

STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB	LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB	
DATE	20 th JULY 2025	
WEATHER	Fine	
TRACK	Good	
STEWARDS PANEL	CHAIR	N Finnigan
	PANEL	B Hine J Lincoln
	CHECK IN/INSPECTIONS	S Tedman D Luttrell
	SWAB	L Shutlar A McDermott
	STARTERS	G Griffin D Bauld
	VETERINARIANS	Dr G Robins & Dr I Evans
	MEDICAL PROVIDER	Medical Edge

RACE 1 – VICTORY IMAGES PHOTOGRAPHY TWO-YEAR-OLD – 1680m Mobile

I GOTTA GO – Disappointed for clear racing room during the run to the finish.

General: Stewards questioned Driver D Ford in relation to the below market performance of ZAV DAN. Driver Ford expressed his disappointment with ZAV DAN in tonight's event, and was at a loss to explain the performance adding that the previous performance was although acceptable, a little under par. Driver Ford further stated it is the intension on the stable to recommend to its owner that ZAV DAN have a break from racing. The evidence was noted.

RACE 2 – LADBROKES SRM IN MULTIS STAKES – 1680m Mobile

EVA WARATAH – Placed under pressure from the 1000, tiring from the 600 to be beaten in excess of 170 metres, with an individual mile rate of 2:08.4. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities. Stewards deemed the mare's performance below the required standard, and subsequently stood EVA WARATAH down from racing until satisfactorily completing one (1) qualifying trial.

RAINERI NZ – Disappointed for clear racing room in the early stages of the home straight for the run to the finish.

VELOCITY STRIDE - Disappointed for clear racing room in the run to the finish.

BUDD SIDEWINDER – Disappointed for clear racing room well into the home straight for the run to the finish.

RACE 3 – RAY FREEMAN MEMORIAL – 1680m Mobile

RAY DAN – Showed gait speed to claim the early lead, before surrendering to SERENGETI SUNRISE after 350 metres. Tended to over race through the middle stages of the event, before under pressure nearing the 800, coming 'off the bridle', failing to respond, despite the efforts of driver D Ford, fading out of the event over the concluding stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no obvious abnormalities. On questioning driver D Ford expressed his disappointment, suggesting the colt may have left its best work on the training track. The trainer's representative, P Ford, agreed with the summation of driver D Ford and further stated that based on the performance the stable would be recommending to the connections that RAY DAY have a break from racing. The evidence was noted.

RACE 4 – LADBROKES GRANNY SMITH FINAL – 2698m Mobile

MOVESLIKEALADY – Will continue to be drawn to the extreme outside of future mobile barrier draws after failing to fulfil its allotted starting position.

RACE 5 – DARREL ROCKLIFF GRADUATE – 2200m Mobile

STAR MAJOR – Over-raced when racing two-back along the marker line. Held up for clear running until well into the home straight for the run to the finish.

RACE 6 – TASFREIGHT RAIDER STAKES FINAL – 2698m Mobile

SMOOTH MACHETE – Declared a late scratching at 5:47pm by Stewards acting on veterinary advice, after the horse arrived on course with a Veterinary condition.

***General:** Stewards questioned Driver R Ashwood regarding his tactics with STRANDED LOLLIPOP. Driver Ashwood stated, in assessing the race his tactics were to the gelding forward in search of the lead and then take cover, believing DO IT would work its way toward the lead shortly after the start. Of consideration when deciding on these tactics was the fact that this was the first time STRANDED LOLLOIPOP had raced over the 2698m distance. Driver Ashwood added, he believed VINCENZO (drawn to its inside) had not been racing at its best, and as such he would be able to cross that gelding after the start. However, when VINCENZO began well and DO IT worked forward to the lead he was left leading the one-out line, he was*

left with little option other than to restrain to a marker line position, as leading the one-out line would be to STRANDED LOLLIPOP's detriment. The evidence was noted.

General: *Driver J Watson was fined \$50 for his late notification of driver on VINCENZO [AHR Rule 210].*

RACE 7 – LADBROKES ODDS SURGE PACE – 1680m Mobile

STRAWBERRY BLING – Disappointed for clear racing room during the run to the finish.

ONLINE MODEL – Disappointed for clear racing room during the run to the finish.

