

STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB	TASMANIAN TROTTING CLUB	
DATE	Friday 25 th July 2025	
WEATHER	Fine	
TRACK	Good	
STEWARDS PANEL	CHAIR	N Finnigan
	PANEL	B Hine J Lincoln
CHECK IN/INSPECTIONS		R Simpson A McDermott
	SWAB	L Shutlar
	STARTERS	G Griffin D Bauld
	VETERNARIAN	Dr M Buckerfield
	MEDCAL PROVIDER	Medical Edge

RACE 1 – FEHLBERGS PRODUCE 2YO FILLIES SWEEPSTAKES Ht 2 – 1609m Mobile

STAYZBETTER – Slow to come forward in the early stages of the score-up. A warning was issued.

IDEN LADYBIRD – Tired badly over the final 600 metres to be beaten in excess of 210 metres, with an individual mile-rate of 2:12.6. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary Examination which failed to reveal any abnormalities. On questioning, trainer/driver C Salter could offer no tangible excuse for the performance, however stated that IDEN LADYBIRD was still quite small and immature, adding that although the filly should get some benefit from tonight's run, he would be recommending to connections that the filly be sent for a good spell following tonight's performance. Stewards deemed the performance well below the required standard and as such, stood IDEN LADYBIRD down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial-

ZOE ELLA – Shifted in on straightening resulting in its sulky wheel striking a marker.

QUENN ANASTASIA – Raced rough after the start.

QUETZALLI – Raced on the outside rein near the 900 resulting in the filly shifting in, causing its sulky wheel to strike a marker. Placed on its last chance to race truly, after breaking gait free of interference near the 600.

***General:** Stewards questioned Driver C Salter as to the reasons why he dropped his leg from the sulky footrests, for a period leaving the 300. Driver Salter could give no explanation, other than he had 'switched off', when trailing at some distance behind the main field. Stewards reprimanded Driver Salter, and in doing so, reminded him of his obligations to ensure his feet always remain in the sulky footrests [AHR Rule 170(1)(a)].*

RACE 2 – LADBROKES ODDS SURGE PACE – 1609m Mobile

CHEAT THE STORM – Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait free of interference approaching the first turn. This incident had an adverse effect on CHEAT THE STORM, resulting in the gelding giving ground over the concluding stages.

I WANT IT ALL NZ – Raced in restricted room when tightened by KIAVINO STRIDE from the 500, resulting in marker pegs being struck near the 300.

ARMA ROLLING STONE – Disappointed for clear racing room during the run to the finish.

***General:** Driver H Van Dongen was reprimanded for carelessly allowing KIAVINO STRIDE to shift in and race tight on I WANT IT ALL NZ for some time after leaving the 500 [AHR Rule 168 (1)(a)].*

***General:** Driver E Arnott was reminded of his obligations regarding his positioning of GOBSMACKED when racing in behind STAROFREMEMBRANCE, particularly when racing between the 600 and 200, as it was of the Steward's view that he raced too close, thus placing driver J Duggan at some inconvenience. Further, driver Arnott was instructed to show more care when easing wider, as when maneuvering off STAROFREMEMBRANCE's back approaching the 200, GOBSMACKED brushed the sulky wheel of that mare. Stewards in considering these incidents were mindful of driver Arnott's relative race driving inexperience, his acknowledgement of both situations and the fact that trainer/driver T Rattray would counsel driver Arnott with these aspects of his drive, taking no action other than to note the circumstances.*

RACE 3 – FEHLBERGS PRODUCE 2YO Colts & Geldings SWEEPSTAKES Ht 2 – 1609m Mobile

TISU SUNNY – Broke in the early stages of the score-up, however easily filled its allotted position well before the mobile reached the candy-pole. A warning was issued.

CHAINSMOKE – Stood down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial, after breaking gait free of interference on the first turn. Shifted outwards while galloping, contacting the sulky of B T CAPTIVATE NZ, which had shifted in. This incident may have contributed to CHAINSMOKE, giving ground over the concluding stages.

IYLAC CHAMBER – Raced outside the leader throughout, before being placed under pressure from the 700, to be beaten in excess of 30 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

B T CAPTIVATE NZ – Raced greenly throughout. Approaching the 1300, shifted in abruptly, appearing to shy away from the mobile barrier which had eased to the outside of the track. This movement, combined with the outward movement of the galloping CHAINSMOKE, resulted in these horses coming together.

BARBER SHOP – Inconvenienced by the galloping CHAINSMOKE.

General: Stewards questioned Driver J Duggan, along with his advocate A Duggan, regarding the tactics adopted on IYLAC CHAMBER. Of concern to Stewards was that after deciding not to take an available trail behind the leader, TISU SUNNY, nearing the 1200, and remain leading the one-out line, why he continued to place pressure on IYLAC CHAMBER, encouraging the gelding to keep running at a consistent speed. Driver Duggan informed Stewards that the instructed tactics was to keep IYLAC CHAMBER running along as it is more of a dour type, lacking any real speed, driver Duggan further added that IYLAC CHAMBER was “switching on and off” during the run and he felt obliged to continue to urge the gelding based on the information received from connections. On further questioning, driver Duggan was at a loss as to why IYLAC CHAMBER was under pressure from the 700 as for a period leading up to this the gelding had settled into a constant rhythm and felt strong, but only performed moderately from that point on.

