

STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB	TASMANIAN TROTTING CLUB	
DATE	20 TH February 2026	
WEATHER	FINE	
TRACK	ELWICK	
STEWARDS PANEL	CHAIR	Mr J Lincoln
	PANEL	Miss B Hine, Mr G Griffin
	CHECK IN/INSPECTIONS	Mr I Bray
	SWAB	Mr A McDermott, K Valentine (Training), Mr C Street
	STARTER	Mr D Bauld
	VETERNARIAN	Mr M Buckerfield
	MEDCAL PROVIDER	Medical Edge

RACE 1 – LADBROKES TASMANIA CUP HEAT TWO – 2579m MS

CUSTOM HARLEY – Query driving tactics

General – Stewards questioned driver HEATH WOODS (Custom Harley) regarding his tactics.

In particular, why that once he had comfortably attained the lead of the one-wide line in the back straight on the second occasion, he allowed his horse to race up and increase the pace from the home turn to get the bell. Mr Woods put forward that the first part of the race had been run very slowly for this class and that his horse races best in the breeze position. He stated that Custom Harley is a very one-paced horse and that these tactics are consistent with how the horse has been driven in the past, albeit in lesser class.

While accepting those statements, stewards explained that given his drive was the lightest assessed horse in the race, and was up substantially in class, we would expect a drive that is more commensurate with its chance in the race. In the opinion of stewards, Mr Woods would have been better served by allowing the speed to stay as slow as possible for as long as possible irrespective of the horse lacking 'change-up' speed given the class differential.

RACE 2 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 1609m MS

SHEZ ALL HEART – Held up early in the straight

FIVEFORTY – Contacted several marker pegs.

General - Driver Dylan Ford fined \$50.00 under AHR 163(1)(C)(ii) for contacting marker pegs

RACE 3 – TYPEFACE PACE – 2090m SS

MAJOR DAVIN – Over-raced middle stages

PUNTARNO STRIDE – Broke after the start and placed on its last chance in the draw

KING VANCE - Broke after the start and placed on its last chance in the draw

GOODTIME OSCAR – Galloped out. Tightened and contacted marker pegs racing out of the home straight on the first occasion

General – Stewards spoke to Dylan Ford with regards to an incident racing out of the straight on the first occasion where he was momentarily tightened and contacted a marker peg. Mr Ford explained that he was entering the first corner with a lot of speed and that initially there was going to be room for him inside of Mr Duggan, however, when Mr Duggan continued his shift inwards he desisted with the maneuver. Despite this the horses' momentum carried him close to Mr Duggans' wheel which forced him to check and contact a marker peg.

No action was taken but stewards reminded Mr Ford to take care when attempting to take inside gaps racing into corners, especially at the speed he was going.

Stewards reprimanded Mr Ford under AHR 170(1) for having his foot out of the sulky rest for longer than was necessary

RACE 4 – VALE BOB BECKER PACE – 2090m MS

MY BAD – Gave ground. A post-race vet examination revealed signs of diarrhea. The trainer will monitor the horse's wellness in the coming days.

SOUTHERN LUCK - Inconvenienced when the paced slackened in the back straight on the first occasion. Contacted several marker pegs on the turn into get the bell

GRIZZLY MONTANA – A pre-race vet examination was conducted due to the horse having not raced for 12 months and he was passed fit to run. Inconvenienced when the paced slackened in the back straight on the first occasion. Inconvenienced when My Bad gave ground

NO NUKES SKIPPER - Inconvenienced when the paced slackened in the back straight on the first occasion

General – Driver JACK WATSON (Southern Luck) was fined \$50.00 under AHR 163(1)(C)(ii) for contacting several marker pegs

RACE 5 – FEHLBERGS PRODUCE SPRINTLANE PACE – 1609m MS

OUTBACK ROCK – Broke under pressure at the 300m. Last chance to race truly.

IDEN REGAL WAVE – Broke after the start and will be placed out of the draw in future mobiles.

IDEN KAMAKAZI – Lost a front plate on route to the track. Stewards instructed the oncourse farrier to remove the other front plate. Inconvenienced after the start when Iden Regal Wave broke. Checked and broke when Outback Rock broke gait.

HOWSWEETTHESOUND - Inconvenienced after the start when Iden Regal Wave broke

TALK IS CHEAP – Inconvenienced at the 300m when Outback Rock broke

QUEENOFTHEDANCE - Inconvenienced at the 300m when Outback Rock broke

RACE 6 – WOODLANDS STUD YOUR GENETIC EDGE PACE – 2090m MS

JAY MILLER – Gave ground from the winning post(to get the bell) and was beaten 111.3m. Query driving tactics. A post-race vet examination revealed no abnormalities.

General – Stewards opened an inquiry into the driving tactics of DYLAN FORD (Jay Miller). After taking evidence from Mr Ford and observing the patrol footage, the matter was adjourned so that other aspects of the race could be examined.

Trainer WAYNE YOLE (Barbette) was reprimanded under AHR 273(3)(C) for not going onto the track without a throat lash.

RACE 7 – SMITHAWARDS PACE – 2090m MS

HARRYS DEAL – Gave ground and placed on its last chance to race competitively.

SMOOTH DEAL - Gave ground and placed on its last chance to race competitively. A post-race vet examination revealed slow heart and respiratory recovery

KIAVINO STRIDE - Gave ground and placed on its last chance to race competitively. A post-race vet examination revealed no abnormalities.

ONEOFTHELADS – Inconvenienced when Harrys Deal gave ground

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
SUSPENSIONS:			
FINES:	2	FORD, Dylan – \$50.00 Contacted several marker pegs	163(1)(C)(ii)
	4	WATSON, Jack - \$50.00 Contacted several marker pegs	163(1)(C)(ii)
REPRIMANDS:	3	FORD, Dylan – Drive with both feet in sulky rests	170(1)
	6	YOLE, Wayne – Incorrect gear (No throat lash)	273(3)(C)
HORSE ACTIONS:	5	IDEN REGAL WAVE – Broke after the start – ODM	
PRE-RACE SWABS:	1	MAEBEE	
	1	DE GOEY	
	2	MAJOR POPPI	
	2	FIVEFORTY	
	3	PUNTARNO STRIDE	
	3	HURRICANE ROCK	
	5	STEPUPANDANCE	
	5	JUST LIKA DREAM	
POST RACE SWABS:		ALL WINNERS	
POST RACE TCO2:		NIL	
FOLLOW UPS:		NIL	
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES:	6	FORD, Dylan – Query Driving Tactics	

Jason Lincoln
Chairman Of Stewards

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