General: *Stewards questioned Driver M Jones in relation to the driving tactics he adopted on CAPTAIN CHEDDAR, in particular, the decision to, after securing the early lead, surrender that position to the less fancied STRAWBERRY BLING. Driver Jones stated CAPTAIN CHEDDAR is not very brave in races, and he did not want to end up in the lead at any stage. He further added he did not believe Driver Watson (STRAWBERRY BLING) would hand up as easily as he did due to the mare having previously raced well in the lead over the mile, and with this being the case, he was happy to ease, taking a trail behind that horse. Driver Jones added that he did not want to exert CAPTAIN CHEDDAR in the early stages, as it needs to be nursed as much as possible for the final stages, believing too much early work would have a detrimental effect on his chances, only wanted to do enough to secure a handy forward position. Finally, driver Jones stated the gelding did disappoint somewhat, failing to let down over the final stages as he usually does. Stewards noted the explanation.*

RACE 8 – LADBROKES SAME RACE MULTI PACE – 1680m Mobile

BELIEVE IN FOREVER – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

RACE 9 – LADBROKES MATES MODE POTS PACE – 2200m Mobile

SMOOTH REASON – Tended to race roughly under pressure, when leaving the back straight on the final occasion.

CAN FEEL THE FURY NZ – Disappointed for clear racing room during the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

RACE 10 – LADBROKES QUICK MULTI PACE – 1680m Mobile

BARBARY TALES – Sulky contacted by CAMELOT JEDIMASTER.

CAMELOT JEDIMASTER – Contacted the sulky of BARBARY TALES approaching the 200, and as a result raced roughly.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

General: Stewards inquired into an incident approaching the 200, where CAMELOT JEDIMASTER (K Williams) appeared to race roughly. At the inquiry evidence was taken from drivers Williams and B Davis (BARBARY TALES), as well as Trainer S Davis,. Evidence given was that on passing the 300, NANCSTIGER (C Castles) had shifted up the track slightly when driven forward to improve, and as JEDIMASTER had followed this movement wider on the track it carried it toward BARBARY TALES, this brought both runners into close proximity. It was further established, when racing wide on the track, BARBARY TALES tended to race on the outside rein which contributed to the horses racing tight. On assessing the incident, Stewards were mindful of the low degree of impact or culpability of the incident, taking no action other than to note the circumstances and to remind both drivers of their responsibility regarding care when driving.

Supplementary: PARK LANE NZ – Race 3 Launceston Pacing Club, 11th July 2025

Trainer Wayne Yole reported that after PARK LANE NZ's last race on Friday 11th July 2025 at the Launceston Pacing Club, where it was stood down to trial after hanging badly and racing rough at times, had pulled up well, showing no adverse signs from the run. Trainer Yole added that he had studied the race footage and agreed with Stewards summation that the bit had pulled through the gelding's mouth, acknowledging this most likely resulted in the waywardness of PARK LANE NZ. Finally, trainer Yole stated that he would be altering gear, and trialling in the change, in an attempt to prevent a reoccurrence of the issue.

Supplementary: BINALONG BAY – Race 2 Tasmanian Trotting Club, 13th July 2025

Trainer Ray Pullen reported that after a disappointing performance at its most recent start he had BINALONG BAY thoroughly examined by his private Veterinary Surgeon. This examination failed to help explain the under-par performance. Trainer Pullen stated that after the favourable Veterinary report he would press on with BINALONG BAY's racing programme, continuing to monitor the gelding in the process.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
SUSPENSIONS: 0		NIL	
FINES: 1	6	WATSON J - \$50 – Late driver upgrade notification	210
REPRIMANDS: 0		NIL	
HORSE ACTIONS: 1	2	EVA WARATAH – SD1T - TIRE	
PRE-RACE SWABS: 15	2	OURTIGER SWEET AMOUR DEBT TILL WE PART	
	3	RAY DAN MONTGOMERY BURNS NZ MADDIS TIGER NZ	
	4	SWIATEK LEIS MISS DUTTON SABINE LE BETTY	
	8	PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ IMPERIAL LAZ NZ	
	10	BARNEY BILL ULTIMACTION BARBARY TALES	
POST RACE SWABS: 12		ALL WINNERS & Race 4 and 6 Runner up	
POST RACE TCO2: 0		NIL	
FOLLOW UPS: 0		NIL	
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES: 0		NIL	

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