

STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club - Track	Devonport Racing Club @ Spreyton
Date	26 th August 2026
Weather	Fine
Track Condition	All Weather
Penetrometer	N/A
Rail Position	True
Stewards Panel	T.T Styles (Chairman), A.D Hyde (Panel), J Marsh (Panel), A Norgrove (Backyard), C.J Shaw (Cadet), T.J Barnes (Cadet)
Officials	Dr. Mansoor and Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Provider), Dr. J McKenna (Veterinarian), Mr. D Evans (Starter), Mr. J Evans (Starter Assist), Mr. R Payne (Clerk of Scales), S Davis & B Montgomery (Sampling Officials)

RIDING CHANGES / JOCKEY INFORMATION

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced by	Reason
4	9. Golden Sweet Heart	No carded rider	L Wood	Circumstances were investigated to the satisfaction of the Stewards.
9	5. Ozturk	T Spillane	L Wood	Unable to claim any part of his allowance. Stewards will follow up with his riding agent.

GENERAL

Prior to the commencement of the race meeting, Rider and Trainer representatives were addressed by the Stewards regarding progress in relation to the condition of the track.

They were provided with an update on work undertaken and on the condition of the surface over the last fortnight which included recent inspections of the track by the Stewards yesterday and earlier today. The parties were informed that while stones were still being found on the surface that the amount was minimal and the stones were smaller in size. However, Stewards informed the parties that rider safety, horse welfare and the integrity of races are of paramount importance and that if Stewards felt that any of these requirements were in doubt that they would take the required action.

Riders were encouraged to provide factual reports following each race so that the Stewards would be able to assess the track conditions on a race-by-race basis and take any decision that might be necessary.

Trainers were also requested to provide similar input and the veterinary surgeon on duty would be asked for his professional opinion throughout the day.

RACE-BY-RACE REPORT

Race 1 - 11:43AM #gottluvtassieracing Maiden (1350 METRES)

Pl	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
1		1	CHEF'S KISS	3	A. Darmanin	Laid inwards over the concluding stages despite the efforts of the rider to keep a straight course. Stewards determined that A Darmanin had taken appropriate measures to keep his mount on a straight course, but he was advised nevertheless to exercise more care in similar circumstances.
7		2	EUCUMBENE	1	H. McCarthy	Rider H McCarthy reported that her mount resented the kickback.
5		3	GEE GEES BROTHER	2	T. Baker	No report.
3		4	GUBER	8	C. Newitt	Ridden forward to obtain the lead.
6		5	NICALBI	6	C. Pang	No report.
8		6	THE MOUNTAINEER (NZ)	5	T. Spillane	Began awkwardly.
4		7	UNFILTERED	4	D. Ganderton	The Stewards inquired into why UNFILTERED was steadied in the concluding stages. It was established after viewing the patrol films and interviewing riders D Ganderton and A Darmanin that UNFLITERED was unbalanced when steadied in anticipation of CHEF'S KISS taking up his rightful running when it shifted inwards over the concluding stages. Stewards determined that A Darmanin had taken appropriate measures to keep his mount on a straight course, but he was advised nevertheless to exercise more care in similar circumstances.
2		8	JOCK ROCK	7	K. Lane	No report.

Race 2 - 12:17PM Kevin Sharkie Maiden (1150 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
3		1	HARRATA	4	D. Ganderton	Held up for clear running in the home straight until the 200m when directed outward to obtain clear running.
10		2	SMITHY	3	H. McCarthy	Slow to begin.
7		3	AWESOME ORPHAN	2	A. Darmanin	No report.

1		4	EQUIVASTER	1	C. Newitt	No report.
2		5	LYREBIRD LADY	10	C. Pang	Raced wide throughout.
9		6	OMAHA VICTORY	5	C. Van Munster	Under the impression that something was amiss with the mare in the pull up, Rider C Van Munster dismounted. A veterinary examination was requested and revealed the mare to be blowing hard post-race and had an elevated respiratory rate. A blood test and dynamic scope were suggested by the veterinary surgeon, and a veterinary certificate is required before the horse is accepted to race again.
5		7	PENINSULA ROSE	7	T. Baker	No report.
8		8	DEER POWER	8	K. Lane	Shortly after the start, Rider K Lane briefly lost her footing to her left side stirrup iron. Became unbalanced at the 600m when shifting out abruptly. Stewards upon reviewing the patrol films established that the gelding had shown a tendency to lay outwards before the incident and as they could not be comfortably satisfied as to what the gelding might have reacted to, accepted that it may have been due to greenness when making its debut.
6		9	MACELLEROY	6	L. Wood	Near the 600m, commenced to lay out which the Stewards attributed to possibly being a reaction to DEER POWER at this point in the race. Failed to obtain clear running in the home straight until the 50m.
4		10	FLYING FURTHER	9	E. Byrne-Burke	Stewards gave rider E Byrne-Burke permission to ride her mount 0.5kg overweight.

