

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	TASMANIAN RACING CLUB
Date:	Sunday 8 th January 2026
Weather:	Overcast (R1-6) Fine (R7-10)
Track Condition:	Soft (5) R1-3 Soft (6) R4-7 Soft (5) R8-10
Penetrometer:	4.52
Rail Position:	Out 6m
Stewards Panel:	D Tyson (Chairman), J Lincoln (Panel), T Harding (Panel), A Norgrove (Backyard), J Marsh (Frontyard), L Jones (Backyard/Swabs), A McDermott (Swabs), I Bray (Swabs)
Officials:	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers), Mr J Evans (Starter), T Barnes (Cadet) (Clerk of Scales), Dr M Buckerfield (Vet), Dr J Buckerfield(Vet), Dr R Walker(Vet)

Riding Changes / Jockey Information

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced by	Reason
10	King Of Clubs	Ms S.Kennedy	Dylan Dunn	Injured.
10	Im Keefe	Jabez Johnstone	Craig Newitt	Dually engaged on Emergency – Stewards' permission

Explanations

Stewards permitted Apprentice J Johnstone to forgo his ride on the Emergency I'm Keefe after Trainer B McShane acceded to his request to ride Navarre River.

RACE 1 – BEC THOMAS MLC FOR ELWICK MIDEN – 1200 METRES

3 SORELL LAD	Slow to begin
4 TRIBAL COUNCIL	Laid in over the concluding stages.
6 RAFFO	Raced greenly in the early stages and shifted in near the 900 metres and again at the 800 metres tightening ZUVELA , Rider J Radley was reprimanded for Careless Riding AR 131(a) on both occasions.
7 STRATO KEN	Held up entering the home straight.
8 UPHEAVEL	Held up entering the home straight.
16 ZUVELA	Restrained shortly after the start. Was tightened for room in between RAFFO and SORELL LAD at the 900m, and again at the 800m.

Stewards questioned rider Erica Byrne Burke (Dubai Affair) regarding the horses performance. Ms Byrne Burke stated that the mare failed to run on when placed under pressure and it was her belief that the being first up from such a long break contributed to the disappointing effort

Stewards inquired into the reasons for Zuvela being tightened for racing room approaching the 900m. After viewing the patrol footage and taking evidence from Jabez Johnstone(Zuvela) and Jackson Radley(Raffo) stewards issued Mr.Radley with a reprimand for careless riding (AR131 a) in that he allowed his horse to shift inward when not clear of ZUVELA which caused that gelding to be tightened

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RACE 2 – MINGARI + CO CLASS 1 HCP – 1100 METRES

3 ZEMBEZI BLONDE	Rider accidentally lost her whip at 100m
5 ROUNDLE PARK	Shifted in on jumping and bumped with Mels Street Above
8 TAROONA	Steadied off heels at 900m. Laid inwards entering home straight
10 ARTILLERY FIRE	Over-raced early-mid stages
11 OLIVE GIRL	Shifted out on jumping and bumped with Mels Street Above
12 MEL'S STREET ABOVE	Tightened on jumping between Roundle Park and Olive Girl
14 LADY FERN	Slow to begin

A pre-race vet examination of ROUNdle PARK was conducted as the horse got its leg over a partition in the float on route to the course. No abnormalities were found and the horse was passed fit to run.

CRYSTAL MOONBEAM was declared a late scratching at 12.23pm by order of Stewards on veterinary advice after attempting to burrow under the front of the barrier and contacting its head on the bottom of the front gates. CRYSTAL MOONBEAM has been stood down to a veterinary certificate of soundness and must complete a satisfactory trial before racing again. Jockey Jett Stanley was assessed by Medical Edge and passed fit to fulfill the remainder of his riding engagements

RACE 3 – MAGIC MILLIONS BM64 HCP – 2020 METRES

1 JOHNNIE PINCH	Laid out in the home straight.
3 ROYAL DISPATCH (NZ)	Raced four wide with cover from the 1200m.
5 RUBBLEONTHEDOUBLE	Over-raced early-and middle stages.
7 MILES 'N' MILES	Laid out in the home straight
13 NAVAJO WARRIOR (NZ)	Steadied off heels at the 1600m.
14 THIN RED LINE	Raced four wide from the 1200m.
16 SPEED ROCK	Laid out in the home straight

RACE 4 – AVISO TAS INSURANCE BROKERS STRUTT STAKES – 220 METRES

3 LITTLE EL	Over-raced early stages.
4 DAYTONA DIVA	Over-raced early-mid stages.
5 JENNI THE CAT	Jumped awkwardly.
6 FIERCE 'N' FABULOUS	Checked off heels at the 1800m. Raced three-wide until the 1200m.

