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STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	TASMANIAN TURF CLUB
Date:	Friday 23 rd January 2026
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Soft 5
Penetrometer:	4.69
Rail Position:	+5m Entire Circuit
Stewards Panel:	D Tyson (Chairman), T Harding, J Marsh (Panel), A Norgrove (Backyard), L Jones (Cadet), S Tedman (Swabs)
Officials:	Dr E Manzoor and Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers), Dr H Darby and I Collier (Veterinarians), Mr J Evans (Starter), T Barnes (Cadet) (Clerk of Scales)

Riding Changes / Jockey Information

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced by	Reason
2	Cool Conquest		S Kennedy	Late declaration
3	A Queens Buzz	A Darmanin	C Wells	Injury
3	Nataldi		J Johnstone	Emergency gained start
4	Thonatus	A Darmanin	E Byrne Burke	Injury
6	Skin In The Game	A Darmanin	C Newitt	Injury
7	Geegees Gemstone	A Darmanin	C Jordan	Injury

Comments / Explanations:

Trainer J Blackers explanation for the late declaration of rider in race 2 was accepted.

RACE 1 – LADBROKES LAUNCESTON CUP WED 25TH FEB BM68 Hcp – 1600 METRES

1 STONE COLD STUNNER	Reared at the start
2 HAPPY CLAN	Laid in near 400m tightening the running of CRUZ MISSILE.
3 CRUZ MISSILE (NZ)	Slow to begin. Progressed forward from the 900m to race three wide until shifting in at the 650m when insufficiently clear of WHIPPIN PICCADILLY which had to be checked. At a subsequent inquiry C Wells was issued with a Charge under the provisions of AR 131(a) for Careless Riding. Due to apprentice Wells's Master having left the course the inquiry was adjourned to Sunday 25 January 2026 at Hobart.
6 WHIPPIN PICCADILLY	Checked off the heels of CRUZ MISSILE when it shifted in when insufficiently clear at the 650m.
8 NAVAJO WARRIOR	Over raced middle stages. Steadied off heels of WHIPPIN PICCADILLY at 800m.

Prior to correct weight being declared rider S Kennedy viewed the official film. Subsequently in consultation with trainer J Keys lodged a protest against second place alleging interference entering the home straight. After viewing the film stewards were of the opinion at that point STONE COLD STUNNER shifted in slightly however the interference was negligible and dismissed the protest. The connections were advised of the provisions of 219(5) regarding the lodging of frivolous protests.

RACE 2 – BOOK NOW FOR THE HOUSE OF ARRAS CORPORATE MARQUEE
MAIDEN/CLASS 1 – 2100 METRES

1 BLOOMING EDGE	Jumped in at the start and brushed with OPENSEA.
2 OPENSEA (NZ)	Brushed with BLOOMING EDGE after the start.
4 STRIDING BAY	Underwent a veterinary examination prior to start after getting a hind leg cast in the barriers. Passed fit to run.
5 ALPINE COWGIRL	Raced wide from 600m
8 LORD HEAR US	Fractious in barriers. Jumped awkwardly when gates were released. Raced four wide from 600m
9 TIDEFORD (NZ)	Performed above market expectations.

RACE 3 – KEVIN SHARKIE \$150,000 TASMANIAN OAKS 20TH FEB MAIDEN – 1400 METRES

1 CALLED THROUGH	Slow to begin. Steadied off heels approaching the 800m turn.
2 ISSIMA LOUVRE	Brushed with MISTER MANIHI near the 450m and became unbalanced for several strides.
5 MERLIN BEACH (NZ)	Tightened for racing room near the 100m between SURF SOUL and A QUEENS BUZZ who both shifted ground. A subsequent enquiry Apprentices S Ingelse and C Wells were both advised to exercise more care when their mounts shift ground.
6 MISTER MANIHI	Raced three wide throughout. Approaching the 450m brushed with ISSIMA LOURVE.
11 PROSPEROUS MISS	Raced wide throughout.
13 SMASH 'N' GRAB	Shifted in under pressure and brushed the running rail from the 100m to the winning post.
14 A QUEENS BUZZ	Shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.
16 SURF SOUL	Laid in under pressure in concluding stages.
17 NATALDI	Shifted in abruptly under pressure entering the home straight.

Permission was granted for C Wells to ride A QUEENS BUZZ replacing A Darmanin. Connections were advised she was not permitted to take her apprentice claim due to the late notification.

