

STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club - Track	Launceston Pacing Club		
Date	1 st August 2026		
Weather	Fine	Track Condition	Good
Chair	B. Scott	Panel	T. Styles, J. Lincoln, G. Griffin, B. Hine, J. Marsh, L. Jones
Check In	C. Shaw	Inspections	C. Shaw
Officials	S. King, D. Luttrell, B. Montgomery		
Mobile Driver	D. Bauld		
Veterinarian	Meander Valley Veterinary Clinic		
Medical Provider	Medical Edge		

GENERAL

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

Race day blood samples were taken from: BARBER SHOP, STEPPING STONE, IDEN OLIVER, LIKEYOUFORAREASON, SPORT WATCHER, HUNGRY HIPPO, WAVES OF CHANCE, CRAYONS TO PERFUME, SMOOTH REASON, ANOTH NIEN, MAEBEE, STORM VENETTA, TAPPY, ZEUS IMMORTAL, CARMEN EMJAY, MCMAYHEM, ANGEL ROCKS, CRUNCHTHEGUN, HAMMER DAN, LADY IN LINE, ROLLWITHARTY, THE CHANCER

RACE-BY-RACE REPORT

RACE 1 – Victory Images Photography Pace – 1680m MS

Pl	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
5		1	WILLOW STORM	A. Collins	Raced roughly at various stages of the race. Hung in and contacted marker pegs on the final turn.
2		2	LIFE ONA HIGHWAY	K. Williams (C)	Raced roughly in the score-up.
1		3	KAYBEE	G. Rattray	No report.
3		4	UNOBETTER	J. Duggan (C)	J. Duggan was questioned as to the tactics he adopted over the final 600

					metres of the race, in particular why he failed to trail KAYBEE who had improved into the running line and instead elected to remain on the marker pegs. This resulted in the gelding being held up until the early part of the home straight. J. Duggan stated UNOBETTER was off the bit in the back straight and he elected to remain on the marker pegs to save ground and due to the gelding hanging in on the turns. He stated once CRUNCHTHEGUN improved to his outside, UNOBETTER picked up the bit and gained momentum and as a result he found himself held up behind the tiring WILLOW STORM. He added once he gained clear running UNOBETTER continued to improve however was still hanging. Stewards advised J. Duggan he had erred by failing to trail the favorite, KAYBEE when he had the opportunity which would have afforded him clear running at any time. However, stewards were of the opinion the tactics adopted by J. Duggan did not meet the requisite standard to sustain a charge, therefore his comments were noted. J. Duggan was reminded of his obligation to drive in a manner that does not leave himself open to question. J. Duggan pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 156(2)(a) of an unacceptable whip action and was fined \$200.
4		5	CRUNCHTHEGUN	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
		6	SHIBASAKI	SCRATCHED	

RACE 2 – North Eastern Pacing Club Stakes – 2200m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
6		1	KING BART	B. Davis (C)	Raced roughly near the 100 metres.
3		2	CUZZY JUNIOR	G. Rattray	No report.
1		3	TREACHEROUS DAN	M. Yole	No report.
12		4	OMYBACKNKNEES JUDGE	R. Hillier	A warning was issued for breaking gait in the home straight on the last occasion.
10		5	ASTORMZABREWIN	J. Chibnall (C)	Broke gait in the score up and was out of position at the start. Will now be excluded from the barrier draw for mobile races.
4		6	COMINSKI LEIS	T. Rattray	A warning was issued for breaking gait in the score up. Lost its tongue tie during the race. Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.

11		7	BARBETTE	A. Collins	Raced roughly near the 500 metres.
9		8	FEELINKINDALUCKY	A. Ashwood	No report.
7		9	GOT THE GLOW	J. Walters	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
8		10	SOHO TUXEDO	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
5		11	TAPPY	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
2		12	CRAYONS TO PERFUME	T. Ford (C)	Inconvenienced during the score up when having to move around the galloping STORMZABREWEN.

RACE 3 – King Fillies & Mares Series – 2200m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
4		1	SPORT WATCHER	A. Ashwood	No report.
2		2	JILLSTIGER	J. Walters	No report.
1		3	ANGEL ROCKS	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
3		4	GLENVIEW LANIKAI	G. Rattray	No report.
5DH		5	OUR WILLOW	J. Chibnall (C)	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
5DH		6	WEONA EAGLE	B. Davis (C)	No report.

