

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Tasmanian Turf Club
Date:	Wednesday, 26 th February 2025
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Soft 5 – track upgraded to a Good 4 @ 1:41pm
Penetrometer:	4.58
Rail Position:	+3m Entire
Stewards Panel:	Mr. Z Turner (Chair), Mr. M Castillo (panel), Mr. D Tyson (panel), Mr. G Griffin (front yard), Ms. A Norgrove (backyard) Miss. E Morice-Smith (swabbing), Miss. B Hine (swabbing), Mr. A McDermott (swabbing)
Officials:	Dr E Bates and Medical Edge (raceday medical providers), Mr. R Blackwell and Ms. I Collier (veterinarian), Mrs. Carol Brydon (scales), Mr. D Evans (starter), Mr. A Collins (assistant starter)

Riding Changes / Jockey Information

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced by	Reason
2	TROTSKY		Hayley McCarthy	Emergency gained a start

Comments / Explanations:

Friday, 21st February 2025 – Launceston Race 4

Stewards resumed an inquiry which was opened and adjourned on Friday, 21st February into the tactics adopted upon QUEEN OF MALWA in Race 4. Evidence was taken on the day from Trainer J Keys and rider C Newitt who stated that at approximately the 400 metres he had ridden his mount along in order to improve its position, however it did not let down as he expected. He added that on entering the home straight BUNKER BOB shifted out slightly and in his view was going to continue to shift out and impede his running. He further added for this reason he elected to take hold of his mount to avoid the potential interference. Stewards noted on viewing the films shortly after this BUNKER BOB did shift out slightly closing the run. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare was lame in the near fore leg. After considering all the evidence Stewards believed Jockey Newitt was not culpable under the rules, nevertheless he was advised to ensure that he rides all his mounts in such a manner that leaves no room for query.

RACE 1 – 12:47PM – LAFM Maiden - (1400 METRES)

- 1 ARCADE BOY** Raced wide without cover throughout.
- 4 CALLED THROUGH** Was slow to begin.
- 9 LYRICAL NANOHA** On jumping away was momentarily tightened for room between VOSTOK STATION which shifted out slightly away from TIGERS ON TOP and ARCADE BOY which shifted in.
- 12 TIGERS ON TOP** Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination on arrival at the barriers and was cleared to race.
- 13 WANNABE ZIGGY** Raced wide in the early stages before being allowed to stride forward and obtain the position outside of the leader DIESEL'S SUNSHINE near the 1000 metres. Rider C Newitt reported that from the wide barrier he had to make use of the mare in the early stages to take up a forward position. He added once obtaining the position outside of the leader the mare was one paced, proved disappointing and in his opinion may have come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any significant abnormalities.
- 14 STAR PERFORMER** Near the 1200 metres, when shifting in to take up a position on the running rail, was inclined to lay in for a short distance.
- 15 GEEGEES BIG BIRD** Near the 1000 metres was brushed by ARCADE BOY which shifted in. Stewards questioned Jockey K Boxall in regard to her riding in the home straight, in particular her vigour. Jockey Boxall stated that she had ridden GEEGEES BIG BIRD at its most recent starts and in her opinion the gelding had resented the whip on occasions and as such she had formed the opinion that the gelding performs better when encouraged riding predominantly hands and heels. She added in the home straight the gelding was making ground under hands and heels riding, however near the 150 metres had to be corrected when GEEGEES BIG BIRD was reluctant to improve into a run between MISS PRIVATE and WANNAGE ZIGGY. She further added that once obtaining that run GEEGEES BIG BIRD finished the race off well again under hands and heels riding. After considering all the evidence, whilst the Stewards noted the explanation of Jockey Boxall on this occasion, she was nevertheless reminded to always ride her mounts in a manner which leaves no room for query.

