

## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>TASMANIAN TROTTING CLUB</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>
<b>WEATHER</b>	<b>FINE</b>
<b>TRACK</b>	<b>GOOD</b>
<b>STEWARDS PANEL CHAIR</b>	N Finnigan
<b>PANEL</b>	R Brown B Hine (Data)
<b>CHECK IN/INSPECTIONS</b>	R Simpson A McDermott
<b>SWAB</b>	I Bray
<b>STARTER</b>	A Emery
<b>VETERNARIAN</b>	Dr M Buckerfield
<b>MEDCAL PROVIDER</b>	Medical Edge

### RACE 1 – LADBROKES BET TICKER PACE – 2090m Mobile

**OUR BETTER BRO** – Worked forward from the 1800, securing the lead approaching the 1300. Gave ground to be beaten in excess of 80 metres. A post-race Veterinary examination failed to find any obvious abnormalities. On questioning trainer W Yole expressed his disappointment with the performance of OUR BETTER BRO, informing Stewards he believed the horse would benefit with a let up. Stewards accepted the undertakings of trainer Yole, taking no further action other than to note the evidence as tendered.

*General: Stewards questioned L Dakin regarding his driving tactics on OUR BETTER BRO. driver Dakin stated that connections had instructed him to drive forward from the start, and once in a position two-back along the markers, and aware the leader MODERN JIVE had only been performing averagely at best of recent times he felt the lead was a clear possibility, so leaving the 1800 he pressed forward. Driver Dakin*

*added that on reaching the 1500, MODERN JIVE picked up the bit and began to over-race making the lead harder to secure, which took a further 200 metres. Finally, driver Dakin stated that on being pressed approaching the 1100 by TWILGHT ZONE, he felt the best option for OUR BETTER BRO, after taking longer than he wanted to find the lead, was to allow TWILGHT ZONE to take over the lead. Stewards noted the evidence as tended.*

## **RACE 2 – RACING CONNECT PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**SOUTHERN LUCK** – Shifted in marginally in the early stages of the home straight and then checked midway through the home straight in the run to the finish and broke gait when runners to its inside moved up the track.

**BETTEREXCLUSIVE NZ** – Positioned early outside the leader where it began to over-race, pushed forward from the 1600, racing to the lead. Shifted in on straightening for the run to the finish and when corrected by its driver shifted out toward SETTEBELLO, carrying that gelding out toward SOUTHERN LUCK.

**SETTEBELLO** – Inconvenienced when BETTEREXCLUSIVE shifted up the track carrying it out toward SOUTHERN LUCK, which itself had moved in marginally.

## **RACE 3 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 1609m Mobile**

**CRACK THE VAULT** – Raced up on the back of MESSERATI, contacting its sulky and racing roughly. It was noted prior to the incident CRACK THE VAULT had grabbed the bit when HAMMER DAN moved up on its outside as FLEETWOOD ROCK, which was leading the one-out line had given ground.

## **RACE 4 – CAVALOR EQUICARE PACE – 2090m Stand**

**SHARKATTACK** – Stood flat footed when the strands were released.

**VILLACCI** – Broke gait when tightened racing into the first turn, losing valuable ground resulting in the gelding trailing the field for the remainder of the event.

**DENWEN DANCER** – Fractious behind the barrier strands, requiring assistance from barrier staff.

**MODERN POWER** – Began well from the outside of the front line, challenging for, and securing the early lead near the 1900. Surrendered the lead in the middle stages. Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish. Dropped its near-side rein burr in the home straight in the run to the finish.

*General: Driver M Ford pled guilty to a charge of “crossing” down toward the markers with MODERN POWER when insufficiently clear of VILLACCI, causing that gelding to shorten stride and break gait. Stewards, after hearing submissions on penalty and referring to his recent poor driving record, as well as considering his guilty plea and the fact the incident occurred racing into the first turn, suspended Mr Ford’s licence to drive for four(4) Tasmanian race dates. Stewards stayed the imposition of the embargo until he completes his driving engagements at the Burnie Pacing Club on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 [AHR Rule 163(1)(a)(i)]*

### **RACE 5 – FEHLBERGS PRODUCE SPRINTLANE PACE – 1609m Mobile**

**KEEPERS IDEAL NZ** – Tended to over-race.

**SMOOTH IDEAL** – Broke gait midway through the home straight in the run to the finish, a warning was issued. Although no contact, general race movement may have contributed to the gelding becoming unbalanced.

