

STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club - Track	Launceston Pacing Club @ Mowbray		
Date	24 th July 2026		
Weather	Showers	Track Condition	Good
Chair	B Scott	Panel	B. Hines, L. Jones
Check In	D. Luttrell	Inspections	D. Luttrell
Officials	S. King, B. Montgomery		
Starter	D. Bauld		
Veterinarian	Meander Valley Veterinary Clinic		
Medical Provider	Medical Edge		

GENERAL

General: Trainers with multiple runners in any one race advised their intended race tactics.

RACE-BY-RACE REPORT

RACE 1 – Lafm Beautide Race Night 1st August Pace – 2200m SS

Pl	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
1		1	TULLAH GIRL	C. Castles	No report.
5		2	MIKI SANZ	J. Walters	No report.
10		3	EYE SEE AMOUR	D. Ford	A warning was issued for galloping out at the start.
2		4	OLLIES MEDAL	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
4		5	SAPPHIRE GAMBLER	M. Yole	No report.
9		6	CAN FEEL THE FURY NZ	K. Pratten	Raced roughly after the start.
6		7	ALBERIO	G. Rattray	No report.

3		8	WILL HE PIKE	G. Jones (C,5)	No report.
7		9	LAID BACK	B. Miller (C,3)	A warning was issued for galloping out at the start. Over-raced throughout.
8		10	FLEETWOOD ROCK	A. Collins	No report.
11		11	WE SALUTE YOU	J. Duggan (C)	Underwent a pre-race veterinary inspection due to having in excess of 200 races. Passed fit to start.

RACE 2 – Adam Hamilton at the Lafm Beautide Stakes – 2200m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
8		1	EMER	J. Duggan (C)	Inconvenienced when caught behind the tiring QUEENOFDANCE near the 450 metres.
10		2	QUEENOFDANCE NZ	G. Rattray	After leading, gave ground from the 600 metres to finish tenth, beaten 64 metres. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. When questioned regarding the performance, G. Rattray stated the mare over-raced in the early stages of the race and failed to settle thereafter.
2		3	JAY MILLER	K. Williams (C)	No report.
4		4	LA PIERRE	B. Parish	B. Parish was fined \$50 under Rule 163(1)(c) for contacting marker pegs on the final turn.
3		5	HORRIE OTARA	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
7		6	TUFFTIGER	E. Arnott (C)	No report.
5		7	COLBY ART	B. Miller (C)	No report.
9		8	BOLD COWBOY	D. Ford	No report.
1		9	GOBSMACKED	M. Yole	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to having in excess of 200 races. Passed fit to start. Over-raced throughout. M. Yole advised the deafeners released prematurely in the score up.
6		10	NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ	K. Pratten	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to having in excess of 200 races. Passed fit to start.

RACE 3 – Lafm Beautide Here 1st August Pace – 1680m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
10		1	ASTORMZABREWEN	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
5		2	SHES NANCY	D. Ford	Failed to secure clear running until inside the 100 metres.
3		3	HEYNOWHEYNOW	C. Castles	No report.
4		4	STORM VENDETTA	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
6		5	OMYBACNKNEES JUDGE	E. Arnott (C)	No report.
12		6	WINNING BREW	K. Williams (C)	Failed to secure clear running and was not tested.
11		7	KLITSCHKO LEIS	G. Jones (C)	Failed to secure clear running and was not tested.
9		8	QUEEN ANASTASIA	T. Rattray	Failed to secure clear running and was not tested.
8		9	SOHO TUXEDO	K. Pratten	No report.
2		10	SOHO TIGER LILY	M. Yole	No report.
1		11	PORT RUN MACHINE	G. Rattray	G. Rattray reported the offside hopple shortener failed to release after the start, causing the gelding to race roughly.
7		12	JILLSTIGER	J. Walters	No report.

General: Stewards inquired into an incident near 1500 metres where PORT RUN MACHINE (G. Rattray) raced roughly while racing to the inside of WINNING BREW (K. Williams). The evidence disclosed that K. Williams was shifting down the track attempting to obtain a position and at the same time PORT RUN MACHINE was racing strongly and roughly due to the gear malfunction of one shortener failing to release. Due to PORT RUN MACHINE'S intractability and inexperience, G. Rattray elected to not contest the position, allowing WINNING BREW to shift down in advance of him. In the circumstances, stewards noted the explanations, however reminded K. Williams of his obligations to ensure he is fully clear of other horses, before he shifts ground.

RACE 4 – Gareth Hall at the Lafm Beautide Stakes – 1680m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
11		1	GOT THE GLOW	J. Walters	A warning was issued for breaking gait on the first turn. Thereafter took no competitive part in the race.
2		2	CHEYS ANGEL	D. Ford	Raced roughly at various stages. D. Ford explained he was able to fully drive CHEYS ANGEL out at the finish despite her rough gait.
6		3	YARECKON IM SWEET	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
1		4	IFYOULOVEMELETMEGO	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.

7		5	ISLA ATHENA	M. Jones (C)	No report.
4		6	VICTORY GEORGE	E. Arnott (C,5)	No report.
9		7	KUHIO CREST	L. Alcorn	No report.
5		8	PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ	G. Rattray	Checked on the first turn by GOT THE GLOW which had broken gait.
10		9	MODERN JIVE	M. Yole	No report.
3		10	SUE NIEN	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
8		11	REMEMBER ME NOW	A. Collins	No report.

