

STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club - Track	Tasmanian Trotting Club @ Elwick		
Date	16 th August 2026		
Weather	Fine	Track Condition	Good
Chair	B. Scott	Panel	J. Lincoln, G. Griffin, B. Hine
Check In	L. Jones	Inspections	L. Jones
Officials	A.McDermott, L. Rice, K. Valentine		
Mobile Starter	D. Bauld		
Veterinarian	Dr. M. Buckerfield, Dr. K. Walker		
Medical Provider	Medical Edge		

GENERAL

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

Investigators conducted searches of trainers' vehicles and horse floats for the detection of prohibited items.

A number of licenced persons underwent testing for the presence of banned substances.

RACE-BY-RACE REPORT

RACE 1 – Hygain Pace – 1609m MS

Pl	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
1		1	MAXX	A. Ashwood	No report.
5		2	COLORADO GIRL	D. Ford	A warning was issued for breaking stride near the 100 metres
2		3	MIRA DOMINA	J. Duggan (C)	Broke gait in the score up checking GOBSMACKED and a false start was declared. Will now be excluded from the barrier draw for mobile races. Permission was granted for the removal of the shadow roll on MIRA DOMINA for the second attempt.
8		4	COUNT YOUR BLESSIN	K. Williams	Permission was granted for K. Williams to replace driver A. Turnbull, due to flight delays.

3		5	FEELINKINDALUCKY	G. Rattray	Locked wheel with DEBT TILL WE PART near the 300 metres
10		6	BOLD COWBOY	T. Ford (C)	No report.
9		7	JEREMY WELLS NZ	H. Van dongen	Failed to secure clear running and was not fully tested.
11		8	STAROFREMEMBERENCE	J. Chibnall (C)	Sustained a flat tyre on the offside during the race. J. Chibnall confirmed there had been no contact to her tyre during the race.
6		9	DEBT TILL WE PART	P. Williams	Hung in near the 300 metres and locked wheels with FEELINKINDALUCKY
4		10	GOBSMACKED	M. Yole	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
7		11	KENYA NZ	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.

General: Trainer W. Yole was fined \$50 under Rule 273(5)(b) for presenting JEREMY WELLS to race without a breastplate.

RACE 2 – Fehlbergs Produce 2yo Colts & Geldings Sweepstakes Final – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
1		1	BETTOR THAN READY	T. Ford (C)	Jumped a shadow at the finish of the race. T. Ford was fined \$500 under Rule 156(2)(a) for incorrect whip action. In determining penalty stewards took into account T. Ford's record and the status of the race.
4		2	SOLO SNITCH	G. Rattray	Tightened and contacted marker pegs near the 200 metres.
3		3	CALZO SNIPER	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
2		4	LOTSEVEN	D. Ford	No report.
5		5	ILLAWONG KAMISORI	T. Rattray	Suffered a gear malfunction when the murphy blind on the nearside became detached. As a result, ILLAWONG KAMISORI raced tight to the outside of SOLO SNITCH
6		6	CLAYTON	A. Ashwood	No report.

RACE 3 – Fehlbergs Produce 2yo Fillies Sweepstakes Final – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
3		1	ESTELLA HERGE	A. Ashwood	No report.
2		2	VINJETTA	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
1		3	STOLEN ONE	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.

4		4	GO DIVA	D. Ford	When questioned regarding the performance of GO DIVA (\$1.80 favourite) which was placed fourth, beaten 14 metres. D. Ford stated he was pleased with the filly's performance based on the way the race was run. He stated he was obliged to race without cover throughout and due to the fast last half which was run in 56.6 seconds, it made it difficult to make ground on the leader.
5		5	MISS VINCENTINA	P. Williams	No report.
		6	SOUL OF KARALTA		SCRATCHED
6		7	IDEN JUST BECAUSE	M. Yole	No report.