RACE 4 – The Bottle-O Hadspen Stakes – 2680m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
3		1	IDEN OLIVER	C. Salter	Hung out during the latter stages of the score-up. Inconvenienced leaving the 1200 metres when the pace eased slightly.
12		2	LADY IN LINE	T. Ford (C)	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
2		3	LIKEABLE ROGUE	B. Davis (C)	No report.
		4	KNOCK-OUT-NZ (Em-1)	SCRATCHED	
1		5	DONNY IN PARIS	P. Williams	No report.
8		6	WATCH YOUR BACK NZ	C. Castles	No report.
11		7	STORM VENDETTA	J. Duggan (C)	Failed to secure clear running and was not fully tested.
9		8	SOHO TIGER LILY	M. Yole	Inconvenienced leaving the 1200 metres when the pace eased slightly.

					Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race. Failed to secure clear running until near the 150 metres.
6		9	QUALIFY	E. Arnott (C,5)	No report.
5		10	A DRAGON FOR JOE	G. Rattray	Sustained an offside flat tyre in the race. The evidence was inconclusive as to how this occurred.
7		11	SOLO SAFARI	R. Backhouse (C)	Checked and broke gait when contacting the sulky of SOHO TIGER LILY leaving the 1200 metres when the pace eased slightly.
4		12	IFYOULOVEMELETMEGO	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
10		13	ROCKNROLL SPIRIT	G. Jones (C,5)	No report.

RACE 5– Darrel Rockliff Graduate – 2200m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
3		1	STEPPING STONES	H. Woods	No report.
2		2	SABINE	C. Castles	No report.
1		3	SHES ALLABOUTLUV NZ	E. Arnott (C)	No report.
8		4	CUZZY BRO	G. Rattray	No report.
6		5	GORDONS BAY	R. Hillier	No report.
11		6	MAGICIAN	T. Rattray	No report.
4		7	WATERMELON SUGAR NZ	M. Yole	No report.
9		8	WAVES OF CHANCE	J. Watson (C)	Raced in restricted room leaving the 2000 metres.
5		9	INTRUSION	A. Turnbull	No report.
10		10	MAEBEE	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
7		11	KEYANG FITZY	T. Ford (C)	No report.

General: Stewards reviewed an incident near the 2000 metres and the reason for WAVES OF CHANCE racing in restricted room. The evidence disclosed WAVES OF CHANCE which had drawn the inside of the second row was able to move off the marker pegs soon after the start and improved to the outside of STEPPING STONES (barrier 1). STEPPING STONES then shifted up the track marginally and at the same time GORDONS BAY moved down the track and established its position in the running line, and this resulted in WAVES OF CHANCE being placed between positions and in restricted room. Stewards could find no one horse or driver blameworthy, therefore the incident was noted.

RACE 6 – Devonport Harness Racing Club Stakes – 1680m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
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3		1	MUZZAME MATE	G. Rattray	Locked wheels with GO THE RED near the 250 metres.
10		2	CENTURIAN MISS	B. Davis (C)	No report.
11		3	MISTA EAGLE	A. Collins	No report.
8		4	MERRYWOOD PAUL	K. Williams (C)	Hung in and contacted marker pegs on the final turn.
1		5	THE CHANCER	T. Ford (C)	Shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.
9		6	IRON CLAD	M. Yole	No report.
6		7	LOU BABY NZ	C. Castles	No report.
2		8	GO THE RED	J. Watson (C,5)	Locked wheels with MUZZAME MATE near the 250 metres. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which had blood in its nostril found the blood was from a small laceration in its nearside nostril. No treatment or stand-down period was considered necessary.
5		9	ANOTHER NIEN	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
7		10	MCMAYHEM	R. Hillier	No report.
4		11	VANQUISH STRIDE NZ	A. Ashwood	No report.

RACE 7 – LAFM Beautide – 2200m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
6		1	LIKEYOUFORAREASON	M. Yole	Checked and broke gait on the first turn. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.
5		2	ALWAYS BETTOR	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
		3	BARBERSHOP (Em-1)	SCRATCHED	
9		4	BARBARY TALES	B. Davis (C)	Checked by the galloping LIKEYOUFORAREASON on the first turn.
8		5	THE BRIDE	R. Ashwood	R. Ashwood had his licence to drive in races suspended for 6 race meetings for causing interference.
7		6	SMOOTH REASON	T. Ford (C)	No report.
2		7	CARMEN EMJAY	R. Hillier	No report.
1		8	OKANUI BEACH	A. Turnbull	No report.
		9	SNOWIEWILLREV (Em-2)	SCRATCHED	
4		10	UNMATCHED	E. Arnott (C)	No report.

10		11	PREPARATION	T. Rattray	No report.
3		12	HUNGRY HIPPO	A. Ashwood	No report.

