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## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>		
<b>WEATHER</b>	<b>Fine</b>		
<b>TRACK</b>	<b>Good</b>		
<b>STEWARDS PANEL</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	N Finnigan	
	<b>PANEL</b>	R Brown    B Hine	
	<b>CHECK IN/INSPECTIONS</b>	B Hine    R Simpson    L Shutlar	
	<b>SWAB</b>	A McDermott	
	<b>STARTER</b>	A Emery	
	<b>VETERNARIAN</b>	Dr R Blackwell	
	<b>MEDCAL PROVIDER</b>	Medical Edge	

**General:** Horse handlers and drivers at tonight's meeting were subjected to drug screening.

### **RACE 1 – BE AT THE EASTER CUP SATURDAY 19 APRIL PACE – 1680m    Mobile**

*No Racing Incidents*

### **RACE 2 – THE BOTTLE-O HADSPEN PACE – 1680m    Mobile**

**General:** The start of this race was delayed approximately 2 minutes due to the need of a sulky change on SPORTS WRACK and the fitting of deafener release cord to the club sulky.

**GOBSMACKED** – Completed the event with a broken off-side hopple connecting strap.

**COOLANDCOLLECT** – Contacted the sulky of MUCHO MOVER approaching the 400.

**MUCHO MOVER** – Sulky wheel contacted approaching the 400, resulting in the near-side tyre deflating.

***General:** Stewards questioned Driver M Yole into the reason why, approaching the 400, COOLANDCOLLECT struck the sulky of MUCHO MOVER. On hearing the evidence supplied my driver Yole, Stewards gave him the benefit of the doubt as an incident ahead had stalled the momentum of MUCHO MOVER, impacting the running line of COOLANDCOLLECT.*

### **RACE 3 – LADBROKES SAME RACE MULTI STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**PARK LANE NZ** – Hung out throughout the event. Although appearing to be under some pressure leaving the 500, ran on well over the concluding stages, securing third position.

### **RACE 4 – VICTORY IMAGES PHOTOGRAPHY PACE – 2200m Mobile**

***General:** Drivers D Ford and L Dakin were both reprimanded for failing to have their respective horses in position prior to the start being effected. [AHR Rule 162(1)(h)]*

### **RACE 5 – LADBROKES EASTER CUP HEAT ONE PACE – 2698m Stand**

***General:** The start of this race was delayed approximately 2 minutes due to HELLUVA NZ becoming fractious, rearing at times, which finally resulted in the sulky shafts resting over the gelding's rump.*

**KEAYANG FITZY** – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under standing start conditions, after failing to begin in the required manner.

**ANGUS INDIANA** – Stood flat footed when the strands were released, before swinging sideways. Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under standing start conditions, after failing to begin in the required manner. Failed to respond when placed under continuous pressure from the 1000 metres.

**HELLUVA NZ** – Fractious before the start of the event, rearing multiple times and barging forwards, before galloping out of the barrier at the start. Will be excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to satisfy standing start requirements after being called forward by the starter and beginning poorly.

**FLEETWOOD ROCK** – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

**HOT DEAL** – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under standing start conditions, after failing to begin in the required manner.

**General:** *Stewards questioned driver R Backhouse regarding his whip use. Of particular concern to Stewards was the continuous manner he used the whip on ANGUS INDIANA, throughout the event, particularly over the final 1000 metres. Stewards, after taking evidence from Driver Backhouse and reviewing the official race footage, charged driver Backhouse for using his whip in an unapproved manner. Of particular concern to Stewards was the fact that ANGUS INDIANA was not visibly responding to the whip use, was not in contention nor could it maintain or improve its position. Stewards after hearing submissions on penalty and referring to driver Backhouse's record, suspended his licence to drive for two Tasmanian race dates. At the request of driver Backhouse, Stewards stayed the imposition of penalty until he completes his driving engagements at Mildura on Wednesday 16 April, 2025 [AHR Rule 156(3)].*

#### **RACE 6 – LEE ORCHRAD STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**MAJOR LESTER** – Contacted the back of CAN FEEL THE FURY NZ's sulky on two(2) occasions approaching the 400, inconveniencing its driver, J Duggan. Shortly after locked wheels with CAN FEEL THE FURY NZ after racing up on its outside.

