in BUTTERS galloping and losing ground. As Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that the margin of 15.5 metres between the horses was greater than the interference suffered the protest was dismissed and all clear was given. At a subsequent inquiry Lyarna Graham pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of Rule 163(1)(a) and her driver's licence was suspended for 2 race dates which will be served cumulatively with the suspension imposed at the TPC Meeting which was conducted on 1 July 2012. Miss Graham's overall suspension will commence midnight 2 July 2012 and expire midnight 22 July 2012.

Todd Rattray (SIERRA GEM) explained that he elected not to improve prior to the 700 metres as his instructions were to look for a trail into the race from approximately the 600

metres.Mr Rattray further added that from the 800 metres he attempted to entice NEXT BRIGADE to improve in advance of him and after passing the winning post with a lap to go he formed the view that he would improve around that gelding which was racing in a slight half cart position in the three wide line when unable to improve into the race.Mr Rattray further added that when he improved to the sulky wheel of NEXT BRIGADE he was forced wider on the track when that gelding shifted out to avoid the sulky wheel of WHOLELOTASOUND which at that point failed to quicken which resulted in him electing to restrain back behind NEXT BRIGADE which then placed him at a disadvantage for some distance when that gelding was unable to take him into the race. The explanation of Mr Rattray was accepted and given the circumstances no action was taken against any driver.

A post race swab sample was taken from the winner WATTLE CREEK.

RACE 6 – DHRC COMMITTEE APPRECIATION CLAIMER – 2297 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from QUICK ARMBRO.

The start of this race was delayed approximately 2 minutes due to an interstate greyhound race commencing late.

In the home straight BONNY WEE LADDIE was unable to obtain a clear run.

In the early part of the home straight CAPROCORN CRUISER was unable to obtain a clear run.

Craig Toulmin (QUICK ARMBRO) which performed below market expectations explained that the gelding had worked well leading up to the race and in his view pulled up well subsequent to the race and he could offer no explanation for the performance.

RACE 7 – BIG BARGAIN BOTTLESHOP PACE – 2297 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from SEVEN DIAMONDS.

In the home straight SASSY RULER was unable to obtain a clear run.

Adrian Collins (IDIDIT) which commenced to tire noticeably from the 800 metres explained that the gelding displayed a tendency to over race during the early stages of the race which placed him at a disadvantage when trying to restrain to allow ANILADA to obtain the position outside the leader and he was unable to allow that mare to gain that position until near the 1400 metres.Mr Collins added that approaching the 800 metres he elected to improve into the three wide line when ANILADA commenced to give ground but after shifting into the three wide line it failed to respond to his driving.

A veterinary examination of IDIDIT subsequent to the race revealed that the gelding was displaying signs of mild muscle soreness in the back area and mild dehydration.

A post race swab sample was taken from the winner I PITY THE FOOL.

RACE 8 – NITAVITE PACE – 1930 METRES

RAINBOW OF COLOURS was withdrawn at 9:05am acting on veterinary advice.

Pre race swab samples were taken from DODGESDREAM.

GOGO TIGGA was slow to begin.

SUMMARY

REPRIMANDS	
FINES	R3. Jamie Lee King- 156(2) whip prior to 200m \$200
SUSPENSIONS	R5. Lyarna Graham – 163(1)(a) 2 race dates from 15.07.12
HORSE ACTIONS	MOST HAPPY JASPER - CODS
LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	ISLAND AFFAIR
Race 2	LOLA BROMAC NZ
Race 3	URSULA KELLY
Race 4	MOST HAPPY JASPER
Race 5	SILVER TAIL LASS
Race 6	QUICK ARMBRO
Race 7	SEVEN DIAMONDS
Race 8	DODGESDREAM

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	REAL RIVER
Race 3	CARDINAL ART
Race 5	WATTLE CREEK
Race 7	I PITY THE FOOL

CHAIRMAN

A O'CONNELL