RACE 2 – 1:22PM – Sporties Hotel Maiden - (1200 METRES)

- 1 ARROWED** Proved difficult to load. Trainer Mrs A Fulton was advised that a warning has been placed on the gelding in regards to its barrier manners. Near the 600 metres, when inclined to lay in, shifted in abruptly before being corrected by its rider.
- 6 TOORAK LAD** On jumping away bumped with HEART OF PARIS. Raced wide with cover throughout.

- 7 HEART OF PARIS** Bumped with TOORAK LAD on jumping away. Raced ungenerously during the early and middle stages and proved difficult to settle. Approaching the 600 metres momentarily raced in restricted room to the inside of ARROWED, which when inclined to lay in shifted in abruptly before being corrected by its rider. As Stewards deemed this a racing incident no further action was taken.
- 8 I'VE BEEN DREAMING** On jumping away was inconvenienced by DUBAI AFFAIR which shifted out.
- 11 BILLIE THE GREAT** Raced wide without cover throughout.
- 12 DUBAI AFFAIR** Shifted out on jumping away inconveniencing BILLIE THE GREAT. Near the 50 metres shifted in under pressure and had to be corrected by its rider.
- 13 ICE CRYSTAL** Rounding the home turn, when inclined to hang out, had to be eased when awkwardly placed on the heels of DUBAI AFFAIR which at the same time shifted in slightly .
- 16 TROTSKY** Leaving the 400 metres was held up and was unable to establish clear running until near the 150 metres.
- 17 MAJESTIC MOLLY** In the early stages was inclined to race fiercely with its head up and proved difficult to settle. Approaching the 600 metres was eased when awkwardly placed on the heels of HEART OF PARIS. Near the 400 metres was held up and was unable to establish clearing running until near the 100 metres.

Jockey T Baker, the rider of MAJESTIC MOLLY, was found guilty of a charge under AR131(b), in that over the final 100 metres he failed to ride MAJESTIC MOLLY out to the end of the race, resulting in MAJESTIC MOLLY going to the line without being fully tested. Jockey Baker was fined the sum of \$200. In determining penalty, the Stewards took into account his riding record and all mitigating factors.

RACE 3 – 1:57PM – Bonney Energy Gold Sovereign Stakes - (1200 METRES)

- 1 WOLF JUNIOR** Raced greenly in the early stages. Rider K Sanderson reported that his mount never travelled comfortably during the race. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any significant abnormalities.
- 2 STREETFIGHTER VEGA** On jumping away bumped with ZANY GIRL and then shifted in and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of VICTORY TUNE.
- 4 ZANY GIRL** Tightened for room on jumping away between STREETFIGHTER VEGA and TAROONA both of shifted ground. Near the 900 metres was momentarily eased when racing in restricted room to the inside of TAROONA which shifted in slightly. Apprentice C Wells, the rider of TAROONA, was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.
- 7 TAROONA** Raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 4 – 2:32PM – City of Launceston Royal Rambo - (1200 METRES)

- 1 GEEGEEES GEMSTONE** Jumped away awkwardly. In the early stages of the home straight was inclined to lay in under pressure. Rider A Darmanin was unable to offer any tangible explanation for the geldings performance other than his mount was inclined to lay in under pressure and in his opinion has come to the end of its preparation. Trainer S Gandy reported that the gelding would now be sent for a spell. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be suffering from atrial fibrillation. Trainer Mr S Gandy was advised that GEEGEEES GEMSTONE will not be permitted to start in a race, official trial or jump-out until the Stewards have received a satisfactory report from a qualified veterinary surgeon which includes the results of (a) an electrocardiography (ECG) of more than 60 seconds duration performed by that veterinarian whilst the horse is at rest and (b) a cardiac auscultation performed by that veterinarian within 15 minutes of the horse completing a satisfactory gallop of at least 1000m.
- 4 BELLO BEAU** Rider D Lane reported that the gelding travelled well throughout however did not respond to his riding when placed under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any significant abnormalities.
- 5 TONY NICCONI** Raced wide and fiercely for the majority of the race. Rounding the home turn was inconvenienced when momentarily racing in restricted room to the inside of ETOSHA, which when inclined to hang out, then shifted in slightly.
- 9 ETOSHA** Rounding the home turn was inclined to hang out and as a result TONY NICCONI was able to improve into a run to its inside.