**General:** *Stewards questioned Driver M Ford regarding the contact to the sulky CAN FEEL THE FURY NZ and the inconveniencing of driver Duggan. Driver Ford stated the easing pace of the race in the middle stages had impacted his horse, as well as racing up on the bit near the 500 when another runner moved to his outside. Stewards, however, could not accept driver Ford's explanation and were more of the view that by driving in a long rein, he was unable to avoid contact with CAN FEEL THE FURY NZ. Stewards, after considering Driver Ford's evidence and reviewing the official race footage, fined Driver Ford \$100 for carelessly allowing MAJOR LESTER to race up on the back of Driver J Duggan. [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)]*

*Stewards also inquired into the locking of wheels near the 350, Stewards on this occasion gave driver Ford the benefit of the doubt as MAJOR LESTER was in restricted room and tended to race on one rein as a result.*

#### **RACE 7 – LADBROKES EASTER CUP HEAT TWO PACE – 2698m Stand**

**General:** *The start of this race was delayed approximately 2 minutes due to MAGNETIC TERROR NZ becoming fractious, with the gelding kicking out resulting in its off-hind leg becoming caught up in its hobbles.*

**VANQUISH STRIDE NZ** – Placed on its last chance in the draw for events conducted under standing start conditions, after failing to begin in the required manner.

**WATERMELON SUGAR NZ** – Excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner, specifically galloping excessively after the start, with the result being effectively taking no competitive part in the event.

**DIAMONDS N CASH NZ** – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under standing start conditions, after failing to begin in the required manner. Tailed the field for the remainder of the event.

**ALL BY MYSELF NZ** – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions, after failing to begin in the required manner.

**MAGNETIC TERROR NZ** – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to satisfy re-inclusion requirements, by delaying the start, and then galloping out when the strands were released.

#### **RACE 8 – EASTER CUP MEETING SATURDAY 19 APRIL STAKES – 1680m Mobile**

***General:** Stewards questioned trainer Freddy Taiba's representative Mr Ben Said, prior to the race meeting, regarding the early support for AISHABEACH, which after opening today at \$61, before the scheduled start of race one was quoted at \$7. Mr Said informed Stewards that AISHABEACH has had a history of striking its knee badly, but of recent times this has not been an issue, adding that before landing in Tasmania the gelding had worked well at home. Mr Said finally added that AISHABEACH has always had the potential but has not shown it in its races due to ongoing issues, but expected a good showing leading into the race. Stewards were aware of the small pool of investment at the time of questioning.*

**AISHABEACH** – Raced roughly after the start, before blundering and breaking gait on entering the first turn. A post-race veterinary examination revealed minor superficial abrasions.

AISHABEACH was stood down from racing until satisfactorily completing one (1) qualifying trial.

**CANNON BEACH** – Contacted the sulky of AISHABEACH when that horse blundered, resulting in the gelding breaking gait for a number of strides. Contacted marker pegs around the 1300 whilst still unbalanced. Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 114 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed signs of cross-firing. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and subsequently stood the gelding down until satisfactorily completing one (1) qualifying trial.

**NORBET** – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under mobile starts after failing to begin in the required manner. Of note, although driver R Hillier had NORBET back off the gate mid score-up, the gelding failed to respond when urged forward.

**RACE 9 – FAMILY FUN NIGHT SATURDAY 19 APRIL STAKES – 2200m Mobile**

**READY TO ROCK** – Under pressure from the 900, giving ground, beaten in excess of 90 metres. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and subsequently stood the gelding down until satisfactorily completing one (1) qualifying trial.

**MACHS MARETA NZ** – Failed to fill its allotted position for the start.

**General:** *Driver R Hillier was fined \$100 for failing to have MACHS MARETS NZ up and in position for the start [162(1)(h)].*

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## RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
<b>SUSPENSIONS: 1</b>	5	<b>Backhouse, R;</b> Unapproved whip use – 2 Tas Race Dates	156(3)
<b>FINES: 2</b>	6	<b>Ford, M;</b> Careless Driving (Trailing too close) – \$100	168(1)(a)
	9	<b>Hillier, R;</b> Out of position at the start – \$100	162(1)(h)
<b>REPRIMANDS: 2</b>	4	<b>Ford, D;</b> Out of position at start	162(1)(h)
	4	<b>Dakin, L;</b> Out of position at start	162(1)(h)
<b>HORSE ACTIONS: 6</b>	5	HELLUVA NZ – Outside Draw Stands	
	7	WATERMELON SUGAR NZ – Outside Draw Stands	
	8	AISHABEACH – Stood Down 1Trial	
	8	CANNON BEACH – Stood Down 1Trial	
	9	READY TO ROCK – Stood Down 1Trial	
<b>PRE-RACE SWABS: 7</b>	5	TRIEDTOTELLYA	
	5	HOT DEAL	
	5	MAGICIAN	
	7	MYDADSAID	
	7	EUREKA JO	
	7	STAR MAJOR	
	8	AISHABEACH	
<b>POST RACE SWABS: 9</b>		ALL WINNERS	
<b>POST RACE TCO2:</b>		NIL	
<b>FOLLOW UPS:</b>		NIL	
<b>ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES:</b>		NIL	

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