

## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>CLUB</b>	LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB		
<b>DATE</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2025		
<b>WEATHER</b>	Early Showers		
<b>TRACK</b>	Good		
<b>STEWARDS PANEL</b>	CHAIR	N Finnigan	
	PANEL	B Hine	J Lincoln L Shutlar
CHECK IN/INSPECTIONS		D Luttrell	S Tedman
	SWAB	G Griffin	T Barnes
	STARTER	D Bauld	
	VETERINARIAN	Dr I Evans	
	MEDICAL PROVIDER	Medical Edge	

***General:** Due to the shower activity in and around the Launceston Racecourse area, the mobile barrier was tested for suitability. On testing, the mobile barrier was shown to be suitable for racing.*

***General:** The start of race 1 was delayed approximately 47 minutes due to the non-arrival of the Medical Edge ambulance service. Race 2 was rescheduled to start at 6:30pm with all subsequent races rescheduled to start one time slot later, with the last race (race 8), to be run at 9:24pm. On course announcements were made to this effect. Tasracing code lead, Mr Stewart Brown, will investigate the circumstances around the non-arrival.*

### RACE 1 – LADBROKES SRM IN MULTIS PACE – 1680m Mobile

CE PE THREE – Caught racing wide throughout, albeit with cover from the 1100. Placed under pressure from the 700.

I WANT IT ALL NZ – Disappointed for clear racing room in the early stages of the run to the finish. Raced roughly, when placed under pressure over the concluding stages.

**WHATTA GOOD REASON** – Had difficulty obtaining clear racing room during the run to the finish.

**VELOCITY STRIDE** – Disappointed for clear racing room in the early stages of the run to the finish.

### **RACE 2 – TASSIE WASH STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**GRINNING AGAIN** – Raced wide in the early stages, before being restrained to the rear of the field. Placed under pressure from the 1000, before giving ground from the 400.

**SPORTS WRACK** – Had difficulty obtaining clear racing room during the run to the finish.

**FLEETWOOD ROCK** – Subjected to a post-race veterinary examination after blood was detected in its mouth at the 'check-in', on inspection the horse was found to have a minor laceration to the tongue, most likely caused by an inadvertent bite.

**LAID BACK** – Had difficulty obtaining clear racing room during the run to the finish.

**CONSTANTINA** – Hung out badly in the score up, and as such will continue to be excluded from future mobile barrier draws. Tended to over-race, also wanting to hang both in and out, at times. Broke gait free of interference near the 800. A post-race veterinary examination revealed laceration to near-fore heel bulb. Stewards, acting under Veterinary advice, stood CONSTANTINA down from racing for 14 days, and in addition connections will need to forward on a veterinary clearance prior to next race or trial.

***General:** Stewards questioned Driver L Older (FLEETWOOD ROCK) regarding his abrupt movement approaching the 100, when he had the opportunity to ease wider into clear running. Driver Older stated that the horse has in the past resented moving wider and when able to shift in can find 'another gear' when pulled to the inside of other runners, and as such he believed, at the time, it was his best option. He further added that the shift had been more abrupt than he had intended. Stewards noted Driver Older's explanation.*

### **RACE 3 – LADBROKES QUICK MULTI STAKES – 1680m Mobile**

**OUTBACK LASS** – First registered race start. Slightly back from its allotted starting position at the start. Checked at the 100, by the galloping STONE WRITER.

**PHOTO FIRST** – Hung out slightly, entering the home straight on the final occasion. Sulky contacted by the galloping STONE WRITER near the 100.

**FEELINKINDALUCKY** – Raced in restricted room, near the 350, as a result of POST LAZARUS hanging in, this resulted in the gelding's sulky wheel traveling inside marker pegs. Inconvenienced by the galloping STONE WRITER near the 100.