Race 3 - 12:52PM Save the greyhounds Benchmark 76 Hcp (1150 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
2		1	THOROS OF MYR	6	K. Lane	No report.
4		2	CHEROKEE DANCER	1	E. Byrne-Burke	No report.
5		3	FURNEAUX	4	C. Newitt	Rider C Newitt reported that in his opinion the gelding was disappointing and may have come to the end of its preparation.
1		4	HARTMAN	2	L. Dempsey	No report.
6		5	BOLD INSTINCT	5	C. Wells	Reared in the stalls and consequently was slow to begin.
3		6	GEEGEES MISSILE	3	A. Darmanin	Stewards gave rider A Darmanin permission to ride his mount 1kg

						overweight. Rider A Darmanin reported that the mare was under pressure from early in the race and attributed this to the fast tempo which was borne out by the race time which was a new track record for the distance.
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The race time was 1:07.09, a track record for this distance.

Race 4 - 1:29PM Goodstone Group Class 1 Hcp (1009 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
		4	JUST PLAIN NUTS	6	H. McCarthy	SCRATCHED
1		2	HOULIHAN	8	A. Darmanin	No report.
6		3	PACIFIC WITNESS	10	S. Clarke	No report.
3		4	PARTY DAY	4	C. Newitt	No report
2		5	GEEGEES MERCEDES	3	C. Wells	Rider C Wells pleaded guilty to a charge under AR185 in that she added a girth to her equipment after being weighed out by the Clerk of the Scales. She was fined \$100. In determining penalty, Stewards considered her clean record regarding prior conventions of this rule and her guilty plea. The Clerk of the Scales was spoken to in the strongest possible terms regarding this incident.
8		6	SUPER SNIPPY	9	E. Byrne-Burke	Reared and contacted the barrier, consequently, was slow to begin. A veterinary examination was requested and revealed an abrasion to the right hind coronet and possibly a gait abnormality.
		7	GEEGEESCHASER	11	L. Wood	SCRATCHED
7		8	MEL'S STREET ABOVE	5	T. Baker	No report.
5		9	GOLDEN SWEET HEART	1	L. Wood	No report.
		10	RED FOX	2	K. Lane	SCRATCHED
4		11	SAY IT WITH WORDS	7	C. Pang	Momentarily, unbalanced at the 600m when laying out abruptly. Momentarily held up for clear running in the home straight when close to the heels of MEL'S STREET ABOVE and GEEGEES MERCEDES.

Race 5 - 2:04PM Stables at Spreyton Benchmark 60 Hcp (1350 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
7		1	QUICKEN UP	2	T. Spillane	No report.
6		2	ONLY OLD ONCE	3	D. Ganderton	Slow to begin.
1		3	STARDARMUS	7	C. Newitt	No report.
2		4	WOLF JUNIOR	5	E.Byrne-Burke	Over-raced in the middle stages.
3		5	KIREINA MARUBRAH	4	L. Dempsey	Laid out under pressure in the home straight.
4		6	ALPINE BLAST	6	T. Baker	Wide throughout.
5		7	SUGOI LEGEND	1	C. Pang	Slow to begin.

Race 6 - 2:39PM Ladbrokes Mega Multi Open Handicap (1350 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
3		1	CAPTAIN CAM	1	H. McCarthy	Over-raced in the middle stages.
7		2	NICCO THE GREEK	6	L. Dempsey	Raced wide from the 600m.
6		3	SHY GUY	2	E. Byrne-Burke	No report.
5		4	STONE COLD STUNNER	7	K. Lane	No report.
4		5	THE LONGEST YARD	5	S. Clarke	No report.
1		6	TUSKEGEE	4	C. Newitt	Stewards gave rider C Newitt permission to ride his mount 0.5kg overweight. Carried out slightly by SIMPLY DEEP in the home straight as SIMPLY DEEP laid out under pressure. Contacted SIMPLY DEEP shortly before the finish line.
2		7	SIMPLY DEEP	3	A. Darmanin	Stewards gave rider A Darmanin permission to ride his mount 1kg overweight. After racing prominently, commenced to lay out under pressure in the home straight. As a result, TUSKEGEE was carried out slightly. Contacted TUSKEGEE shortly before the finish line.

Race 7 - 3:14PM Vale Nigel Schuurin Class 1 Hcp (1350 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
1		1	CITY WOK	1	L. Dempsey	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after rearing in the stalls and passed fit to start.

2		2	COLONEL BOGEY	6	C. Newitt	No report.
7		3	LITTLE EL	5	K. Lane	No report.
10		4	FINAL APPROACH	2	T. Spillane	Trailed the field from the 600m. A post-race veterinary examination was requested and revealed the gelding has peculiar hind feet placing and gait at a trot. Rider T Spillane pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(6)(c) in that he used his whip when his mount was out of contention. Stewards imposed a \$200 fine. In assessing penalty, Stewards considered his inexperience, his clean record regarding prior contraventions of this rule and the fact the horse was not competitive and had no prospects of improving its position.
5		5	NUNKERI	3	E. Byrne-Burke	No report.
6		6	OPENSEA (NZ)	9	C. Pang	No report.
3		7	BELLA CHINKARA	10	H. McCarthy	No report.
9		8	NATALDI	4	L. Wood	No report.
4		9	CORSA VELOCE	11	A. Darmanin	Stewards gave rider A Darmanin permission to ride his mount 1kg overweight. Raced wide from the 500m.
8		10	ALPINE HONEY	8	T. Baker	Raced wide throughout. A post-race veterinary examination was requested when blood was reported in the mouth, however there was no blood at the time of inspection.
		11e	SAY IT WITH WORDS	7	C. Wells	SCRATCHED

