

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	TASMANIAN TURF CLUB
Date:	Wednesday 8 th March 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Soft 5 upgraded to Good 4 @ 3.20pm
Penetrometer:	4.58
Rail Position:	+11m 1200m-W/Post, +6m remainder
Stewards Panel:	Bruce Free (Chair), Dominic Tyson (Panel), Gavin Griffin (Panel), Margaret Robinson (Back Yard), Tim North (Front Yard), Janet Ainscow (Swabs).
Officials:	Dr S McKenzie-Main & Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr H O'Brien & Dr R Blackwell (Veterinarian); Carol Brydon (Clerk of Scales)

Riding Changes / Jockey Information

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced by	Reason
R2	MISS PEBBLES		T Doyle	Emergency Gained Start
R3	AUSSIE WARRIOR	G Catania	L Annells	Indisposed
R3	STRAWBERRY CREAM		H McCarthy	Explanation Accepted

Comments / Explanations:

Stewards were advised by trainer S Brunton that stable rider G Catania was indisposed for today's meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. Stewards accepted the explanation.

RACE 1 – NEIL HERBERT MAIDEN - (1120 Metres)

BALCASKIE – Shifted in soon after the start crowding VOLKANOVSKI in onto SIMPLY WINDSOR. Rider Liam Riordan was reprimanded under the provisions of AR 131(a) for Careless riding for allowing his mount to shift in and not stop and straighten his mount. Stewards were satisfied that a shift from the inside contributed to the tightening and couldn't fully attribute the blame to anyone one rider. Stewards placed a warning on the geldings racing manners.

RECONSTRUCTIVE – Bumped on jumping, raced wide throughout.

TOUGH IMPACT – Slow to begin, raced four wide throughout.

VOLKANOVSKI – Bumped on jumping.

HER THOUGHTS – Laid out shortly after the start crowding KISSLESS. Had a tendency to over race when being restrained by its rider at about the 800 metres.

KISSLESS – Tightened and had to be steadied shortly after the start when HER THOUGHTS shifted out marginally. Then tightened when SIMPLY WINDSOR was carried inwards. Over raced in the early and middle stages.

SIMPLY WINDSOR – Tightened after the start when KISSLESS was carried out and VOLKANOVSKI was carried inwards.

DING DING – Slow to begin, raced wide throughout.

ENCHANTED SPY – Bumped on jumping.

RACE 2 - R M BERTRAM MAIDEN - (1620 METRES)

BLONDE SUSPECT – Steadied off the heels of VIVRE IS THE WORD near the 400 metres. Stewards queried the seemingly disappointing performance, rider A Darmanin stated that the gelding did not travel strongly at any stage of the race and that after receiving interference at about the 400 metres from VIVRE IS THE WORD shifting out, he was then held up thereafter and unable to obtain a clear run over the concluding stages. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have back soreness.

CONUNDRUM – Raced three wide throughout without cover, commenced to over race in the early stages.

HEWIE – Held up for a clear run from the 150 metres until the 50 metres. A warning was placed on the loading manners of the gelding.

PUMA – Raced three wide throughout.

VIVRE IS THE WORD – Shifted out near the 400 metres when not fully clear of BLONDE SUSPECT which had to be steadied by its rider. Rider S Tsaiikos was reprimanded under the provisions of AR131(a) for Careless riding in allowing his mount to shift wider when not fully clear.

BELLANIVE – Tightened after the start and lost its position.

ELUSIVE PRINCESS – Tightened at start between GOLDEN PROFIT and VIVRE IS THE WORD, raced wide throughout.

MISS PEBBLES – Carried wider near the 400 metres when BLONDE SUSPECT was carried wider and had to be steadied by its rider. Held up rounding the home turn and a major part of the home straight.

RACE 3 – MARGOT SMART CLASS 1 HCP - (1620 METRES)

Correct weight was delayed when A Darmanin lodged a protest against GEEGEEES HISWORD alleging interference near the 100 metres. After viewing the official patrol films and taking evidence from all parties Stewards dismissed the protest as they believed that although GEEGEEES HISWORD had shifted in near the 100 metres and had brushed with SOUTHERN WIND rider D Pires had stopped and straightened his mount and in doing so had lost ground. His mount then ran on again and at no stage did rider A Darmanin have to stop riding.

GEEGEEES HISWORD – Raced wide throughout, laid in near the 100 metres brushing with SOUTHERN WIND before being corrected by its rider.

BELMISTA – Laid in on the home turn and the again over the concluding stages.

LA LOUVE – Made the home turn awkwardly and shifted out to race wider in the home straight.

LAUNNIE NIGHTS – Tightened on the home turn when BELMISTA laid in.

SOUTHERN WIND – Brushed by GEEGEEES HISWORD near the 100 metres.

AUSSIE WARRIOR – Slow to muster early speed.

RACE 4 – ROD THIRKILL-JOHNSTON BM68 HCP– (1620 METRES)

ETHICAL DILEMMA – Checked at the start when tightened between NAMAABALE and NOT A BRASS RAZOO.

