

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Tasmanian Trotting Club
Date:	Saturday 18 th March 2023
Weather:	Overcast
Track Condition:	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair): R Neal, J Gleeson, J Steele, R Simpson & E Dunbabin
Officials:	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr B Jackson (Veterinarian), Dr M Buckerfield (Veterinarian); A Emery (Starter)

RACE 1 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 2090 Metres Mobile

ALWAYSBEREADY – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under mobile start conditions after hanging out and being back from its allotted position at the start. Stood down from racing for shifting ground through hanging out, despite the efforts of its driver. This movement resulted in ALWAYSBEREADY contacting the sulky of WHERE YA BIN NZ near the 800 and breaking gait. Steward in assessing the embargo were mindful that ALWAYSBEREADY had broken gait at its most recent start where it was placed on its last chance to race truly.

SOUTHSHORE NZ – Raced to the early lead and when eased to secure a trail raced ungenerously, with its head in the air. Badly held up between the 400 and 250 by the tiring CASTLE RETREAT.

CASTLE RETREAT – Worked forward from the start, finding the lead rounding the first turn. Tired badly over the concluding stages. A subsequent Veterinary Inspection found CASTLE RETREAT to have suffered an Arterial Fibrillation. Stewards, acting under AHR Rule 101C(2)(a), stood CASTLE RETREAT down from racing for a period of 2 weeks. In addition, connections must forward on a Veterinary Clearance which includes a favourable ECG report and CASTLE RETREAT must then trial successfully before returning to racing.

LORD VERDE NZ - Inconvenienced when ALWAYSBEREADY broke gait.

PUNTARNO STRIDE NZ – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

RACE 2 – MORE CONSULTING SINBAD BAY FINAL – 1609 Metres Mobile

HALIS BOY – Raced rough for a short distance on entering the home straight for the run to the finish.

FORSAKEN ME – Driven forward from the start, hung in racing into the first turn.

KOSYGIN LEIS – Failed to gain clear running over the concluding stages.

ALAPHILIPPE – Hung out and paced roughly, racing into the first turn. Held up in the early stages of the home straight before switching down the track to utilize the sprint lane over the concluding stages.

General: Stewards questioned drivers G Rattray (FORSAKEN ME) and D Ford (ALAPHILIPPE) into the reason why ALAPHILIPPE raced rough entering the first turn. At the inquiry it was established that movement from both horses had resulted in a momentary tightening to ALAPHILIPPE. Stewards, with this being the case took no action other than to note the circumstances.

RACE 3 – SMITHAWARDS JANE ELLEN FINAL – 2090 Metres Mobile

SVITOLINA LEIS – Momentarily raced rough shortly after the start when driven forward to find the early lead.

GYPSY ARMOUR – Hung out in the latter stages of the score-up.

GUENEVERES MADONNA – Broke gait shortly after the start, approaching the 1100 and again near the 600. As a consequence of its indiscretions, GUENEVERES MADONNA will be excluded from the barrier draw in future Mobile Start events and be required to trial satisfactorily before returning to racing.

RACE 4 – LIGHT HARNESS TASMANIA CUP FINAL – 2090 Metres Mobile

SMOOTH DEAL NZ – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after tiring out of the event, beaten in excess of 60 metres.

MOST PERFECT MAJOR – Tired considerably over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 100 metres. A subsequent Veterinary Examination revealed mucus in the mare's airways. Stewards acting under Veterinary advice and in consultation with trainer Pullen noted the circumstances however instructed trainer Pullen not to start MOST PERFECT MAJOR until he was confident of an improved performance, and further should any evidence arrive in the ensuing days he was to inform the Offices of Racing Integrity at his most earliest convenience.

WINDY HANOVER – Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait approaching the first turn.

ROCKANDAHARDPLACE – Badly held up until the 300 by the tiring MOST PERFECT MAJOR.

URUS NZ - Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 50 metres.

**RACE 5 – HENRY PULLEN MEMORIAL TRAINERS ENCOURAGEMENT FINAL
– 2090 Metres Mobile**

KENS CHIPS – Held up for clear running in the run to the finish.

FLASHY RULER – Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 50 metres. A warning was issued.

EYE SEE DOUBLE – Shifted wider on the track approaching the 1000. This resulted in BLUE LABEL being tightened for racing room.

MAGIC PEBBLES – Momentarily inconvenienced when BLUE LABEL raced rough approaching the 1000m.

WELL SAID HARPS – Broke gait after the start, free of interference, and as such will be excluded from the barrier draw in future Mobile Start events.

IAM THE REAL THING – Broke gait in the early stages of the score-up, resulting in the gelding being out of position when the start was affected. IAM THE REAL THING will be excluded from the barrier draw in future Mobile Start events.

HES APPLES – Shifted in when crossing down to the position outside the leader, tightening the racing room of BLUE LABEL.

BLUE LABEL – Tightened for racing room approaching the 1000m.