RACE 4 – Ladbrokes Popular Srm Pace – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
1		1	AFFAMATO	K. Manning	No report.
12		2	SMOOTH REASON	T. Ford (C)	Following the race, trainer R. Pullen advised stewards he was initially disappointed with SMOOTH REASON'S performance, however she was showing signs of coming into season.
11		3	ONEHANDONEBOUNCE	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
4		4	MONTGOMERY BURNS NZ	G. Rattray	No report.
2		5	MONEYS NO ISSUE	E. Arnott (C)	No report.
9		6	ATOMIC BLACK	C. Castles	No report.
10		7	JOHN VINCENT	L. Alcorn	No report.
8		8	HAMMER DAN	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
6		9	GOODTIME OSCAR	J. Duggan (C)	Hampered near the 400 metres.
3		10	BAIL DENIED	D. Ford	D. Ford fined \$200 for careless driving.
7		11	OUR WILLOW	D. Miles	No report.
		12	WE SALUTE YOU (em 1)		SCRATCHED
5		13	MISS COLLANN	B. Davis (C)	No report.

General: Stewards inquired into the reason for BAIL DENIED racing tight to the outside of GOODTIME OSCAR near the 400 metres. It was established that as D. Ford (BAIL DENIED) was racing three wide to the outside of GOODTIME OSCAR, D. Ford attempted to activate gear but in doing so he dropped his right rein, and this

resulted in BAIL DENIED moving down to be tight on GOODTIME OSCAR. Once D. Ford regained his right rein, he relieved the pressure to GOODTIME OSCAR. D. Ford pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 168(1)(a) of carelessly dropping his rein during the race and was fined \$200.

RACE 5– Woodlands Stud Tasmanian Derby (Listed Classic) – 2090m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
8		1	SOLO SAFARI	D. Ford	No report.
5		2	ROCKY STRIDE	B. Davis (C)	No report.
10		3	PORT RUN MACHINE	G. Rattray	Hung out from the 400 metres and contacted the sulky of ROCKY ROCKS. Hung out again near the 200 metres and dropped a nearside knee boot and broke stride. A warning was issued. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.
2		4	ROCKY ROCKS	A. Turnbull	Near the 400 metres sulky contacted by PORT RUN MACHINE which hung out.
6		5	ALWAYS BETTOR	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
3		6	LIKEYOUFORAREASON	M. Yole	No report.
9		7	SOHO TUXEDO	H Van Dongen	No report.
7		8	TAPPY	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
1		9	ENJOY LIFE	M. Pitt	No report.
4		10	ZIHUATANEJO	D. Miles	Hung in near 1200 metres.

RACE 6 – Smithawards Pace – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
6		1	CUZZY JUNIOR	T. Rattray	No report.
12		2	IDEN OLIVER	M. Yole	\$3.00 favourite, placed twelfth beaten 17 metres. A post-race veterinary examination conducted at the request of driver M. Yole failed to reveal any abnormalities.
4		3	MIGHT AND TEMERITY	G. Jones (C,5)	No report.
1		4	ART HUNTSMAN	K. Williams (C)	No report.
		5	LIKEABLE ROGUE		SCRATCHED
10		6	IFYOULOVEMELETMEGO	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.

5		7	SUE NIEN	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
3		8	SHOOBEES SPIRIT	L. Alcorn	No report.
9		9	ADAMAN BAY	G. Rattray	No report.
2		10	SPOOKY GIRL	A. Ashwood	A. Ashwood was fined \$50 under Rule 162(1)(j) for being out of position at the start.
7		11	JAMES CAGNEY NZ	M. Jones (C,5)	Failed to secure clear running until near the 100 metres.
8		12	OLLIES MEDAL (Em 1)	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
11		13	EYE SEE AMOUR	D. Ford	Will be re-included in the barrier draw for mobile races.

RACE 7 – Trc Metropolitan Cup – 2579m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
9		1	ROCKANDAHARDPLACE	J. Walters	Inconvenienced near the 1000 metres by WAVES OF CHANCE
12		2	WAVES OF CHANCE	T. Rattray	Permission was given for T. Rattray to replace J. Watson as the driver. Suffered a gear malfunction during the score up when the removable blinds malfunctioned which resulted in the gelding pulling hard throughout the race. Jumped a marker peg and broke gait near the 1400 metres and shifted out leaving the 1000 metres due to being intractable. Was taken up the track away from the field near the 500 metres. An inquiry into the reason WAVES OF CHANCE wore removable blinds when the gear approved for the horse includes an open bridle, has been adjourned.
8		3	POWER UP NZ	D. Ford	Forced wide near 2200 metres. Hung in and contacted marker pegs near 200 metres. Stewards intend to speak with D. Ford regarding the pace easing near the 2000 metres
1		4	CUSTOM HARLEY	H. Woods	H. Woods was found guilty of a charge under Rule 163(1)(b) of causing another runner to cover more ground than necessary, when he moved from a marker peg position to the running line while POWER UP was racing to his outside, causing POWER UP to a three wide position, and covering more ground than necessary. H. Woods had his licence to drive in races suspended for two (2) race dates. An inquiry into