Stewards also questioned Trainer B Heenan about her opinion on the performance and drive on IYLAC CHAMBER. Trainer Heenan stated the gelding has been working extremely well in trackwork, and as such it had been her opinion that the gelding could work forward and hold a good pace at the front of the field, thus the instructions given to, and later executed by Driver Duggan. She also added that IYLAC CHAMBER lacks race experience, racing greenly in its only two race starts, as compared to its solid trackwork. Further, Ms Heenan added that she expects IYLAC CHAMBER to improve with more racing, which is her plan going forward, not only based on its trackwork but also on the gelding’s blood line. Stewards, although not entirely convinced, gave the benefit of the doubt to all as to whether the tactics, instructed and adopted, were to the benefit of securing the best finishing position for IYLAC CHAMBER, and as such took no action other than to note the explanation, and to inform all involved that they expect the gelding to be driven in a similar fashion in similar situations.

RACE 4 – MOREY'S TOURS PACE – 1609m Mobile

POST LAZARUS – Back from its allotted position at the start. A warning was issued.

PHOTO FIRST – Tended to hang in.

General: Driver T Rattray was reprimanded for allowing UNMATCHED to shift in on the final turn resulting in his sulky wheel contacted marker pegs. [AHR Rule 163(1)(c)(ii)]

RACE 5 – THE BEAUTIDE 2ND AUGUST PACE – 1609m Mobile

General: Driver G Hayward was reminded of his obligations regarding whip use, particularly the engagement of the shoulder when switching from side-to-side. [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)]

General: Driver J White was fined \$200 for the manner in which he used his whip over the concluding stages, particularly the excessiveness of the final few strikes. [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)]

General: Driver E Arnott was reminded of his obligations regarding whip use, particularly the engagement of the shoulder. [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)]

RACE 6 – SMITHAWARDS PACE – 2090m Mobile

ANGELSHAVTIME – Failed to gain clear running in the run to the finish.

JIMI SANZ – Tended to hang out.

EMER – Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the concluding stages.

PARK LANE – Over-raced, after being restrained after the start to a rearward trailing position.

RACE 7 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2090m Mobile

FLEETWOOD ROCK – Broke gait mid score-up, however easily filled its allotted position well before the mobile reached the candy-pole. A warning was issued.

SPOOKY GIRL – Showed gate speed to lead the event, under pressure from the 700, giving ground to be beaten in excess of 90 metres, contacting marker pegs late on the home turn when tiring.

IDEN BLACK PRINCE – Shifted in approaching the 800, resulting in it sulky wheel dislodging a marker.

***General:** Stewards questioned Trainer D Malone regarding the performance of SPOOKY GIRL. Trainer Malone expressed disappointment with the run, however pointed out that this is the mare's first run back from a four(4) month break, indicating the manner she was driven, considering the long let up, contributed to it failing to run on, particularly as SPOOKY GIRL is a horse that needs to be sat up with a softer run, as it possesses a good turn of foot late. He further conceded that the mare, based on tonight's effort may still be a little under-done, and may need to race into condition. Stewards mirrored his disappointment, however in assessing the performance elected not to place any embargos on SPOOKY GIRL, based on the way she was driven, the lengthy period between runs and trainer Malone's assurance that he would not start her again until he believed SPOOKY GIRL would be more competitive. Further, Stewards intend to question driver Rodney Ashwood regarding the tactics he adopted.*

RACE 8 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 2090m Mobile

ZEUS IMMORTAL – Shifted in when angled in to utilise the sprint lane in the run to the finish, resulting in its sulky wheel striking markers.

A SHADOW OF DOUBT – Whilst leading and entering the home straight for the run to the finish, shifted out under pressure.

COUGAR EXPRESS NZ – Shifted in on the latter stages of the final turn resulting in its sulky wheel striking a marker.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
SUSPENSIONS: 0		NIL	
FINES: 1	5	WHITE, Jakob; Unapproved Whip Use – \$200	156(2)(a)
REPRIMANDS: 3	1	SALTER; Christian	170(1)
	2	VAN DONGEN, Hannah; Careless Driving	168(1)(a)
	4	RATTRAY, Todd; Contact Markers	163(1)(c)(ii)
HORSE ACTIONS: 2	1	IDEN LADYBIRD; Unacceptable Performance – SD 1 Trial	
	3	CHAINSMOKE; Broke in Running – SD 1 Trial	
PRE-RACE SWABS: 8	1	RAVISHING RUBY	
	2	CINCINNATI	
	3	B T CAPTIVATE NZ	
	4	POST LAZARUS PHOTO FIRST	
	7	FLEETWOOD ROCK	
	8	SWEET DIXIE THE VIXON	
POST RACE SWABS: 8		ALL WINNERS	
POST RACE TCO2: 0		NIL	
FOLLOW UPS: 0		NIL	
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES: 1	7	Stewards intend to question driver Rodney Ashwood regarding the tactics he adopted on SPOOKY GIRL	

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