RACE 5 – LADBROKES COMMUNITY SPORTS SERIES MAIDEN/ CLASS 1 – 1600 METRES

2 BLOOMING EDGE	Slow to begin. Carried wide in home straight when MERLIN BEACH shifted outwards
6 INFRINGEMENT (NZ)	Over-raced early stages
8 MERLIN BEACH (NZ)	Was carried wide on the home turn when WHITE STAR SUZIE hung outwards despite the efforts of the rider. Shifted out in home straight.

9 SOUTH GEORGIA	Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout. Was checked approaching the home turn when WHITE STAR SUZIE hung outwards carrying MERLIN BEACH(NZ) out into its running.
10 SURF SOUL	Raced wide with cover throughout. Carried wide in home straight when Merlin Beach shifted outwards
12 WYNDIN THE WILLOWS (NZ)	Held up between the 400m and the home turn.
13 LE COSTA PARADISO	Raced wide throughout.
14 WHITE STAR SUZIE	Hung outwards from the 400m until straightening.

Rider Troy Baker (WHITE STAR SUZIE) reported that his mount felt amiss in its galloping action. A post-race veterinary examination of WHITE STAR SUZIE revealed lameness in the right hind leg. A veterinary certificate will be required before competing again.

RACE 6 – WINNING EDGE PRESENTATIONS CLASS 6 – 1000 METRES

1 ALPINE THUNDER	Pulled back and fell when attempting to be loaded in the barriers and dislodged rider Sam Kennedy. Underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to run. Lost the near fore shoe on jumping Raced three-wide throughout. Compounded in the home straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.
2 SWEET LUCIFER	Held up on entering the straight.
3 MS TASMANIA	Raced four-wide throughout.
8 PRINCE OF KHATUN	Fractious in barriers. Laid inwards in the home straight.

Apprentice Sam Kennedy who was dislodged by Alpine Thunder behind the gates was stood down by the course Doctor for the remainder of the day. She must submit a medical clearance before riding again.

RACE 7 – MYSTIC JOURNEY STAKES – 1200M

4 MISS ICELANDIC	Held up from the home turn until the 200m.
5 ALVARINHO	Carried wide at the 800m when Go Jeanie shifted out. Laid in under pressure home straight.
6 SILVER DAGGER	Slow to begin. Shifted out under pressure home straight.
7 GO JEANIE	Fractious in barriers. Shifted outwards at the 800m.
8 PRESS FOR BOOM	Gave ground in the home straight_A post-race veterinary examination of PRESS FOR BOOM revealed lameness in the off fore leg . The mare has been stood down until a veterinary certificate of soundness is provided

RACE 8 – WREST POINT THOMAS LYONS STAKES – 1400 METRES

5 DURAZZO Raced three-wide from the 1000m. Laid inwards in the home straight

SH'BOURNE MIDNIGHT was a late scratching at 10.38am due to an elevated temperature. Trainer S Nichols must provide a veterinary certificate before racing again.

CARTOON GRAVEYARD was examined by the veterinary surgeon on arrival at the request of the trainer and was passed fit to run.

A post-race veterinary examination of FIRST ACCUSED revealed that the horse had suffered Thumps.

RACE 9 – LADBROKES HOBART CUP – 2400 METRES

3 BANK MAUR Compounded from the home turn. When connections were questioned on the disappointing performance it was stated that they believed the gelding had not run out the 2400 metres.