**SOUTHPAW SLUGGER** – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

### **RACE 6 – SMITHAWARDS STAKES – 2090m Mobile**

**FREMONT STREET** – Hung in when under pressure late on the final turn resulting in its sulky wheel striking markers.

**STRAWBERRY BLING** – Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

**CLIFFHANGER** – Hung in on straightening for the run to the finish, locking wheels with SAPPHIRE GAMBLER.

**SAPPHIRE GAMBLER** – Inconvenience on straightening when CLIFFHANGER hung in, causing a locking of wheels.

**VELOCITY STRIDE** – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after giving ground, ultimately beaten in excess of 70 metres. It was noted VELOCITY STRIDE had a tendency to over-race and pull hard in the early and middle stages.

### **RACE 7 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**IDEN ELIZA JANE** – Shifted ground sharply after the start checking a number of runners. Raced on one rein throughout. Shifted ground racing into the first turn again inconveniencing other runners. Gave ground

over the final 1000 metres to be beaten in excess of 230 metres. A post-race Veterinary examination failed to detect any adverse findings. On questioning trainer/driver could offer no excuses for IDEN ELIZA JANE, suggesting a re-evaluation of the filly's racing programme may be required, Stewards deemed the performed of IDEN ELIZA JANE well below the required standard and as such stood the filly down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial, in addition IDEN ELIZA JANE will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events.

**KOZACZYNSKI** – Checked after the start when IDEN ELIZA JANE shifted ground.

**MY TANYA LEE** – Inconvenienced after the start when IDEN ELIZA JANE shifted ground. Carried a flat off-side sulky tyre from the 400. Placed on its last chance to race competitively after giving ground to be beaten in excess of 140 metres. Stewards in assessing, were mindful of MY TANYA LEE carrying the flat tyre, but also aware that the mare was under pressure before the incident.

**BK WINDERMERE NZ** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw after racing roughly after the start, ultimately breaking gait. Contacted the sulky wheel of MY TANYA LEE as it was giving ground. As a result of this incident MY TANYA LEE carried a flat off-side tyre from the 400.

**HORATIUS SPECULO** – Placed on its last chance to race truly after shifting ground approaching the 900. This incident resulted in HORATIUS SPECULO contacting the sulky of IDEN ELIZA JANE, before breaking gait.

**BOLT YOUR SOCKS ON** – Inconvenienced after the start when IDEN ELIZA JANE shifted ground. Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 650 metres. As BOLT YOUR SOCKS ON had been given a final warning at its most recent start, Stewards stood the gelding down from racing until satisfactorily completing one qualifying trial.

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***Supplementary: PLATONIC MISS - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025***

*At the request of connections, Stewards reviewed their decision to place PLATONIC MISS on its last chance to race competitively after it competed in Race 2 at the Tasmanian Trotting Club's meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025. On review Stewards confirmed their decision noting PLATONIC MISS was under pressure leaving the 800, with driver Paul Williams releasing ear plugs shortly after in an attempt to keep the filly competitive, which ultimately had little effect.*

*Stewards did note however that PLATONIC MISS did receive some interference at or about the 600, but the filly was at the time losing ground and continued to do so for the remainder of the event, ultimately beaten 88.2 metres.*

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## RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
SUSPENSIONS: 1	4	Mitch FORD; "Crossing" – 4 Tasmanian Race Dates	163(1)(a)(i)
FINES: 0		NIL	
REPRIMANDS: 0		NIL	
HORSE ACTIONS:	7	IDEN ELIZA JANE; Caused interference after start – ODM	
	7	IDEN ELIZA JANE; Unacceptable Performance – Stood Down 1 Trial	
	7	BOLT YOUR SOCKS ON; Repeated Poor Performance – Stood Down 1 Trial	
PRE-RACE SWABS: 4	1	YAPPAS COURAGE	
	4	SHARKATTACK	
	5	KEEPERS IDEAL	
	6	TWILIGHT BEACH	
POST RACE SWABS: 7		ALL WINNERS	
POST RACE TCO2: 0		NIL	
FOLLOW UPS: 0		NIL	
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES: 0		NIL	