General: Stewards inquired into the reason for LIKEYOUFORAREASON breaking gait on the first turn. The evidence disclosed that R. Ashwood driving THE BRIDE shifted down the track when insufficient clear of LIKEYOUFORAREASON, resulting in that colt being tightened for racing room, being checked and breaking gait. R. Ashwood pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 163(1)(a)(iii) of causing interference and had his licence to drive in races suspended for 6 race meetings. In determining penalty stewards took into account his plea of guilt, the status of the race, and the degree of carelessness which was deemed mid-range. R. Ashwood's suspension will commence 2 August 2026 and conclude 30 August 2026.

RACE 8 – St Marys Pacing Club Pace – 1680m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
7		1	SHADES OF SILK	P. Williams	No report.
		2	DIDYALOUSAROOSTA	SCRATCHED	
1		3	AFFAMATO	J. Watson (C,5)	J. Watson was advised to exercise greater care when easing runners wider, as his sulky wheel was positioned in close proximity to the legs of ROCKY ROCKS.
3		4	ROCKY ROCKS	E. Arnott (C,5)	Inconvenienced on the final turn.
5		5	ZEUS IMMORTAL	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
2		6	LAID BACK	B. Miller (C,3)	Broke gait in the score up, checking MOVESLIKEALADY, and a false start was declared. Will now be excluded from the barrier draw for mobile races.
8		7	ROCKNALLOVERTHEWORLD NZ	A. Ashwood	No report.
		8	MY WAY NZ	SCRATCHED	
11		9	MISS COLLANN	G. Jones (C,5)	No report.
6		10	DENNY NZ	G. Rattray	No report.
10		11	LETSGOBRO (Em 1)	K. Williams (C)	No report.
9		12	JAMES CAGNEY NZ	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
4		13	MOVESLIKEALADY	R. Hillier	Out of position at the start and will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw for mobile races.

General: The all-clear was delayed at the request of E. Arnott to allow him to view the replay of an incident on the final turn. It was established J. Watson (AFFAMATO) shifted ROCKY ROCKS (E. Arnott) wider on the final turn while racing wheel to wheel, however once the pressure came off the wheels, ROCKY ROCKS was inconvenienced. E. Arnott was satisfied there were insufficient grounds for protest, and stewards similarly satisfied advised the all clear.

Prior to the running of this race and while horses were in their pre-race circle, several track lights failed at the 400m, 200m, and 100m towers. Stewards requested drivers M. Yole and C. Castles inspect the affected areas and report back on the reduced visibility.

Meanwhile, all horses and drivers were ordered to leave the track and return to the race day stalls. The Launceston Club notified stewards that no electrician was available to fix the issue. Following a meeting with all competing drivers, stewards abandoned the final two races due safety concerns.

RACE 9 – Carrick Park Pacing Club Pace – 2200m MS

Race abandoned.

RACE 10 – Cascade Draught 3.5% Stakes – 2200m MS

Race abandoned.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

B. Dornauf pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 190B(3) in that he failed to accurately record the details of treatment administered to his horse and failed to enter that treatment into his Logbook on the day of administration. B. Dornauf was fined \$200.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

CATEGORY	RACE	DETAILS	AHR RULE
SUSPENSIONS:	7	R. Ashwood. Interference. Suspended for 6 race meetings	163(1)(a)(iii)
FINES:	1	J. Duggan. Unacceptable whip - \$200	156(2)(a)
		B. Dornauf. Failed to record treatment accurately - \$200	190B(3)
REPRIMANDS:			
HORSE ACTIONS:	2	ASTORMZABREWEN – Exclude from mobile barrier draw	
	8	LAID BACK – Exclude from mobile barrier draw	
PRE-RACE SWABS:	KAYBEE, CUZZY JUNIOR, WEONA EAGLE, SOHO TIGER LILY, GORDONS BAY, MAGICIAN, MERRYWOOD PAUL, LIKEYOUFORAREASON, ALWAYS BETTOR, BARBARY TALES, THE BRIDE, SMOOTH REASON, CARMEN EMJAY, OKANUI BEACH, UNMATCHED, PREPARATION, HUNGRY HIPPO, JAMES CAGNEY, SCHWARZ,		
POST-RACE SWABS:	KAYBEE, TREACHEROUS DAN, ANGEL ROCKS, DONNY IN PARIS, SHES ALLABOUTLUV, THE CHANCER, OKANUI BEACH, HUNGRY HIPPO, AFFAMATO,		
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
2/8/2026	Version 1