RACE 5 – 3:07PM – PFD Food Services 3YO Classic - (1200 METRES)

- 1 MAGNAPRIME** Near the 1000 metres when inclined to over race, was inconvenienced by MASTRETTA, which when racing fiercely on the heels of SNOWDONIA shifted out. Rider M Zahra reported that from the wide barrier he was instructed to ride the gelding conservatively with cover should circumstances permit. He added that due to the slow tempo of the race in the early stages, his mount settled further back than he had anticipated. He further added that in his opinion the tempo of today's race contributed to the performance. Trainer Mr A Trinder confirmed the instructions and stated that he envisaged that the gelding would be ridden similar to its most recent start (Race 4 Hobart 7th February) where it settled towards the rear of the field albeit in a small field. Stewards noted both explanations, however reminded Mr Trinder of his obligations that he is to notify the Stewards of any significant change in riding tactics. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any significant abnormalities.
- 2 MS TASMANIA** Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Near the 600 metres when continuing to race fiercely, raced up onto the heels of FIRST LINE and was steadied outwards.

- 3 MASTRETTA** Leaving the 1000 metres when the pace of the race steadied, raced fiercely on the heels of SNOWDONIA and shifted out inconveniencing MANGAPRIME. As stewards deemed this a racing incident no action was taken. For some distance thereafter continued to race ungenerously and proved difficult to settle. Over the concluding stages hung in and had to be corrected by its rider.
- 4 DANCING WOLF** A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any significant abnormalities.
- 5 FIRST LINE** Near the 50 metres shifted out slightly under pressure and was eased away from the heels of LADY GALADRIEL which at the same time shifted in slightly.
- 6 WILD NIGHTS** Bounded on jumping away. Shortly after the start was eased when tightened for room between MASTRETTA and SNOWDONIA which was inclined to lay out and away from FIRST LINE which in turn shifted out slightly. Leaving the 1000 metres when the pace of the race steadied, raced ungenerously close to the heels of SNOWDONIA and had to be steadied. As Stewards deemed this a racing incident no action was taken. Continued to race ungenerously for some distance thereafter.
- 8 LADY GALADRIEL** Near the 600 metres raced up onto the heels of DANCING WOLF and had to be steadied. Was held up rounding the home turn.
- 9 SMIFFY** Leaving the 1000 metres when the pace of the race steadied, momentarily raced in restricted room and had to be steadied to the inside of WILD NIGHTS which when racing ungenerously close to the heels of SNOWDONIA, shifted in slightly. As Stewards deemed this a racing incident no action was taken.

RACE 6 – 3:44PM – Ladbrokes Community Sports Series BM64 Hcp - (2100 METRES)

- 2 DANTES (NZ)** Raced wide with cover throughout.
- 4 HAPPY CLAN** Was resaddled behind the barriers. Over the concluding stages had to be steadied when disappointed for a run between MONTEZULU and MONTE FLEUR both of which shifted ground.
- 5 SWOOP THERE IT IS** On jumping away was bumped by GIRLS CLUB which shifted in after jumping away awkwardly.
- 7 LINDRUM** Leaving the winning post on the first occasion momentarily raced in restricted room between MISS NIAGARA (NZ) and KAY OH ELL (NZ).
- 8 OZTURK** Approaching the 100 metres shifted out under pressure.
- 9 RAFAEL'S RAID** Jumped away awkwardly and for a short distance after the start was inclined to lay in. Raced wide without cover throughout.
- 10 EAGLE STREET** Was marginally slow to begin and was then tightened for room between KAY OH ELL (NZ) and PENNINE which shifted out slightly. Raced wide with cover throughout.

