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## STEWARDS REPORT

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

### RACE 1 – LADBROKES PUNTER ASSIST STAKES – 2200m Mobile

**ONLINE MODEL** – Driven forward from the start, surrendering the early lead near the 1800. Gave ground over the final stages to be beaten in excess of 110 metres. A post-race Veterinary Inspection failed to find any obvious abnormalities. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and as such stood ONLINE MODEL down from racing until satisfactorily completing one qualifying trial.

**LAID BACK KENNY** – Driven forward from the start, positioned leading the one-out line. Gave ground over the final stages to be beaten in excess of 90 metres. A post-race Veterinary Inspection found LAID BACK KENNY to have a significant elevated respiratory rate, with trainer G Smith strongly advised by Tasracing Veterinary Surgeon Dr R Blackwell

to loosely monitor his gelding over the ensuing days both in trackwork and at rest. Stewards acting under Veterinary advice stood LAID BACK KENNY down from racing until satisfactorily completing one qualifying trial.

*General: Stewards questioned trainer G Smith regarding the disappointing performance of LAID BACK KENNY. Trainer Smith acknowledged his disappointment with the performance, however stated that LAID BACK KENNY is not suited racing outside the leader. Trainer Smith added that it is his intension to seek Veterinary advice and potentially have the gelding scoped in search of the reason for the below par performance. Steward noted the evidence as tendered.*

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

**PARK LANE NZ** – Failed to fill its allotted position at the start.

**GOBSMACKED** – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

**JUSTIFY** – Momentarily raced rough on straightening for the run to the finish

**NORBET** – Inconvenienced at the start with PARK LANE NZ being out of position at the start. Raced on the outside rein in the latter stages of the final turn, shifting in resulting in its sulky wheel brushing a marker.

*General: Driver L Older was fined \$100 for failing to have PARK LANE NZ in position when the start was effected. Stewards in issuing the fine were mindful driver Older had been reprimanded for a similar breach recently [AHR Rule 162(1)(h)].*

*General: On straightening for the run to the finish, JUSTIFY (G Hayward) hung in as ASHANTE QUEEN (T Ford) was being eased wider. These combined movements resulted the front legs of JUSTIFY racing close at the wheel of ASHANTE QUEEN and momentarily raced rough.*

#### RACE 3 – LADBROKES QUICK MULTI PACE – 1680m Mobile

**HES FIRST CLASS** – Shifted in late on the final turn resulting in its sulky wheel striking a marker. Driver J Walters was reminded of his obligations in this regard.

**HORATIUS SPECULO** – Had a tendency to hang out.

**CINCINNATI** – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after giving ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 50 metres. Stewards in assessing the performance were mindful that CINCINNATI was returning to racing after approximately 12 weeks.

**IRIS BROWN** – Reinstated in the barrier draw for races conducted under mobile start conditions after satisfying re-inclusion requirements.

#### RACE 4 – LADBROKES FAST PAYOUTS PACE – 2200m Mobile

**NORMANS GIRL** – Shifted ground leaving the 400 and locked wheels with CHRIS BE QUICK

**CHRIS BE QUICK** – Checked resulting in a locking of wheels leaving the 400 when **NORMANS GIRL** shifted out.

**BRIAN WHO** – Tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 90 metres. A post-race Veterinary Inspection failed to find any obvious abnormalities. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and as such stood **BRIAN WHO** down from racing until satisfactorily completing one qualifying trial.

*General:* Leaving the 400, **NORMANS GIRL** shifted out resulting in a locking of wheels with **CHRIS BE QUICK**. A warning was issued against the racing characteristics of **NORMANS GIRL**.

*General:* Stewards questioned trainer G Smith regarding the seemingly improved performance of **HORRIE OTARA** which was having its third start after a 3 month lay-off, where it previous 2 starts had poor results. Trainer Smith stated that he did have some confidence leading into the race thanks to the drop in grade and the good draw. Trainer Smith further stated that even though on paper the previous performances did not read well, he felt that the gelding had been racing well adding that its trackwork has also been good.

