STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club - Track	Burnie Harness Racing Club @ Burnie		
Date	23rd October 2026		
Weather	Fine	**Track Condition**	Good
Chair	B Scott	**Panel**	G. Griffin, C. Shaw, M. Hepburn
Check In	L. Jones	**Inspections**	L. Jones
Officials	A. McDermott (Sampling Official)		
Starter	D. Bauld		
Veterinarian	Dr. G. Kaiser		
Medical Provider	Medical Edge		

GENERAL

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

RACE-BY-RACE REPORT

RACE 1 – More from Tote with Ladbrokes – 4:54pm 2180m MS

Pl	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
2		1	BLISSFUL RED	R Backhouse (C)	R. Backhouse suspended for 6 race meetings
5		2	ARRIVAL TIME	D Ford	Over-raced and hung in on turns. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted in particular why he released the deafeners 1000 metres from the finish and began to drive with vigour, D. Ford stated due to ARRIVAL TIME hanging he wanted to race wheel to wheel with the leader, BLISSFUL RED, which quickened at that point. He added ARRIVAL TIME had over-raced throughout and, in his opinion, it would assist with ARRIVAL TIME'S tractability to race wheel to wheel. He added just after the bell, he was obliged to steady

					ARRIVAL TIME as HIGH FROSTY had improved three wide to his outside and was racing tight.
3		3	SPORTY GRANT	G Rattray	No report.
1		4	HIGH FROST	R Hillier	No report.
4		5	VOODOO RANGER	T Ford	No report.
6		6	CHASING THE ACE	B Davis (C)	Hung in and broke gait on 2 occasions on the first turn. Stood down from racing until the completion of one re-qualifying trial.
General: Stewards inquired into the tactics adopted by R. Backhouse (BLISSFUL RED), in particular why leading with one and a half laps remaining he began to drive with vigour and entering the home straight to receive the bell, he applied the whip and continued to drive with vigour. After the bell, R. Backhouse began to steady his horse and ceased all vigour. Near the 500 metres R. Backhouse again began to actively drive his horse until the finish of the race. R. Backhouse pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 149(2) for driving in an unacceptable manner in that he miscounted the laps of the race. R. Backhouse had his licence to drive in races suspended for 6 race meetings.					

RACE 2 – Ladbrokes more on the Tote – 5:19pm 2180m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
1		1	ASTORMZABREWEN	G Rattray	No report.
7		2	CAPTAIN CHEDDAR	A Collins	Gave ground over the final lap to finish seventh, beaten 439 metres. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. CAPTAIN CHEDDAR has been stood down from racing until the completion of one re-qualifying trial.
4		3	MY BEAUTIFUL LIFE	T Ford (C)	No report.
r		4	KNOCK OUT NZ	J Chibnall (C)	Began to give ground from the 1500 metres and soon after was retired from the race. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. J. Chibnall stated she had concerns with KNOCK OUT as he failed to quicken when asked to and for welfare reasons she retired him from the race. J. Chibnall added it is her intention to spell KNOCK OUT. Has been stood down from racing until the completion of one re-qualifying trial.
6		5	IFYOULOVEMELETMEGO	R Hillier	No report.
3		6	QUEENOFDANCE NZ	H Van Dongen	No report.
2		7	KENYA NZ	D Ford	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to having in excess of 200 races Passed fit to start.

5		8	NATIONAL NEWS NZ	R Backhouse (C)	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.

RACE 3 – Ridgley Rascals – Replay Fo – 5:48pm 1892m SS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
4		1	ITSMENOTU	D Ford	Galloped out at the start and will now be excluded from the barrier draw for standing start races.
r		2	HAZEWILLREV	R Backhouse (C)	Galloped out at the start and will now be excluded from the barrier draw for standing start races. Broke a carrying strap and was retired from the race in the back straight on the first occasion.
1		3	SAPPHIRE GAMBLER	L Alcorn	No report.
7		4	FLEETWOOD ROCK	G Rattray	A warning was issued for galloping out at the start. Broke gait near the 300 metres and a warning was issued. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.
2		5	TULLAH GIRL	C Castles	No report.
5		6	STEPUPNDANCE	T Ford (C)	No report.
6		7	MONTGOMERY BURNS NZ	H Van Dongen	A warning was issued for breaking gait in the back straight on the first occasion.
3		8	ONEHANDONEBOUNCE	B Davis (C)	Will be re-included in the barrier draw for standing start races.
General: Prior to the start, ITSMENOTU broke through the barrier strand resulting in a delay while the barrier strand was re-set.					

RACE 4 – North West Plate Heat One – 6:28pm 2180m SS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
8		1	CHAMONIX	R Backhouse (C)	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to having in excess of 200 races. Passed fit to start. Stood flat footed at the start. Will be excluded from the barrier draw for standing start races.
1		2	REPETITIVE NZ	H Van Dongen	H. Van dongen suspended for two (2) race meetings.
7		3	EYE SEE AMOUR	D Ford	Galloped out at the start and will now be excluded from the barrier draw for standing start races.

4		4	ROSE NOIR NZ	R Hillier	Galloped out at the start and will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw for standing start races. Hung in and contacted marker pegs. Unable to secure clear running and was not fully tested.
3		5	MAJOR DAVVIN	B Davis (C)	No report.
2		6	OUR BETTER BRO	L Alcorn	Tightened on the first turn and as a result raced inside several marker pegs.
5		7	ALBERIO	G Rattray	No report.
6		8	DENNY NZ	T Ford (C)	No report.
General: H. Van dongen (REPETITIVE)was found guilty of a charge under Rule 163(1)(a)(iii) of causing interference on the first turn. The particulars being that OUR BETTER BRO improved to the inside of REPETITIVE approaching the first turn where there was sufficient room, however soon after REPETITIVE shifted down the track, tightening OUR BETTER BRO and carrying it over marker pegs. Stewards were of the opinion that H. Van dongen made insufficient effort to prevent REPETITIVE shifting down. H. Van dongen had her licence to drive in races suspended for two (2) race dates to commence 2 November 2026.					