					an incident near the 500 metres when H. Woods shifted off the marker pegs has been adjourned.
10		5	KEAYANG FITZY	T. Ford (C)	No report.
2		6	GO THE RED	M. Yole	Forced four wide near 2200 metres.
11		7	WATERMELON SUGAR NZ	R. Backhouse (C)	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination which found a grass seed in the right eye. The seed was removed and the gelding was passed fit to start. R. Backhouse was reprimanded under Rule 163(1)(a)(iii) for contributing to interference to SABINE near the 2100 metres. An inquiry into the reason for WATERMELON SUGAR locking wheels near the 500 metres has been adjourned.
3		8	INTRUSION	A. Turnbull	Inconvenienced by WAVES OF CHANCE near 900 metres.
7		9	SABINE	G. Rattray	Tightened and checked near 2100 metres. An inquiry into the reason for SABINE locking wheels near 500 metres has been adjourned.
6		10	GORDONS BAY	C. Castles	Inconvenienced by WAVES OF CHANCE near 900 metres.
5		11	SHE'S ALLABOUTLOVE NZ	E. Arnott (C)	No report.
4		12	STEPPING STONES	B. Davis (C)	No report.

General: Stewards inquired into the reason POWER UP raced in the three wide position and GO THE RED raced in a four wide position near 2200 metres. H. Wood (CUSTOM HARLEY) was racing in a marker peg position and began to move to the running line, however prior to that movement being completed, POWER UP who was racing in the running improved forward. As a result, once H. Wood had fully completed his movement on CUSTOM HARLEY, POWER UP was carried up to a three-wide position and GO THE RED, which had been three wide, was carried up to a four-wide position. H. Woods was found guilty of a charge under Rule 163(1)(b) of forcing a runner wider and had his licence to drive in races suspended for two (2) race dates.

Stewards inquired into the reason for SABINE being checked near the 2100 metres. The evidence disclosed that WAVES OF CHANCE which had been racing erratically on the marker pegs shifted up the track slightly and at the same time WATERMELON SUGAR (R. Backhouse) which was racing three wide was attempting to shift into the position in advance of SABINE. As a result of this SABINE was tightened, checked and raced roughly. Stewards acknowledged that WAVES OF CHANCE contributed to the incident, however R. Backhouse was reprimanded under Rule 163(1)(a)(iii) for his contribution to the incident.

RACE 8 – Typeface Pace – 2090m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
3		1	TRECHEROUS DAN	K. Manning	No report.
1		2	FOURTH RESPONSE	G. Jones (C,3)	No report.

10		3	IAMAHUNTER	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
8		4	SHADES OF SILK	P. Williams	No report.
6		5	EVERYTHING BUT THE	E. Arnott (C,5)	A warning was issued for breaking gait near 200 metres.
5		6	INTO THE HARKNESS	J. Chibnall (C)	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
		7	TULLAH GIRL		SCRATCHED
2		8	TAMBROS TILLY	B. Davis (C)	No report.
7		9	MY WAY NZ	D. Ford	No report.
4		10	CAN FEEL THE FURY NZ	G. Rattray	No report.
12		11	TOLD YOU TWICE (Em 1)	M. Jones (C,5)	No report.
9		12	DONNY IN PARIS	J. Walters	No report.
11		13	SOUTHERN LUCK	T. Rattray	No report.