RACE 6 – LADBROKES TASMANIA CUP – 2579 Metres Stand

MAJOR DAVVIN – Began well, securing the lead. Resisted an early challenge from CHECK IN NZ. Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 120 metres.

YOUNG ROOSTER – Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 130 metres.

SIMILAN BEACH – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

BOOM NZ – Placed on its last chance in the draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

CHECK IN NZ – Worked forward from the start, unsuccessfully challenging for the lead. Left leading the one-out line. Under pressure from the 900. Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 90 metres.

COLBY SANZ – Held up for clear running until entering the home straight for the run to the finish.

CULLENBURN NZ – Reared up as the start was effected and then slow to muster speed. Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 130 metres.

General (1): Driver N Ford was fined \$400 and had his license to drive suspended for four (4) meetings due to the unacceptable manner he used his whip on STRAVINSKY over the concluding stages. This suspension will begin after the conclusion of his driving engagements at Launceston on Sunday March 19th, 2023. Stewards in assessing penalty were mindful of driver Ford's recent poor record in this regard [AHR Rule 156 (2)(a)].

General (2): Stewards opened an inquiry into the driving tactics of drivers B Davis (MAJOR DAVVIN) and M Yole (CHECK IN NZ). Of concern to the Stewards was the early effort asked of both horses, and whether or not this had a direct effect on their winning chances or indeed best finishing place. Stewards after taking initial evidence adjourned the inquiry to a time and date to be fixed, so as to allow themselves the opportunity to review previous races and investigate betting trends.

RACE 7 – CAVALOR EQUICARE GEORGE JOHNSON FINAL – 2579 Metres Mobile

NOVA BAXTER – Broke gait passing the 600. Stewards intend to question driver M Jones to confirm the reason for this incident.

WHEY BETTER – Completed the event with a flat off-side sulky tyre.

General: Driver B Davis was reprimanded for allowing SPORTS CANDY to shift ground in the latter stages of the final turn which resulted in a marker post being dislodged [AHR Rule 163 (1)(c)(ii)].

RACE 8 – TASMANIAN LABOR ERIC REECE MEMORIAL – 2090 Metres Mobile

No racing incidents.

RACE 9 – NUTRIEN SPRINTLANE PACE – 2090 Metres Mobile

AQUA SANCTA – Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 90 metres.

General (1): Driver K Williams was reprimanded for failing to have HICKSTEAD NZ up and in position when the start was effected [AHR Rule 162(1)(h)].

General (2): Stewards questioned drivers A McDonough (BONNIE BELLE) and J Watson (KADAR) into the reason why KADAR raced three-wide rounding the first turn after settling into the one-out, one-back position shortly after the start. Stewards, after taking evidence from the drivers and reviewing the official race footage charged driver McDonough for making another horse cover more ground than necessary through his movement with BONNIE BELLE, wider on the track, entering the first turn. This movement resulted in KADAR being forced out into the three-wide line. Driver McDonough pleaded not guilty, however Stewards found him guilty as charged and subsequently suspended his license to driver for three (3) meetings. At the request of driver McDonough, Stewards stayed the imposition of his penalty until he completes his driving engagements on Sunday March 26th, 2023 [AHR R163(1)(b)(i)].

RACE 10 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2090 Metres Mobile

KICK IT TO JACK – Completed the event with a broken breast plate.

DYNAMIC DAN – Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 50 metres.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	R6: N Ford – 4 Meetings [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)] R9: A McDonough – 3 Meetings [AHR Rule 163(1)(b)(i)]
Fines:	R6: N Ford – \$400 [AHR Rule 156(2)(a)]
Reprimands:	R7: B Davis – Contact Marker [AHR Rule 163(1)(c)(ii)] R9 K Williams – Out of Position Start [AHR Rule 162(1)(h)]
Horse Action:	R1: ALWAYSBEREADY – Stood Down 1 Trial R1: CASTLE RETREAT – Stood Down 2 Weeks, Stood Down ECG, Stood Down 1 Trial R3: GUENEVERES MADONNA – ODM, Stood Down 1 Trial R5: WELL SAID HARPS – ODM R5: IAM THE REAL THING – ODM
Pre-race Swabs	R2: ROYAL REACTOR R2: MAEBEE R3: INDIANA SANZ R3: CHARMEDFORAREASON R6: THE RACONTEUR NZ R6: MAJOR DAVVIN R6: YOUNG ROOSTER R6: COLBY SANZ R6: WHERE'S THE GOLD NZ R6: HARJET R7: MAJOR GRACE R7: WHEY BETTER R7: MISS PAPENHUYZEN R7: MACHS MARETA NZ
Post-race Swabs:	ALL WINNERS R2: MAEBEE R3: INDIANA SANZ

	R6: STRAVINSKI R6: RACKEMUP TIGERPIE R7: MISS PAPENHUYZEN
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:	R6: B Davis (MAJOR DAVVIN) R6: M Yole (CHECK IN NZ) R7: M Jones (NOVA BAXTER)

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