

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Tasmanian Trotting Club
Date:	Friday 24 th March 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair), R Brown, T Canham, R Simpson & E Dunbabin
Officials:	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr M Buckerfield (Veterinarian); A Emery (Starter)

RACE 1 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 2090M

NINE DIAMONDS – Caught wide for the first 700 metres before easing to the rear of the field and positioned along the marker line. Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

TURQUOISE STRIDE– Locked wheels with JEDI MIND near the 1800 metres when racing wide on the track and looking to move closer to the inside. Stewards noted JEDI MIND had progressed quickly to its inside at the time.

JEDI MIND – Locked wheels with TURQUOISE STRIDE near the 1800 metres as it progressed to the inside of that gelding.

General: Driver J White was reminded of his obligations with regard to the manner he used his whip on SHANOCON NZ.

RACE 2 – MORE CONSULTING PACE – 1609M

TRUE STEPPER – Contacted the sulky wheel of SUTTER START and broke gait approaching the 500 metres.

SPIKE ROBYN NZ – Severely checked approaching the 500 metres when TRUE STEPPER galloped.

BITOSCOTTY – Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

MONEY HONEY NZ – Hung in passing the 800 metres, resulting in a marker being struck. Checked approaching the 500 metres. Reincluded in the barrier draw for races conducted under Mobile Start conditions after satisfying the needed requirements.

General: Stewards questioned drivers R Ashwood (SUTTER STAR), O Weidenbach (TRUE STEPPER), and M Yole (acting as driver Weidenbach's advocate), into the reason why TRUE STEPPER broke gait approaching the 500 metres. At the inquiry it was established that TRUE STEPPER broke gait after contacting the sulky wheel of SUTTER STAR. Stewards after taking evidence from all concerned and reviewing the official footage charged driver Weidenbach for careless driving in that after losing her three-wide position she carelessly shifted back down the track which resulted in TRUE STEPPER contacting the sulky wheel of SUTTER STAR, break gait and severely checking SPIKE ROBYN NZ which in turn checked MONEY HONEY NZ. Driver Weidenbach was found guilty of the charge, and after hearing submissions on penalty, Stewards fined her the sum of \$200 [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)]

RACE 3 – TAS HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 1609M

ONEOFHELADS – Held up in the early stages of the home straight for the run to the finish.

RACE 4 – DUAL CODE RACE MEETING GOOD FRIDAY PACE – 1609M

SPOOKY GIRL – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future races conducted under Mobile conditions after contacting the barrier arm and breaking gait, checking runners on the second line, obliging the starter to declare a false start. Hung in in the latter stages of the home turn resulting in markers being struck.

CARDINAL SIN NZ – Back from its allotted position at the start, due to the false start Stewards gave the benefit of the doubt, taking no action other than to note the circumstances.

LORD VERDE NZ – Inconvenienced near the 1100 metres when the pace of the race eased whilst being angled from a wide position down toward the markers.

RACE 5 – NUTRIEN SPRINTLANE PACE – 2090M

STALEY – Checked approaching the 400 metres when TEARAWAY DIAMOND raced rough.

LORIMER LADY – Hung in when racing wide on the track approaching the 400 metres.

GOBSMACKED – Sulky contacted leaving the 500 metres.

CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ – Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait free of interference mid-way through the first turn.

TEARAWAY DIAMOND – Raced rough for a short distance leaving the 500 metres.

General: Leaving the 500 metres, TEARAWAY DIAMOND raced roughly after contacting the sulky of GOBSMACKED. Leading up to the incident, TEARAWAY DIAMOND had followed THE DEMOCRAT out into the three-wide line which allowed GOBSMACKED to be maneuvered away from the marker peg line, however once in these positions, TEARAWAY DIAMOND hung down the track resulting in it contacting GOBSMACKED's sulky. In assessing the incident Stewards were mindful that at the time racing lines were changing quickly ahead of the incident. As a result of this incident STALEY was checked.

RACE 6 – LADBROKES PACE – 2090M

CINOCAL JAMANE – Badly held up on the final turn, only securing clear running well into the home straight for the run to the finish.

General: Steward questioned Trainer B Yole over the performance of the winner KEEP PLAYING which, on paper, would appear to be an improved performance. Trainer Yole informed Stewards that he had expected a good showing in tonight's event based on the fact the gelding had been underachieving of late through racing in standing start races, having no luck early, significantly effecting its chances by being left to chase. Further, trainer Yole added, driver J Duggan was able to give KEEP PLAYING the perfect positioning during the run, securing the back of a favored runner and get a good trail into the finish. Stewards noted his evidence.

RACE 7 – CAVALOR EQUICARE PACE – 2090M

SHAUN TO THE MAX – Raced wide for the first 1300 metres before restraining to the rear of the field.

VIVID STRIDE – Raced wide in the early stages, over-racing and pulling its way around the field to be positioned outside the leader near the 1000 metres. Gave ground over the concluding stages. A post-race Veterinary inspection could find no obvious abnormalities. Stewards placed a warning on VIVID STRIDE's overall performance.

RACE 8 – YOUNG GROUP PACE – 2090M

OUR BALOU – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after tiring badly over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 80 metres. Stewards noted OUR BALOU was caught racing wide in the early, working forward to lead the one-out line near the 1700.

TAROONA BROMAC NZ – Reincluded in the barrier draw for races conducted under Mobile Start conditions after satisfying the needed requirements.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	R2: O Weidenbach; \$200 – Careless Driving AHR Rule 168(1)(a)

Reprimands:	Nil
Horse Action:	R2: MONEY HONEY NZ – Back in Mobile Draw (BMD) R4: SPOOKY GIRL – Out of Draw Mobile (ODM) R8: TAROONA BROMAC NZ– Back in Mobile Draw (BMD)
Pre-race Swabs	R1: TURQUOISE STRIDE R2: OUR RUBY ROSE R4: GALAXY DANCER
Post-race Swabs:	ALL WINNERS
Adjourned or Pending Inquiries:	Nil

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