

# Tasracing Integrity Unit

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## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>CLUB</b>	LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB	
<b>DATE</b>	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	
<b>WEATHER</b>	Fine	
<b>TRACK</b>	Good	
<b>STEWARDS PANEL</b>	CHAIR	N Finnigan
	PANEL	R Brown B Hine
	CHECK IN/INSPECTIONS	G Griffin C Ellson
	SWAB	A McDermott
	STARTER	A Emery
	VETERINARIAN	Dr R Blackwell
	MEDICAL PROVIDER	Medical Edge

### RACE 1 – LADBROKES 2 YEAR OLD – 1680m Mobile

*No Racing Incidents*

### RACE 2 – EASTER CUP RACE MEETING SATURDAY 19 APRIL STAKES – 2200m Mobile

**General:** Trainer T Langley was reprimanded for presenting MIDNIGHT DANCER to race not in its registered gear [AHR Rule 273(6)(a)].

**General:** Trainer T Rattray was reprimanded for presenting MORRIS BROWN to race not in its registered gear [AHR Rule 273(6)(a)].

**General:** Driver M Ford was reprimanded for travelling too close with JUSTIFY, when trailing the leader MORRIS BROWN (L Dakin). This resulted in driver Dakin's helmet being pushed forward, requiring adjustment mid-race. Stewards also noted that JUSTIFY struck the sulky wheel of MORRIS BROWN early on the first turn, driver Ford was given the benefit of the doubt as to whether he was fully responsible for this incident [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

**General:** Driver L Dakin was reminded of his obligations with regard to thrusting his head backwards toward a trailing horse during the run. Stewards took no action other than to note the circumstances.

### **RACE 3 – EMERY LAWCARE PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**NORMANS GIRL** – Driver T Rattray reported he completed the event with a flat tyre.

**PARTY BLAZE** – Sulky contacted by KING BART approaching the first turn.

**KING BART** – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after hanging in, and breaking gait after the start of the event. KING BART hung in again approaching the first turn, contacting the sulky of PARTY BLAZE, and dropping a tendon boot in the process. A veterinary examination post-race revealed a laceration to the near fore leg, the wound was dressed and the trainer advised to seek further attention.

**MCMAHYEM** – First registered race start. Broke gait near the 1000, the colt was placed on its last chance to race truly. Raced wide in the latter stages of the event.

**VINCENTS RAINBOW** – Checked and broke gait near the 600 metres.

**TASSIE DAZZLER** – Will continue to be excluded from the draw after failing to begin in the required manner.

**General:** Stewards inquired into an incident near the 600 metres, in which VINCENTS RAINBOW (D Ford) broke gait. At the inquiry, it was ascertained that driver D Ford (VINCENTS RAINBOW) had eased KING BART (P Dornauf) wider shortly after entering the back straight on the final occasion. Driver Dornauf, after being eased wider, has tried to hold his position, however in doing so, he has steered his horse back down and contacted the sulky of VINCENTS RAINBOW, causing that gelding to break gait. Stewards, after

*considering the evidence tended, reviewing the official race footage and their own observations, were of the view driver Dornauf had lost his position and his own actions resulted in VINCENTS RAINBOW breaking gait, hence driver Dornauf was charged for causing interference to VINCENTS RAINBOW due to him driving down over the top of that gelding, which caused it to break gait. Stewards after considering driver Dornauf's good driving record suspended his license to drive for two (2) Tasmanian race dates [AHR Rule 163(1)(a)(iii)].*

#### **RACE 4 – EGG ISLAND HILLWOOD PACE – 1680m Mobile**

**General:** *Trainer S Lukac was reprimanded for presenting KERALA STAR NZ to race without a throat lash. [AHR Rule 273(3)(c)]*

#### **RACE 5 – HILLWOOD SHARKS FOOTBALL CLUB STAKES – 1680m Mobile**

**General:** *Trainer R Hillier was reprimanded for presenting TRIEDTOTELLYA to race not in its registered gear [AHR Rule 273(6)(a)].*

#### **RACE 6 – PEARCE FAMILY HILLWOOD PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**ENSTEIN** – Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 110 metres. ENSTIEN was stood down until the completion of one (1) satisfactory qualifying trial.