**TIGER LOLA** – Raced in restricted room, near the 350, as a result of POST LAZARUS hanging in.

**BARBETTE** – Raced in restricted room, near the 350, as a result of POST LAZARUS hanging in.

**STONE WRITER** – Shifted in, near the 100, before breaking gait, contacting the sulky of PHOTO FIRST.

**POST LAZARUS** – Hung in rounding the final turn, tightening a number of runners.

*General:* Stewards questioned Drivers D Ford (STONE WRITER) and J Duggan (PHOTO FIRST) on the reasons behind STONE WRITER breaking gait near the 100. At the inquiry it was established, racing on the final turn, STONE WRITER shifted in causing a tightening to PHOTO FIRST, however shortly before straightening for the run to the finish, driver Ford was able to ease the pressure. On straightening PHOTO FIRST had moved marginally up the track toward STONE WRITER, driver Duggan was able to keep his gelding on a straight cause shortly after. Further, approaching the 100, under strong driving, STONE WRITER broke gait under pressure, shifted in, and contacted the sulky of PHOTO FIRST. Stewards, based on the evidence tended by both drivers and then after reviewing the official race footage deemed the performance of STONE WRITER unacceptable and consequently stood the gelding down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial.

#### **RACE 4 – THE BOTTLE-O HADSPEN STAKES – 1680m Mobile**

**SAPPHIRE GAMBER** – Raced three wide in the early and middle stages, unsuccessfully challenging for the position leading the one-out line, and thereby caught racing three-wide before restraining to the rear of the field.

**ROCK ON PLAYBOY** – Placed under pressure from the 400, giving ground to be beaten in excess of 40 metres, with an individual milerate of 2:02.9.

**SMOOTH DEAL NZ** – Held up approaching the 400, however once clear, failed to run on beaten in excess of 60 metres, with an individual milerate of 2:03.8.

*General:* Stewards questioned Driver L Older (SAPPHIRE GAMBLER) regarding his driving tactics for this race. Driver Older stated his instructions had been to work forward from the start, and obtain a forward position, however SAPPHIRE GAMBLER failed to show enough speed to clear runners drawn to his inside and was thereby left racing three-wide. Further, on being aware of ARMA ROLLING STONE's racing pattern, that being after securing the position leading the one-out line, that the gelding was comfortable racing in this position, he realised that he could cross to the one-out line and then, in his opinion, his best option was to restrain to a rearward position, rather than continue to race three-wide. Stewards noted Driver Older's explanation.

#### **RACE 5 – VICTORY IMAGES PHOTOGRAPHY PACE – 2200m Mobile**

*General:* The 'All-Clear' for this event was delayed, allowing the connections of the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed RUEBE STARBUCK NZ to view the official race footage, due to concerns with racing off the back straight on the final occasion. Upon viewing the footage, connections advised they wished to lodge a protest against HORATIUS SPECULO placed 1<sup>st</sup> first by the judge, alleging interference to RUEBE STARBUCK NZ through the movement of HORATIUS SPECULO down toward the markers, causing RUEBE STARBUCK NZ to break gait and lose ground. Stewards after taking evidence from trainer C Crook and driver J Chibnall, the connections of RUEBE

*STARSTRUCK NZ and trainers representative P Ford and driver D Ford, the connections of HORATIUS SPECULO, and on review of the official race video and acting on their own observations, upheld the protest declaring that RUEBE STARSTRUCK NZ had indeed been checked and broke gait when checked by HORATIUS SPECULO when that colt shifted in, with the incident resulting in a change of finishing position. Stewards on upholding the protest amended the judge's placings to 3-8-1-4-6 reflecting their decision.*

*At a subsequent inquiry Driver Ford pled guilty to a charge of causing interference to RUEBE STARBUCK NZ through his movement closer to the marker pegs after that mare had gained clear running to his inside. This movement resulted in RUEBE STARSTRUCK NZ breaking gait lose its position and valuable ground. Stewards after hearing submissions on penalty, suspended driver Ford's licence to drive for a period of two (2) Tasmanian Race Dates. Stewards, in considering penalty, took into account the incident had resulted in a protest hearing, which was upheld, as well as Driver Ford's excellent driving record. Further at the request of driver Ford, stayed the imposition of penalty until his driving engagements at the Tasmanian Trotting Club's meeting on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 [AHR Rule 163(1)(a)(iii)]*

**HORATIUS SPECULO** – Tended to hang out throughout. Nearing the 600 began to shift out, inadvertently presenting RUEBE STARBUCK NZ with an inside run before Driver Ford corrected his horse.

**DIDYALOUSAROOSTA** – Hung in nearing the 200, tightening TAMBROS TILLY. A warning was issued.

**TAMBROS TILLY** – Nearing the 200, raced into restricted room, before being tightened by DIDYALOUSEAROOSTA, and ultimately breaking gait.

