

STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB	TASMANIAN TROTTING CLUB		
DATE	17 th August 2025		
WEATHER	Fine		
TRACK	Good		
STEWARDS PANEL	CHAIR	N Finnigan	
	PANEL	J Lincoln	C Ellson L Shutlar
CHECK IN/INSPECTIONS		A McDermott	G Griffin
	SWAB	I Bray	
	STARTER	D Bauld	
	VETERNARIAN	Dr M Buckerfield	
	MEDCAL PROVIDER	Medical Edge	

RACE 1 – LADBROKES ODDS SURGE PACE – 1609m Mobile

SOHO TUXEDO – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish.

RACE 2 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 1609m Mobile

FIVEFORTY – Raced rough after the start

UNOBETTER – Hung out in the middle and latter stages of the score-up resulting in the gelding being out of position at the start. As a result of being out of position, MEL RUSTY KITA was unable to fill its allotted position for the start. Due to its indiscretion UNOBETTER will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events.

JUST LIKA DREAM – Began well to lead the event, withstanding a challenge for the first 400 metres from LUVTHAT.

LUVTHAT – Began well, unsuccessful with an early challenge for the lead. Securing a trail passing the 900.

STEPUPNDANCE – Carried a flat off-side sulky tyre from the 1300 after being struck by MEL RUSTY KITA, when both horses were checked by JILLIBY RANDALL when it broke gait.

JILLIBY RANDALL – Broke gait at the 1300 and again near the 700, on both occasions free of interference. As a result of these indiscretions, JILLIBY RANDALL will be stood down from racing until successfully completing one (1) qualifying trial.

MEL RUSTY KITA – Checked in the score-up resulting in the gelding being unable to fill its allotted position at the start. Checked near the 1300 when JILLIBY RANDALL broke gait, this incident resulted in MEL RUSTY KITA contacting the sulky of STEPUPNDANCE. Raced wide around the field from the 1200 to be positioned leading the one-out line near the 900.

RACE 3 – VALE SAMMY SIMPSON – 1609m Mobile

Declared a no race after the field was disrupted due to the necessity of the Clerk-of-the Course lending assistance to driver M Ford, when the bit on his drive, STIR ME UP, snapped approaching the first turn, thereby leaving him with no control of his gelding. Further, as the horses had been compromised after completing at least 800 metres of the event, Stewards deemed there would be no re-run of the race.

General: The gear on STIR ME UP was inspected and found it to be well maintained, as such, Stewards deemed the circumstances around the broken bit to be an unfortunate incident.

RACE 4 – SMITHAWARDS PACE – 2090m Mobile

NIKITA JO – On leading into the home straight for the run to the finish, shifted in, and momentarily entered the sprint lane before driver D Ford was able to move wider. It was noted on entering the home straight, BINALONG BAY which had improved around the field shifted in toward NIKITA JO which may have contributed to it shifting. Further as a consequence of NIKITA JO shifting in, RANIERI NZ was held up for clear running in the early stages of the home straight.

SWEET REVENGE – Caught wide and over-racing in the early stages, proving difficult for driver J Duggan to restrain the gelding. SWEET REVENGE was eventually restrained to the rear of the field, however failed to run on. Trainer A Duggan, when questioned over the performance acknowledged some disappointment, however as this was the first registered race start for his stable was of the belief that a change of gear, particularly its bit, would have a clear benefit to the gelding as it seemed to resent the severity of it, particularly when over-

racing. Stewards, under the circumstances took no action other than to note the evidence as tendered and explaining to trainer Duggan that they expect when SWEET REVENGE returns to racing, it would be show a distinct improvement.

GOBSMACKED – Stewards questioned trainer W Yole over the performance of GOBSMACKED, particularly the manner the gelding finished off the race. Trainer Yole explained that GOBSMACKED can be a difficult horse to drive as it can at times, for reasons unknown to him, simply not perform up to expectations adding that on its better days he believed GOBSMACKED will be more than competitive as it was in tonight's event. The evidence was noted.

RANIERI – Held up for clear running and tightened down onto the markers in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

KIAVINO STRIDE – Blundered approaching the 1800, and when checked by its driver the rear hopple carry strap wrapped around the right foot peg on the sulky shearing the peg off the shaft. This resulted in driver L Older retiring KIAVINO STRIDE from the event. Under the circumstances, Stewards took no action other than to note the circumstances and the place KIAVINO STRIDE on its last chance to race truly.

RACE 5 – FEHLBERGS PRODUCE SPRINTLANE PACE – 1609m Mobile

MANINKY MOONSHINE – Led the event, although far from disgraced, failed to run on over the concluding stages as may have been expected. On questioning, trainer/driver R Ashwood expressed his disappointment, indicating he intends to have a full Veterinary Examination conducted, including blood work, carried out on the gelding. Stewards accepted the undertaking of Mr Ashwood and instructed him to pass on the results of the examination at his earliest convenience.