Race 8 - 3:49PM DRC Season Opener Benchmark 64 Hcp (1150 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
4		1	THE REAL MAN	2	K. Lane	No report.
1		2	OZONICA	3	E. Byrne-Burke	No report.
6		3	CHICANE	5	L. Dempsey	No report.
3		4	GEE GEES ME BOY	4	C. Wells	No report.
5		5	WILD NIGHTS	6	C. Newitt	No report.

8		6	MCSWEYN	7	S. Clarke	Fractious in the barriers. A post-race veterinary examination was requested and identified the presence of blood at both nostrils. The horse is stood down under the provisions of AR79(4). The trainer advised that this gelding will be retired from racing.
2		7	I'M CHEV	8	L. Wood	Raced wide throughout.
7		8	VOLKANOVSKI	9	T. Baker	Raced wide throughout.
9		9	GIE IT LALDY	1	H. McCarthy	Raced in the club's colours.

Race 9 - 4:24PM Meridian Horse Transport Class 3 Hcp (1650 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
2		1	AZONTO	9	A. Darmanin	No report.
3		2	COASTAL STRIKE	2	C. Newitt	Near the 200m, commenced to lay in and bumped with PURR SEFANEE which shifted out slightly thereafter.
4		3	RESPITE	7	E.Byrne-Burke	Became fractious in the barriers after slipping its blindfold. Raced wide in the early to middle stages.
1		4	AL MAXIMUS	10	K. Lane	Raced wide in the middle stages.
10		5	OZTURK	3	L. Wood	No report.
9		6	PURR SEFANEE	1	C. Wells	Stewards gave rider C Wells permission to ride her mount 0.5kg overweight. Fractious in the barriers. Near the 200m, was momentarily crowded for galloping room when COASTAL STRIKE laid in. Shifted out slightly thereafter and contacted COASTAL STRIKE.
8		7	SKY EAGLE	4	T. Baker	No report.
6		8	WHO CAN IT BE NOW	5	C. Pang	No report.
5		9	MATEUS	8	H. McCarthy	Over-raced in the middle stages. Raced wide in the middle stages.
7		10	STEELE MY SUNSHINE	6	S. Clarke	No report.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Hobart Races – 19th August 2026 – Race 8

Stewards had reason to question Rider D Ganderton about his apparent lack of vigor with his riding over the concluding stages. After taking evidence, and viewing the patrol footage, the Stewards determined that there

was no reason for him to cease with his riding. Rider D Ganderton reserved his plea to a charge of a contravention of AR131(b), the particulars that he failed to ride FIERCE 'N FABULOUS to the end of the race and by doing so prejudiced his chances of obtaining the best possible position in the race. He was found guilty of the charge and suspended for two Tasmanian race days, the dates of the suspension to be confirmed. In determining penalty, Stewards considered Rider D Ganderton's reserved plea, his riding record regarding prior contraventions of this rule and the requirement that riders, when circumstances permit are obliged to ride their mounts to the finish to leave no room for query regarding the results of races.

SUMMARY

Pre-race Blood Samples	Race 1 – 8 Jock Rock Race 2 – 2 Smithy Race 2 – 6 Omaha Victory Race 2 – 10 Flying Further Race 3 – 6 Geegees Missile Race 4 – 2 Houlihan Race 6 – 4 Stone Cold Stunner Race 8 – 1 The Real Man Race 8 – 8 Volkanovski Race 8 – 9 Gie It Lady Race 9 – 3 Respite Race 9 – 6 Purr Sefanee
Pre-race Urine Sample	
Post-race Samples	Race 1 – 1. Chef's Kiss Race 2 – 4. Equivaster Race 3 – 4. Hartman Race 4 – 2. Houlihan Race 5 – 3. Stardarmus Race 6 – 6. Tuskegee Race 7 – 1. City Wok Race 8 – 2. Ozonica Race 9 – 4. Al Maximus
Suspensions	From Hobart (19/8) – D Ganderton - 2 Tasmanian race days – Dates to be confirmed
Fines	Race 4 – C Wells (\$100) – AR185 Race 7 – T Spillane (\$200) – AR132(6)(c)
Reprimands	
Horse Warnings	
Required to Trial	
Adjourned Inquiries	R. Allen - Rider agent for T Spillane
Follow-up Required – Vet Certificate	Race 2 – 6. Omaha Victory
Horses stood down	Race 8 – 6. McSweyn – Under the provisions of AR79(4)
Tactics Notified	

ADDENDUM

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

Date	Changes / Version
26/08/26	Version 1
27/08/26	Version 2 (Addition to Summary section re Race 8, MCSWEYN)