RACE 5 – BHRC 2026 Club Challenge – 6:59pm 2180m SS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
2		1	CINCINNATI	J Walters	No report.
10		2	LA PIERRE	G Rattray	Galloped out at the start and will now be excluded from the barrier draw for standing start races.
9		3	RANIERI NZ	H Van Dongen	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to having in excess of 200 races. Passed fit to start. Raced roughly after the start.
3		4	HORRIE OTARA	B Davis (C)	No report.
1		5	COLORADO GIRL	D Ford	No report.
7		6	PARK LANE NZ	A Collins	Hung out throughout the race.
5		7	CHRIS BE QUICK	J Chibnall (C)	No report.
8		8	SMOOTH DEAL NZ	L Alcorn	No report.
4		9	NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ	R Backhouse (C)	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to having in excess of 200 races. Passed fit to start.
6		10	JADEZ	R Hillier	No report.

RACE 6 – North West Plate Heat Two – 7:29pm 2180m SS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
4		1	OLLIES MEDAL	D Ford	Galloped out at the start and will now be excluded from the barrier draw for standing start races.
1		2	LIKEABLE ROGUE	B Davis (C)	A warning was issued for galloping out at the start.
		~~3~~	~~ISLA ATHENA~~		SCRATCHED
3		4	MIKI SANZ	J Walters	No report.
5		5	SETTEBELLO	G Rattray	No report.
6		6	GOBSMACKED	H Van Dongen	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to having in excess of 200 races. Passed fit to start. Galloped out at the start and will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw for standing start races.
		~~7~~	~~ROCKS ROY~~		Reared and fell while circling prior to the start. Underwent a veterinary examination and was declared a late scratching.
2		8	CAN FEEL THE FURY NZ	L Alcorn	No report.
7		9	INSIDE THREE BARS	R Backhouse (C)	Galloped out and raced erratically after the start. A warning was issued.

RACE 7 – 26/27 Ready, Set, Trot Pace – 7:59pm 2180m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
4		1	OSCAR MAC	R Hillier	No report.
1		2	SHES NANCY	R Backhouse (C)	No report.
7		3	TASSIE DAZZLER	A Collins	No report.
5		4	KING BART	B Davis (C)	No report.
3		5	GEMMY LOU	J Chibnall (C)	No report.
2		6	ULTIMATE GLADIATOR NZ	M Jones (C)	No report.
		~~7~~	~~GEE YOUNG~~	~~H Van Dongen~~	SCRATCHED

8		8	STANTON BREAK	G Rattray	Broke gait on the final turn. Stood down from racing until the completion of one re-qualifying trial.
		~~9~~	~~TAKING A PUNT (Em 1)~~		SCRATCHED
6		10	SOHO TIGER LILLY	D Ford	No report.

RACE 8 – Besser Engineering Pace – 8:28pm 2180m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
1		1	OUTBACK LASS	B Davis (C)	No report.
		~~2~~	~~LORD JAYDO (em 1)~~		SCRATCHED
2		3	DANCINWIVJOLENE	R Hillier	No report.
7		4	ALBY PRIDDY	M Jones (C)	No report.
4		5	AWAY GAME	H Van Dongen	No report.
3		6	MEMPHIS	J Chibnall (C)	No report.
9		7	MIDNIGHT DANCER	G Jones (C)	No report.
5		8	ROYAL CADENCE	G Rattray	No report.
6		9	LALIBELA NZ	T Ford (C)	No report.
8		10	ONEOFTHELADS	D Ford	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to having in excess of 200 races. Passed fit to start.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

CATEGORY	RACE	DETAILS	AHR RULE
SUSPENSIONS:	1	R. Backhouse. Unacceptable drive – 6 race meetings	149(2)

	4	H. Van dongen. Caused interference – 2 race meetings	163(1)(a)(iii)
FINES:		Nil	
REPRIMANDS:		Nil	
HORSE ACTIONS:	1	CHASING THE ACE – Stood down one re-qualifying trial	
	2	KNOCK OUT – Stood down one re-qualifying trial	
	2	CAPTAIN CHEDDAR – Stood down one re-qualifying trial.	
	3	ITSMENOTU – Exclude from standing start barrier draw	
	3	HAZEWILLREV – Exclude from standing start barrier draw	
	3	ONEHANDONEBOUNCE – Re-include in standing start barrier draw	
	4	CHAMONIX – Exclude from standing start barrier draw	
	4	EYE SEE AMOUR – Exclude from standing start barrier draw	
	5	LA PIERRE – Exclude from standing start barrier draw	
	6	OLLIES MEDAL – Exclude from standing start barrier draw	
	7	STANTON BREAK – Stood down one re-qualifying trial.	
PRE-RACE SWABS:	BLISSFUL RED, CAPTAIN CHEDDAR, STEPUPNDANCE, MAJOR DAVVIN, SMOOTH DEAL, OLLIES MEDAL, OSCAR MAC, ROYAL CADENCE.		
POST-RACE SWABS:	HIGH FROSTY, ASTORMZABREWEN, SAPPHIRE GAMBLER, REPETITIVE, COLORADO GIRL, LIKEABLE ROGUE, SHES NANCY, OUTBACK LASS.		
POST-RACE TCO2:	Nil		
FOLLOW UPS:	Nil		
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES:	Nil		

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Date	Changes / Version
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