***General:** Driver T Ford (SWEET DIXIE) was reminded of her obligations when trailing other runners to do so at a distance that would not place the trailed driver in difficulty. It was noted SWEET DIXIE raced tight on the back of driver J Duggan, particularly passing the 1100.*

RACE 6 – RACING CONNECT PACE – 2090m Mobile

***General:** A false start was declared when driver T Ford signaled The Starter that she had a gear issue. A subsequent inquiry, it was confirmed that driver Ford had signaled The Starter after dropping her whip, which is not a reason for a false start being declared. It was also confirmed that driver Ford did experience a gear issue later in the score-up, where driver Ford acknowledged to fitting the gear incorrectly. Stewards, in considering the evidence charged driver Ford for*

delaying the start to which she pled guilty. Under the circumstances Stewards felt the minimum penalty of a \$200 fine be imposed [AHR Rule 162(1)(d)].

General: *Stewards questioned driver D Ford regarding the tactics he adopted on, as well as the performance of, THEE OLD BOMB NZ. Driver Ford stated that after the false start THEE OLD BOMB NZ was keen and as such wanted to use its early speed, wanting to cross the race favorite, ULTIMACTION, if possible, however in doing so worked solidly securing the lead. Once in this position ULTIMACTION was moved to his outside as it was over-racing for driver J Chibnall. Leaving the 1600, it became clear that ULTIMACTION would continue to press forward and as such driver Ford elected to allow that mare to race forward to the lead and take a trail behind it. Driver Ford finally stated even considering the false start, the early effort and the pressure applied to THEE OLD BOMB NZ by ULTIMACTION he was a little disappointed with THEE OLD BOMB NZ as when driven the gelding on other occasions it has performed well. Stewards, although of the opinion that THEE OLD BOMB NZ may have under performed, gave the benefit of the doubt to the gelding, taking no action other than to note the circumstances.*

RACE 7 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 1609m Mobile

BEST EVER BLING – Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 70 metres, with an individual mile-rate of 2:02.7. On questioning trainer B Heenan stated that BEST EVER BLING had been working well, but after tonight's run believes that she may need to increase the colt's workload and alter its training regime. Trainer Heenan added that she may have had BEST EVER BLING slightly under done going into the race. Stewards, although concerned with the performance in comparison to its opposition, took no action as its individual performance was above what would be deemed a minimum standard, and simply instructed trainer Heenan not to start BEST EVER BLING again until she was certain it could put in a more competitive performance.

STITCHED UP DAN – Having its second registered race start since mid-November 2024, after working forward from its wide draw led the on-out line before giving ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 70 metres, with an individual mile-rate of 2:02.7. Stewards in assessing the performance, including its opposition, took no action other than place a warning on STITCHED UP DAN.

General: *Trainer J Duggan was fined \$100 for presenting IMAHUNTER to race wearing an incorrect saddlecloth number [AHR Rule 273(5)(a)].*

RACE 8 – LADBROKES QUICK MULTI PACE – 2090m Mobile

TRIPLE VINNIES – Raced rough at times. Held up until able to utilise the sprint lane.

VINCENZO – Hung in under pressure passing the 300 tightening the racing room of VANQUISH STRIDE.

VANQUISH STRIDE – Raced up into limited space leaving the 300 and tightened for racing room when VINCENZO hung in, resulting in the gelding breaking gait.

General: Stewards questioned drivers J Watson (VINCENZO) and L Older (VANQUISH STRIDE) into the reason why VANQUISH STRIDE broke gait leaving the 300. On questioning it was established that VANQUISH STRIDE broke gait as a result of VINCENZO hanging in, despite the efforts of its driver, resulting in contact with its sulky to the extended front legs of that gelding. Of consideration was the fact that VANQUISH STRIDE, which was racing keenly at the time, raced up into the space inside VINCENZO quicker than driver Older had anticipated and also BITZERN, which was racing in a marker peg position, inside VANQUISH STRIDE had shifted up the track slightly, thereby reducing the racing room of VANQUISH STRIDE.

RACE 9 – MOREY'S TOURS PACE – 2090m Mobile

MIGHT AND TEMERITY – Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish to win the event.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
SUSPENSIONS:		NIL	
FINES:	6	FORD, Tiarna; Delay Start – \$200	162(1)(d)
	7	DUGGAN, Jacob; Present Horse Incorrect Number – \$100	273(5)(a)
REPRIMANDS:		NIL	
HORSE ACTIONS:	2	JILLIBY RANDALL; Broke x2 – Stood Down 1 Trial	
	2	UNOBETTER; RRSU HOSU OPS CISU – ODM	
PRE-RACE SWABS: 11	1	SOHO TUXEDO	
	2	JUST LIKA DREAM JILLIBY RANDAL	
	3	CONISTON	
	4	RANIERI NZ	
	5	MANINKY MOONSHINE	
	6	MAJOR LESTER	
	7	BEST EVER BLING STITCHED UP DAN	
	8	WATERMELON SUGAR NZ	
	9	IMPERIAL LAZ NZ	
POST RACE SWABS: 9		ALL WINNERS	
POST RACE TCO2:		NIL	
FOLLOW UPS:	5	MANINKY MOONSHINE – Vet Analysis inc Blood Work	
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES:		NIL	

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