**RUEBE STARBUCK NZ** – Nearing the 500, obtained a run to the inside of HORATIUS SPECULO, which had hung out and shifted ground. Shortly after obtaining this run, HORATIUS SPECULO shifted back down the track, forcing RUEBE STARBUCK NZ to race over marker pegs, and ultimately break gait. Unable to obtain clear racing room during the vital stages of the run to the finish.

***General:** Stewards questioned Drivers B Davis (TAMBROS TILLY) and R Hillier (DIDYALOUSAROOSTA) regarding TAMBROS TILLY breaking gait near the 300. Stewards on hearing evidence from both drivers and viewing the official race footage placed a warning on DIDYALOUSEAROOSTA for hanging in. Steward in assessing the incident were also mindful that MEMPHIS (K Williams) which was racing to the inside of TAMBROS TILLY had shifted, albeit marginally, wider, which may have contribute to the incident.*

#### **RACE 6 – LEES ORCHARD STAKES – 1680m Mobile**

**COOLANDCOLLECT** – Reinstated in the mobile barrier draw after satisfying re-inclusion requirements.

#### **RACE 7 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 1680m Mobile**

**GYPSY AMOUR** – Shifted out under pressure, during the run to the finish.

**A SHADOW OF DOUBT** – Broke the number two carrier strap during the run.

**HARRYS DEAL NZ** – Subjected to a routine post-race Veterinary inspection, on inspection HARRYS DEAL NZ was found to have minor hopple chafe to it off-fore leg.

**RACE 8 – VIZPIX BROADCAST SERVICES PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**MISS MAGIK** – Showed gate speed to lead the event, successfully withstanding a challenge from COUGAR EXPRESS NZ. Placed under pressure from the 800, giving ground from the 600 to be beaten in excess of 180 metres, with an individual mile rate of 2:10.1. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. When questioned, connections expressed their extreme disappointment, unable to find an explanation with the performance, suggest that the mare would most likely be retired. Stewards noted the undertakings of connections, however based on the performance and MISS MAGIK's race record stood MISS MAGIK down until completing two consecutive qualifying trials prior to returning to racing.

**MORRIS BROWN** – Had difficulty obtaining clear racing room during the run to the finish.

**JUSTIFY** – Disappointed for clear racing room in the early stages of the run to the finish.

**RAGING ON NZ** – Disappointed for clear racing room in the early stages of the run to the finish.

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**Supplementary: SERENGETI SUNRISE**

*Stewards contacted trainer S Davis on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August after SERENGETI SUNRISE's below par performance in Race 10 at the meeting held by the Launceston Pacing Club on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025. SERENGETI SUNRISE after beginning well and finding the lead, failed to run on beaten approximately 60 metres. On the night, trainer Davis expressed his disappointment, indicating he would have his stable Veterinarian assess SERENGETI SUNRISE's wellbeing over the ensuing days, however on returning to his stables, SERENGETI SUNRISE had shown no adverse signs which may help explain the performance, eating well and energetic in the paddock. Trainer Davis added he will be assessing the immediate racing future of SERENGETI SUNRISE, indicating the gelding will not be nominated to race until he was confident of a much better performance.*

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## RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
<b>SUSPENSIONS: 1</b>	5	FORD, Dylan – Cause Interference – 2 Tas Race Dates	163(1)(a)(iii)
<b>FINES: 0</b>		NIL	
<b>REPRIMANDS: 0</b>		NIL	
<b>HORSE ACTIONS:</b>	2	CONSTANTINA – SD14days & SD Veterinary Clearence	
	3	STONE WRITER – SD1Trial	
	6	COOLANDCOLLECT – Back in Mobile Draw (BMD)	
	8	MISS MAGIK – SD14days, 2Trials & Veterinary Clearence	
<b>PRE-RACE SWABS: 8</b>	1	CINCINNATI	
	2	REPETITIVE      DRESSED IN GOLD	
	3	PREPARATON	
	4	BUDD SIDEWINDER	
	5	HORATIUS SPECULO	
	6	BELIEVE IN FOREVER	
	7	MODERN JIVE	
<b>POST RACE SWABS: 8</b>		ALL WINNERS	
<b>POST RACE TCO2: 0</b>		NIL	
<b>FOLLOW UPS: 0</b>		NIL	
<b>ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES: 0</b>		NIL	

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