RACE 4 – THE AGENCY, KATRINA GARWOOD & IAN McCALLUM \$150,000 GOLD SOVEREIGN STAKES 20TH FEB CLASS 1 Hcp – 1400 METRES

1 BENEFICIARY	Shifted out and bumped with THEM's THE BREAKS carrying it wider in the home straight.
3 BUNKER JAKO	Caught three wide throughout.
6 THONATUS	Rider E Byrne-Burke reported that she felt there may be something amiss. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.
7 THEM'S THE BREAKS	Buffeted between Carried wide in the home straight when bumping with BENEFICIARY.

11 VANITY STAR

Rider D Parish believed there may have been something amiss with gelding as it did not perform to her expectations. A post-race veterinary examination was unable to be carried out as the horse had left the course before the Veterinary Surgeon could perform an examination. Stewards will follow up the performance with Trainer T Wells.

RACE 5 – LADBROKES PUNTERS MARQUEE 4YO Hcp – 1100 METRES**2 SILVER DAGGER**

Jumped outwards at the start.

RACE 6 – LADBROKES OUTDOOR ENCLOSURE BM76 Hcp – 1400 METRES**1 FAST THINKER**

Over raced middle stages.

4 SKIN IN THE GAME

Restrained after the start to take up a position closer to the rail.

5 PEROLA

Fractious in barriers prior to start. Over raced in the early stages. Contacted the running rail at the 1000m and 900m.

7 FLYING BILLIE

Over raced early and middle stages.

8 MOORLANDS MISS

Fractious in barriers prior to start.

RACE 7 – LADBROKES STAKES – 1200 METRES**1 TURK WARRIOR**

Bumped with ZEWINNA near the 900m.

5 MAKE A DECISION

Tightened for room, restrained lost its position and contacted the running rail at the 900m when JAGUAR STONE and ZEWINNA bumped. At a subsequent inquiry it was established that ZEWINNA had raced tightly to the outside of JAGUAR STONE at this point and as Miss Byrne Burke had attempted to provide room for MAKE A DECISION these runners had bumped causing ZEWINNA to over-race. At the same time TURK WARRIOR had shifted in to race tightly to the outside of ZEWINNA. In all the circumstance stewards could not attribute the interference to any one rider however they were advised to allow far more racing room in future especially racing into a turn.

7 JAGUAR STONE

Jumped awkwardly. Slow to begin. Place in restricted room near the 900 metres when ZEWINNA raced tightly to its outside and then both runners bumped with ZEWINNA commencing to over-race.

8 ZEWINNA

Bumped with TURK WARRIOR and over-raced near the 900m. Raced wide from the 800m.

RACE 8 – GALLOPING GOURMET TOUR IS HEADING TO RICHMOND BM68 Hcp – 2100 METRES**2 ROYAL DISPATCH (NZ)**

Shifted in over the concluding stages tightening the running of MIGHTY MAXI. An inquiry was adjourned to January 25 at Hobart to allow Apprentice K Lane to have her master present.

3 CHICANE

Shifted out over the concluding stages.

4 IFFYCOULD (NZ)

Held up for clear run in final stages.

8 MIGHTYMAXI

Raced three wide until 1000m. Tightened over the concluding stages when CHICANE shifted out and ROYAL DISPATCH shifted in.

SUMMARY	
Pre-race Blood Samples:	Race 7 – TURK WARRIOR, CARTOON GRAVEYARD, GEEGEES GEMSTONE, THESPIAN WATERS, MAKE A DECISION, IN THE OCEAN, JAGUAR STONE, ZEWINNA, MAZZINI
Pre-race Urine Sample	NIL
Post-race Samples:	Race 1 – WHIPPIN PICCADILLY Race 2 – TIDEFORD Race 3 – VORTISTAR Race 4 – BENEFICIARY Race 5 – GO JEANIE Race 6 – MAGNAPRIME Race 7 – MAZZINI, GEEGEES GEMSTONE Race 8 - ZURICH
Suspensions:	NIL
Fines:	Race 7 E Byrne Burke \$200 - AR132(7)(a)(ii) Whip use before 100m
Reprimands:	
Horse Warnings:	NIL
Required to Trial:	NIL
Adjourned Inquiries:	Race 1 - C Wells AR 131(a) Careless riding Race 8 – Reasons for MIGHTY MAXY being tightened inside the 100 metres.
Follow-up required: Vet Certificate	NIL
Tactics Notified:	NIL

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ADDENDUM

Steward's report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment.

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