- 11 MONTE FLEUR** Raced wide with cover throughout.
- 13 CO ACCUSED** Was held up rounding the home turn.
- 14 MISS NIAGARA (NZ)** Rounding the home turn was held up on the heels of GIRLS CLUB which shifted in under pressure. On entering the home straight was disappointed for a run between GIRLS CLUB and KAY OH ELL (NZ). Was then shifted to the outside of KAY OH ELL (NZ) to establish clear running.
- 15 GIRLS CLUB** Jumped away awkwardly, shifted in and bumped SWOOP THERE IT IS. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any significant abnormalities.

RACE 7 – 4:19PM – Country Club Tasmania Vamos Stakes - (1400 METRES)

- 2 DAZZLING LUCY** On jumping away was bumped by PEROLA.
- 4 IN HER STRIDE** Was held up rounding the home turn.
- 5 GEE GEE ENUF SPEED** Raced ungenerously during the early and middle stages. Raced wide without cover throughout.
- 9 STONE COLD STUNNER** Raced wide with cover throughout.
- 10 LOVIN' BEV** Raced wide without cover from the 600 metres.
- 11 PEROLA** On jumping away bumped with DAZZLING LUCY. Raced fiercely in the middle stages.
- 12 GLOBAL AWARENESS** Was tightened for room on jumping away between JAGUAR STONE and ZEWINNA which shifted in slightly.
- 13 GEEGEE'S MISTRUTH** Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Jockey L Annells, the rider of LOVIN BEV, pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that she used her whip on ten (10) occasions prior to the 100 metres, four (5) more than permitted under the rules. Jockey Annells was fined the sum of \$200. In determining penalty, the stewards took into consideration Jockey Annells guilty plea, her disciplinary history and the totality of her whip use. Jockey Annells was advised of her rights of appeal.

RACE 8 – 4:54PM – Ladbrokes Launceston Cup - (2400 METRES)

Trainer Mr J Keys pleaded guilty to a charge under AR106(1) in that runners under his care, namely ALHAMBRA LAD (NZ), TRAVELLING GIGOLO and MOVEFORLEX, were presented to race with the incorrect saddles. As a result, the riders of the horses ALHAMBRA LAD (NZ), TRAVELLING GIGOLO and MOVEFORLEX had to reweigh which caused a delay to the start. Mr Keys was fined the sum of \$300. In determining penalty, the Stewards took into account Mr Keys guilty plea, his disciplinary history and all mitigating factors. Mr Keys was advised of his rights of appeal.

1 PROMISES KEPT	Leaving the 200 metres was brushed by KALI UWAA FALLS (NZ) which shifted out under pressure. In this incident Jockey M Zahra was accidentally struck by the whip of the rider of KALI UWAA FALLS (NZ).
4 KALI UWAA FALLS (NZ)	Raced wide in the early stages before being allowed to stride forward and obtain the lead position leaving the winning post on the first occasion. Leaving the 200 metres shifted out under pressure and brushed with PROMISES KEPT. During this incident the whip of KALI UWAA FALLS (NZ) made accidental contact with Jockey M Zahra (PROMISES KEPT). A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the right foreleg. Trainer I Miller was advised that the gelding will not be permitted to race until such time that a veterinary clearance has been produced.
5 ASHY BOY	On jumping away bumped with KALI UWAA FALLS (NZ). Raced wide without cover throughout.
6 ASVA (NZ)	Raced fiercely in the early stages and near the 2200 metres, when continuing to race fiercely, had to be steadied away from the heels of PROMISES KEPT which shifted out slightly after being crossed by MOVEFORLEX. For some distance thereafter continued to race ungenerously. As Stewards deemed this a racing incident no action was taken.
7 TRAVELLING GIGOLO	Near the 400 metres improved quickly and was eased when disappointed for a run to the inside of MOVEFORLEX, which when initially clear to shift ground, shifted in when yielding ground. As Stewards deemed this a racing incident no action was taken.
8 DISTRUSTFUL AWARD	Was slow to begin and was then slow into stride. Jockey A Darmanin was issued a reprimand under the provisions of AR131(c) for making a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post.
9 PURE GRUNT	Raced wide with cover throughout.
10 MOVEFORLEX	A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any significant abnormalities.