#### **RACE 5 – LEES ORCHARD PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**JOOGLE** – Hung in on entering the final turn.

**BEEJAYS STAR** – Tightened for racing room leaving the 500 and broke gait

**I AM MARQUEZ** – Over-raced and pulled hard.

*General:* Leaving the back straight on the final occasion **BEEJAYS STAR** was tightened for racing room and broke gait. Stewards in assessing the incident were of the view that initially **JOOGLE** (E Arnott) had been eased wider approaching the 500, shortly after **BEEJAYS STAR** (J White) had been moved toward the space left by **JOOGLE**. Simultaneously, **I AM MARQUEZ** (K Pratten), which had been over-racing throughout, pulled its way into the same space, bringing both horses together. Further on approaching the final turn **JOOGLE** hung down the track, despite the efforts of its driver, contributing to the tightening. As a result of these three movements **BEEJAYS STAR** was checked and subsequently broke gait. As blame could not be directly placed on one driver nor horse, Stewards took no action other than to note the circumstances, and place a warning on the racing characteristics of **I AM MARQUEZ**.

#### **RACE 6 – BEVAN LEES BUTCHERY PACE – 2200m Mobile**

**LOYOLA TRIOS** – Held up for clear running on the final turn where it tended to hang in, resulting in markers being struck.

#### **RACE 7 – LADBROKES SRM IN MULTIS STAKES – 1680m Mobile**

**THE IRON LADY NZ** – Dislodged a near-side knee boot during the run.

*General:* Driver L Older was fined \$200 due to the unapproved manner he used his whip over the concluding stages [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)].

**General:** Stewards opened an inquiry into driver B Davis's whip use. Driver Davis, after being charged sought, and was granted, an adjournment, so as to enable the support of concession driver advocate Mr Neville Webberley.

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**Supplementary: Tasmanian Trotting Club 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Stewards opened an inquiry over an alleged incident at the Tasmanian Trotting Club meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Evidence was taken from licencees Jakob White and Rohan Hillier. On hearing the evidence of both licencees as well as a report from Stipendiary Steward Mr Ian Bray, Stewards charged Jakob White under the provisions of AHR Rule 231(2), alleging he had misconducted himself, to which he pled guilty. The particulars of the charge being that whilst horses were returning to the stabling area, Mr White misconducted himself by loudly remonstrating with driver R Hillier.

Stewards, after considering the evidence as tended and mindful of Mr White's previous breach under this rule, fined him the sum of \$1000, of which \$750 was suspended for a period of two years on conditions of no further breaches of this rule or similar.

A previously suspended fine of \$500 issued under this rule on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 was invoked.

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## **RACE MEETING SUMMARY**

	<b>RACE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AHR Rule</b>
<b>SUSPENSIONS: 0</b>	NIL		
<b>FINES: 3</b>	18.5.25	Jakob WHITE; Misconduct – \$1000 (\$750 suspended)	231(2)
	2	Liam OLDER; Out of Position at the Start – \$100	162 (1)(h)
	7	Liam OLDER; Unapproved Whip Action – \$200	156(2)(a)
<b>REPRIMANDS: 0</b>	NIL		
<b>HORSE ACTIONS: 4</b>	1	ONLINE MODEL; Poor Performance – Stood Down 1 Trial	
	1	LAID BACK KENNY; Poor Performance – Stood Down 1 Trial	
	3	IRIS BROWN; Back in Mobile Draw	
	4	BRIAN WHO; Poor Performance – Stood Down 1 Trial	

<b>PRE-RACE SWABS: 5</b>	1	EMER	
	2	MISS COLLANN	
	3	HORATIUS SPECULO	
	4	NORMANS GIRL	
	6	PUNTARNO STRIDE	
<b>POST RACE SWABS: 7</b>		ALL WINNERS	
<b>POST RACE TCO2: 1</b>	4	HORRIE OTARA	
<b>FOLLOW UPS: 0</b>		NIL	
<b>ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES: 1</b>	7	Brodie DAVIS – Whip Use	

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