RACE 9 – Woodlands Stud Tasmanian Oaks (Listed Classic) – 2090m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
7		1	MY FATAL CHARM	A. Ashwood	No report.
3		2	SWEETHEART DIOR	D. Ford	No report.
4		3	SHEMEANSBUSINESS	G. Rattray	No report.
8		4	SHES NANCY	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
		5	WILLOW STORM		SCRATCHED
5		6	SOHO TIGER LILY	M. Yole	No report.
1		7	ROCKNROLL WILLOW	K. Manning	Trainer D. O'Brien was fined \$50 for presenting ROCKNROLL WILLOW late onto the track. D. O'Brien was also fined \$100 for failing to attach a saddlecloth number prior to the filly being presented on the track.
6		8	JILLSTIGER	J. Walters	No report.
2		9	TWILIGHT STORM	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.

RACE 10 – Fehlbergs Produce Sprintlane Pace – 2090m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
3		1	ALL ABOUT SADIE	E. Arnott (C)	No report.
1		2	SPORT WATCHER	A. Ashwood	No report.
8		3	KEAYANG KEVIN	G. Rattray	During the early stages of the score up, swung sideways and became fractious. As a result, the score up was aborted. Will now be excluded from the barrier draw for mobile races.
2		4	BARBETTE	M. Yole	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
10		5	SPORTZSILK	J. Duggan (C)	A warning was issued for breaking gait near the 800 metres.
5		6	POST KEG	T. Rattray	No report.
7		7	TAKING A PUNT	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
4		8	IMPERIAL SANZ	J. Walters	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
9		9	AWAY GAME	D. Ford	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
6		10	MY BAD	K. Williams (C)	Raced roughly at various stages of the race due to a broken hopple carrying strap.

RACE 11 – XXX

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
1		1	SCHWARZ	K. Manning	No report.
5		2	HAZEWILLREV	G. Rattray	No report.
3DH		3	PHOTO FIRST	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
3DH		4	CUZZY BRO	T. Rattray	No report.
2		5	IRON CLAD	M. Yole	No report.
6		6	VANQUISH STRIDE NZ	M. Jones (C,5)	No report.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

CATEGORY	RACE	DETAILS	AHR RULE
SUSPENSIONS:	7	H. Wood. Forced another runner wider. 2 race dates	163(1)(b)
FINES:	1	W. Yole. - \$50. Present JEREMY WELLS with incorrect gear.	273(5)(b)
	2	T. Ford - \$500. Incorrect whip action	156(2)(a)
	4	D. Ford - \$200. Careless driving	168(1)(a)
	6	A.Ashwood - \$50. Out of position at the start	162(1)(j)
	7	D. O'Brien - \$50. Horse presented late onto track	135(2)
	7	D. O'Brien - \$100. Horse presented onto track with no saddlecloth number	273(5)(a)
REPRIMANDS:	7	R. Backhouse – Contributed to interference	163(1)(a)(iii)
HORSE ACTIONS:	1	MIRA DOMINA – Exclude from mobile barrier draw	
	6	EYE SEE AMOUR – Re-include in mobile barrier draw	
	10	KEAYANG KEVIN – Exclude from mobile barrier draw	
PRE-RACE SWABS:	MAXX, CLAYTON, STOLEN ONE, AFFAMATO, PORT RUN MACHINE, ZIHUATANEJO, ART HUNTSMAN, GO THE RED, SHES ALLABOUTLUV, IMAHUNTER, JILLSTIGER, AWAY GAME, PHOTO FIRST.		
POST-RACE SWABS:	MAXX, BETTOR THAN READY, LOTSEVEN, ESTELLA HERGE, VINJETTA, AFFAMATO, ENJOY LIFE, ART HUNTSMAN, CUSTOM HARLEY, FOOURTH RESPONSE, ROCKNROLL WILLOW, TWILIGHT STORM, SPORT WATCHER, SCHWARZ.		
POST-RACE TCO2:	Nil		
FOLLOW UPS:	Nil		
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES:	R7 - D. Ford (POWER UP) eased pace R7 – H. Woods (CUSTOM HARLEY), R. Backhouse (WATERMELON SUGAR) and G. Rattray (SABINE) – incident at 400 metres R7 – J. McKenzie (WAVES OF CHANCE) gear		

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

Date	Changes / Version
17/8/2026	Version 1