RACE 9 – 5:29PM – Steve’s Liquor Hellova Street Stakes - (1600 METRES)

1 THE INEVITABLE	Near the 500 metres sustained a fracture of the right shoulder, was quickly attended to by the on-course veterinarians and was humanely euthanized.
4 INDISPENSABLE	Was inclined to lay in under pressure in the home straight.
5 ALPINE WOLF	A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any significant abnormalities other than minor skin abrasions to its near hindleg.

6 DURAZZO Was inclined to lay in under pressure in the home straight.

7 SAILOR (NZ) Near the 500 metres was severely checked and clipped the heels of THE INEVITABLE which lost ground quickly after sustaining a fracture of the right shoulder. As a result SAILOR (NZ) lost significant ground was then eased out of the race. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any significant abnormalities.

9 CARTOON GRAVEYARD Raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 10 – 6:05PM – Shedcorp Tas BM64 Hcp - (1200 METRES)

The declaration of correct weight was delayed to allow Jockey D Lane, the rider of third placegetter GEE GEES ME BOY, and its Trainer Mr S Gandy to view the official judges photo. After viewing the photo both D Lane and Mr S Gandy were satisfied with the placings and correct weight was then declared on the numbers semaphored by the Judge.

1 FREAK ON A LEAD Raced wide without cover throughout.

2 WHEELING Cast a hind plate enroute to the races. Was unable to be reshod by the oncourse farrier who then removed the remaining hind plate. Trainer Mr G McCulloch was given permission for the gelding to race barefooted behind. Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was cleared to race.

3 ETHICAL DILEMMA Raced wide without cover from the 600 metres and was inclined to lay out rounding the home turn.

5 GEE GEES ME BOY Shifted out on jumping away and brushed with ETHICAL DILEMMA becoming slightly unbalanced. Was inclined to lay out rounding the home turn.

9 RALPH THE ROCKET Jumped away awkwardly and lost ground.

SUMMARY	
Pre-race Blood Samples:	R1 – HARTFELT, DIESEL’S SUNSHINE R4 – TONY NICCONI, IN THE OCEAN R5 – MS TASMANIA, MASTRETTA R6 – DANTES (NZ), PENNINE, HAPPY CLAN, MONTEZULU, LINDRUM, OZTURK, MONTE FLEUR R7 – DAZZLING LUCY, ALVARINHO R8 – PROMISES KEPT, STRAWBERRY ROCK (IRE), ALHAMBRA LAD (NZ), KALIUWWA FALLS (NZ), ASHY BOY, ASVA (NZ), TRAVELLING GIGOLO, DISTRUSTFUL AWARD, PURE GRUNT, MOVEFORLEX, ZULU ANGEL R9 – THE INEVITABLE, MUNHAMEK (GB)
Post-race Samples:	R1 - HARTFELT R2 – PEAK A BOOM R3 – SANNIYA, CRACK THE SHUTTERS R4 – AND BEYOND R5 – LADY GALADRIEL R6 – DANTES (NZ) R7 - GEEGEE’S MISTRUTH, JAGUAR STONE R8 – DISTRUSTFUL AWARD, PROMISES KEPT, KALIUWWA FALLS (NZ) R9 – DURAZZO, FIRST ACCUSED R10 – TURK BOY
Fines:	R3 – AR131(b) \$200 – Jockey T Baker R7 – AR132(7)(a)(ii) \$200 - Jockey L Annells R8 – AR106(1) \$300 – Trainer J Keys
Reprimands:	R8 - AR131(c) – Jockey A Darmanin
Horse Warnings:	R1 – ARROWED – barrier manners
Required to Trial:	R8 – KALIUWAA FALLS (NZ) – SDVC
Follow-up required: Vet Certificate	<i>Friday 21st February 2025 – Launceston R4 – QUEEN OF MALWA – SDVC</i>

GENERAL

ADDENDUM

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

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