ROMARY – Shifted in on jumping crowding NAAMABALE in onto ETHICAL DILEMMA which lost its position.

NAMABAAL – Over raced near the 1200 metres.

O'REILLY MCLUKE – Over raced early stages, tightened on the home turn when MARIPOSA laid in.

ZEWINNA – Held up on the home turn.

ZEVA ROYALE – Shifted out on jumping crowding NOT A BRASS RAZOO onto ETHICAL DILEMMA.

NOT A BRASS RAZOO – Crowded at the start.

MARIPOSA – Raced wide early, laid in on the home turn crowding O'REILLY MCLUKE. Rider T Baker reported that the mare may have choked down. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no obvious abnormalities.

RACE 5 – LADBROKE IT! BM62 HCP – (1220 METRES)

COEUR DE LYON – Returning to racing after having Kissing Spine Surgery. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no obvious abnormalities.

TILTHEREWARSYOU – Fractious in barriers, underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed suitable to start. Trainer L Gray was advised that the mare must complete a satisfactory trial prior to racing again.

MOVE ON OVER – Slow to begin.

UPSET – Tightened on jumping, shifted wider near the 200 metres resulting in GEE GEE LANETT being carried wider and steadied momentarily by its rider. Rider H McCarthy was advised to exercise care.

PERKINS – Jumped awkwardly.

KOOKABURRA – Slow to begin, tailed the field throughout. Stewards will follow up with trainer.

RACE 6 – ALISON ARCHER BM64 HCP FILLIES & MARES – (1220 METRES)

GEE GEE QUEEN BEE – Jumped awkwardly and as a result was slow into stride.

EIGHT MARGARITAS – Bounded on jumping. Held up for a short distance from the 150 metres until the 100 metres.

FOUR LETTER WORD – Jumped awkwardly and as a result was slow into stride.

KLATTEN – Raced three wide throughout.

RACE 7 – S B FREELAN BM62 HCP – (1450 METRES)

THE MASTER SPEED – Raced three wide without cover.

MAARKLE – Over raced in the early stages and raced wide throughout.

ZULU ANGEL – Stewards spoke with rider D Pires on the below market performance. Rider D Pires stated that the gelding struggled throughout and that at the 500 metres he placed his mount under pressure, and it failed to respond to his riding. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no apparent abnormalities.

FANCIFUL FLYING – Rider L Riordan reported that the mare held its breath.

SWAB SAMPLES	
Pre-race blood samples:	R1 – TOUGH IMPACT, HER THOUGHTS R3 – SOUTHERN WIND R4 – O'REILLY McCLUKE (NZ), BLUSHED R5 – GEE GEE LANETT R6 – FOUR LETTER WORD R7 – MILITARY LAW
Pre-race urine samples:	NIL
Post-race samples:	R1 – ENCHANTED SPY R2 – GOLDEN PROPHET R3 – GEEGEE'S HISWORD R4 – ROMARY R5 – MOVE ON OVER R6 – GEE GEE QUEEN BEE R7 – MALEVOLENT
Suspensions:	NIL
Fines:	NIL
Reprimands:	R1 – L. RIORDAN - AR 131(a) Careless Riding R2 – S. TSAIKOS - AR 131(a) Careless Riding
Horse Warnings:	R2 – HEWIE Difficult to load.
Required to Trial:	R5 – TILTHEREWARSYOU - Fractious in barriers
Barred:	NIL
Follow up required: Vet Certificate	NIL
Tactics Notified:	NIL

ADDENDUM

Stewards concluded an inquiry into an incident at the Brighton Training Complex on the 30th September 2022.

Trainer Sarah Cotton was found guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR228 (b) - conduct detrimental to the interests of racing - improper conduct.

Particulars of the charge were that at the Brighton Training Complex on the 30th of September 2022. Ms S Cotton was the trainer in charge of a horse where her stable hand made contact to the rump of a horse with a piece of poly pipe when attempting to entice it to enter the track swimming pool. The Stewards noting that vision of the incident demonstrated that the contact made was of low impact.

Stablehand Ms Mel Cotton was found guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR228 (b) - conduct detrimental to the interests of racing – improper conduct.

Particulars of the charge were that at the Brighton Training Complex on the 30th September, 2022 Ms Mel Cotton made contact to a horse on the rump on a number of occasions trying to entice the horse to enter the pool using a piece of polypipe.

In assessing penalty, Stewards considered

1. The seriousness of the charges and the effect on the image of racing.

2. The need for penalties to serve as a general deterrent to illustrate to the entire racing industry that this type of activity will not be condoned and that the use of polypipe is not to be used to persuade horses into a pool or onto a treadmill.
3. Both Ms Sarah Cotton and Mel Cotton's previous clear records with respect to this, or similar offending.
4. Personal and professional circumstances
5. Purpose for issuing penalties as a protective measure for the integrity of the thoroughbred industry

Taking all relevant factors into consideration Ms Sarah Cotton and Ms Mel Cotton were fined \$400.00 with \$200.00 being suspended for two years subject to both not re-offending, this or similar rules, in that period.

The Stewards report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment.

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