RACE 5– Sporties Hotel Host the Beautide Calcutta 31 July Pace – 1680m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
		4	LORD JAYDO		SCRATCHED
1		2	TWILIGHT STORM	J Chibnall (C)	No report.
5		3	ALL ABOUT SADIE	T. Rattray	No report.
8		4	POSTER STORM	J. Walters	Was under pressure from the 500 metres and broke gait near the 400 metres. Has been stood down from racing until the completion of one re-qualifying trial.
3		5	FEELINKINDALUCKY	D. Ford	No report.
4		6	BARBETTE	M. Yole	No report.
6		7	IMA LITTLE NEEDY	B. Parker	No report.
9		8	WEE GEORGIE WOOD	G. Rattray	Hung in and broke gait near 1400 metres. A warning was issued. Galloped excessively thereafter and took no competitive part in the race.
7		9	COUNT YOUR BLESSIN	J. Duggan (C)	Checked near the 400 metres by POSTER STORM which had broken gait.
2		10	I GOTTA GO	E. Arnott (C)	No report.

RACE 6 – Victory Images Photography Stakes – 1680m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
2		1	A DRAGON FOR JOE	G. Rattray	No report.

9		2	KEAYANG LEXI	J. Walters	No report.
10		3	PAZIAH	E. Arnott (C,5)	No report.
7		4	IDEN OLIVER	C. Salter	Failed to secure clear running and was not tested.
4		5	SOLO SAFARI	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
5		6	MIGHT AND TEMERITY	G. Jones (C,5)	No report.
1		7	LADY IN LINE	D. Ford	No report.
3		8	ADAMAN BAY	M. Jones (C,5)	No report.
6		9	JEREMY WELLS NZ	M. Yole	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
8		10	KENYA NZ	J. Duggan (C)	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to having in excess of 200 races. Passed fit to start.

RACE 7 – Ladbrokes Big Bets Copy Now Pace – 2200m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
6		1	KEEPERS IDEAL NZ	C. Castles	Raced roughly after the start.
3		2	HAMMER DAN	T. Ford (C)	No report.
5		3	TOLD YOU TWICE	K. Pratten	Hung out at various stages of the race. Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
4		4	IRON CLAD	G. Rattray	No report.
2		5	VANQUISH STRIDE NZ	M. Yole	No report.
1		6	EVERYTHING BUT THE	E. Arnott (C)	Will be re-included in the barrier draw for mobile races.

RACE 8 – Ladbrokes Quick Multi Stakes – 2200m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
8		1	ROCK AMOUR	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
1		2	BAIL DENIED	D. Ford	No report.
4		3	NATIONAL NEWS NZ	K. Pratten	No report.

3		4	DENNY NZ	E. Arnott (C)	No report.
2		5	SHOOBEES SPIRIT	L. Alcorn	No report.
7		6	LETSGOBRO	K. Williams (C)	No report.
6		7	JAMES CAGNEY NZ	M. Yole	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
5		8	CHAMONIX	G. Rattray	No report.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Drivers D. Ford and R. Backhouse were each fined \$250 under Rule 159B(1)(a) for failing to wear a protective vest during trackwork at Brighton on 16 July 2026.

Launceston 5 July 2025 – Race 5

Stewards finalised the inquiry into the tactics adopted by M. Jones on KEEPERS IDEAL. Of concern to the stewards was the tempo of the race, while KEEPERS IDEAL led. M. Jones stated his intention was to obtain a position forward of AFFAMATO and FOURTH RESPONSE, which were drawn to his inside and therefore he was obliged to race wide in the early stages before obtaining the lead near the 1400 metres. He added he was able to run a slower tempo during the second quarter, however soon after MUZZAME MATE placed pressure on KEEPERS IDEAL which caused him to tire. In reviewing the previous performances of KEEPERS IDEAL, stewards accepted the horse has a pattern of racing in a forward position and has previously led and won in 1:56. However, M. Jones should have been aware that well performed horses drawn to his inside at the start will attempt to keep him from crossing which would and did result in a fast first quarter of 28 seconds. Stewards accepted that M. Jones was able to ease the pace for the second quarter, however, don't accept that MUZZAME MATE placed pressure on KEEPERS IDEAL from the bell. Further over 1680 metres, M. Jones should have been aware that horses such as MUZZAME MATE would be improving into the race in the middle to late stages, therefore KEEPERS IDEAL would be pressured from that point. However, in the circumstances, stewards did not believe the tactics adopted by M. Jones met the requisite level to sustain a charge for an unacceptable drive, therefore the explanation was noted.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

CATEGORY	RACE	DETAILS	AHR RULE
SUSPENSIONS:	Nil		
FINES:	2	B. Parish. Contact marker pegs - \$50	163(1)(c)
		D. Ford. Fail to wear protective vest (16/7/26)- \$250	159B(1)(a)
		R. Backhouse. Fail to wear protective vest (16/7/26) - \$250	159B(1)(a)
REPRIMANDS:	Nil		
HORSE ACTIONS:	5	POSTER STORM – Stood down one trial	63(2)

	7	EVERYTHING BUT THE – Re-include in mobile barrier draw	
PRE-RACE SWABS:	ALBERIO, GOBSMACKED, WINNING BREW, MODERN JIVE, TWILIGHT STORM, KEAYANG LEXI, KEEPERS IDEAL, DENNY		
POST-RACE SWABS:	TULLAH GIRL, GOBSMACKED, PORT RUN MACHINE, IFYOULOVEMELETMEGO, TWILIGHT STORM, LADY IN LINE, EVERYTHING BUT THE, BAIL DENIED		
POST-RACE TCO2:	Nil		
FOLLOW UPS:	Nil		
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES:	Nil		

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

Date	Changes / Version
25/7/2026	Version 1