5 ASVA (NZ) Raced three wide from the 1200m to the 700m.

6 DISTRUSTFUL AWARD Laid outwards under pressure.

7 WINEGLASS BAY Bumped with BLONDE STAR at the 700m when attempting to shift wider

8 ZIRYAB (GB) Laid out in the home straight

9 BLONDE STAR Laid out in the home straight. Bumped with WINEGLASS BAY at the 700m when that horse attempted to shift wider

A post-race vet examination of ASVA revealed no abnormalities

A post-race vet examination of BANK MAUR no abnormalities

RACE 10 – GRAHAM FAMILY FUNERALS CLASS 2 HCP – 1400 METRES

2 MEGA MIC Compounded in the home straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

5 HIGH TAIL EAGLE Raced fiercely and inconvenienced KING OF CLUBS when it shifted in near the 1200 metres.

6 SCARLETTI Held up approaching the home turn.

8 APRIL'S DANCE Over-raced in the early and middle stages. Raced wide throughout. Laid in from the 1200m until the home turn. A post-race veterinary examination of APRIL DANCE revealed mild heat stress and mouth abrasions. .

9 GEEGEEHAILSTORM	Laid outwards in the home straight.
10 HUBUBBAJAHN	Jumped inwards at the start. Raced wide throughout
11 THE PIRATE QUEEN	Laid outwards in the home straight
14 CARNELIAN ROCK	Laid outwards in the home straight
16 I'M KEEFE	Compounded in the home straight. A post-race veterinary examination of I'M KEEFE found a high heart rate/slow recovery.

General

Trainer J Keys was cautioned on the language he used when describing the racing manners of his winner FIRST LINE in his acceptance speech on January 18 2026 at the TRC meeting.

SUMMARY	
Pre-race Blood Samples:	ALL RUNNERS IN R4, R7 & R9
Out of Competition Samples (4 & 5 February)	Taroona, The Spirit of Zero, Zurich, Captain Morgan, Crack The Shutters, Fierce 'N Fabulous, Bright Night,
Post-race Samples:	R1- Tribal Council R2- Magnolia Sky R3- No Rumours R4- Daytona Diva R4- Aurora Rise R5- Kiss Me Rock R6- Prince Of Khartun R7- Sanniya R7- Alvarinho R8- Steparty R8- Durazzo R9- Blonde Star R9- Ziryab R9- Distrustful Award R10- Navarre River
Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	RADLEY, Jackson – R2 Careless Riding (x2) AR131(a)
Horse Warnings:	R6 - Prince of Khartun (Barrier Manners)
Required to Trial:	R2 – Crystal Moonbeam (Barrier Manners)
Adjourned Inquiries:	Nil
Follow-up required: Vet Certificate	R5- White Star Suzie (Lame) R7- Press for Boom (Lame)
Tactics Notified:	Nil

General – Out of competition swabs;

Race 4 – Strutt Stakes

Crack The Shutters – Stuart Gandy

Fierce 'N Fabulous – Stuart Gandy

Bright Night – Barry Campbell

Race 5 – Mdn/Class 1

Lyc0 Reco – Yassy Nishitani

Tizsa Nice Drop – John Blacker

Race 6 – Class 6

Ms Tasmania – Sigg0 Carr

Georgaroni – John Blacker Nominated, not accepted

Race 7 – Mystic Journey Stakes

Alvarihno –Imogen Miller

Silver Dagger — Jessie Bazan

Zany Girl – Stuart Gandy

Sanniya – Barry Campbell

She's Pretty Rich – Matthew Brown

Go Jeanie – Glenn Stevenson

Press For Boom – John Blacker

Race 8 – Thomas Lyons Stakes

Perola – John Blacker

Cartoon Graveyard - John Keys

Jimmy The Bear – P & M Payne

Welwal - Mick Price & Michael Kent

First Accused – Glenn Stevenson

Thespian Waters – Sigg0 Carr Nominated, not accepted

Race 9 – Hobart Cup

Just A Needs - John Luttrell

Zulu Angel - John Blacker

Blonde Star– Imogen Miller

Iffycould - John Keys

Bold Soul - Patrick & Michelle Payne

Strawberry Rock - Ciaron Maher

Ziryab - Ciaron Maher

Bank Maur – Richard Laming

Asva – Glenn Stevenson

Wineglass Bay – John Blacker

Distrustful Award – Peter Luttrell

Johnnie Pinch – John Keys Nominated, not accepted

ADDENDUM

Subsequent to the event Tasracing became aware that the Hobart Cup may have been run over a marginally shorter distance than that of the 2400 metres advertised. Tasracing is conducting an internal investigation into the matter and it has been referred to the Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner.

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