**ARDEN ROANOKE NZ** – Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 100 metres. ARDEN ROANOKE NZ, based on its recent race record, was stood down to the completion of two (2) satisfactory qualifying trials.

**SOUTHPAW SLUGGER** – To be reinstated in the draw for future mobile start events after satisfying re-inclusion requirements.

#### **RACE 7 – HILLWOOD BERRIES TASMANIA STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**NATIONAL NEWS** – Checked by the galloping SERENGETI SUNRISE, and broke gait. Sulky contacted by KILARNEY DANCE NZ.

**KILLARNEY DANCE NZ** – Checked by the galloping NATIONAL NEWS, resulting in contact to the sulky of that gelding.

**SERENGETI SUNRISE** – Will continue to be excluded from mobile draws after failing to begin in the required manner. Broke gait free of interference approaching the 1100 metres, and as such will be stood down from racing until the completion of one (1) satisfactory stewards trial.

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## Supplementary – Race-Day Stall Incident Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

Stewards finalised their inquiries into an alleged incident in the race-day stalls on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 involving licencees Rohan Hillier and Mitch Ford. Stewards, after considering the evidence tendered and referring to the CCTV footage of the race-day stalls, charged Rohan Hillier under the provisions of AHR Rule 231(2), for misconducting himself by approaching Mitch Ford in an intimidatory manner taking up his personal space in search of clarification as to what he allegedly said after the running of Race 6. Mr Hillier pled guilty to the charge and Stewards on considering all before them, including Mr Hillier's offence record, issued a fully suspended suspension of his trainers and drivers licences for a period of three(3) months, pending any other conduct issues. Further, Stewards invoked a suspended \$1000 fine imposed in April 2023. Stewards also issued a direction to Mitch Ford that he is not to speak on the track and to expect Stewards to take action should he fail to adhere to this direction.

### RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
<b>SUSPENSIONS:</b>	3	Dornauf P; Causing Interference – 2 Tas Race Dates	163(1)(a)(iii)
	23.02.25	Hillier R; 3 Month Tr/Dr (fully suspended)	231(2)
<b>FINES:</b>	N/A	Hillier R; Invoked fine from April 2023 – \$1000	243
<b>REPRIMANDS:</b>	2	Ratray T; Present Horse with Incorrect Gear	273(6)(a)
	2	Langley T; Present Horse with Incorrect Gear	273(6)(a)
	2	Ford M; Careless Driving – Trail Too Close	168(1)(a)
	4	Crook C; Present Horse with Incorrect Gear	273(6)(a)
	4	Lukac S; Present Horse Not Wearing Throatlash	273(3)(c)
	5	Hillier R; Present Horse with Incorrect Gear	273(6)(a)
	5	Davis S; Present Horse with Incorrect Gear	273(6)(a)
<b>HORSE ACTIONS:</b>	5	KING BART; Hung In and Broke After Start – ODM	
	6	ENSTEIN; Repeated Poor Performance – SD 1 Trial	
	6	ARDEN ROANOKE NZ; Repeated Poor Performance – SD 2 Trials	
	6	SOUTHPAW SLUGGER; Back in Mobile Draw – BMD	

	7	SERENGETI SUNRISE; Broke gait in running – SD 1 Trial	
<b>PRE-RACE SWABS: 4</b>	2	MORRIS BROWN	
	3	FRANCO VAI NZ	
	4	PARK LANE NZ	
	6	KEEPERS IDEAL NZ	
<b>POST RACE SWABS: 7</b>		ALL WINNERS	
<b>POST RACE TCO2:</b>		NIL	
<b>FOLLOW UPS:</b>		NIL	
<b>ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES:</b>		NIL	

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