

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Tasmanian Trotting Club
Date:	Friday 01 st September 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track	Good
Stewards Panel:	N Finnigan (Chair), R Brown, J Gleeson, R Simpson & E Dunbabin
Officials:	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr J Buckerfield (Veterinarian); A Emery (Starter)

RACE 1 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 1609m Mobile

INDI AIR TONIGHT – Passed a pre-race Veterinary check after blood was detected in the horse's mouth at the completion of its preliminary.

LAID BACK – First registered race start. Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

RACE 2 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2090m Mobile

UPSIZE ME NZ – Led comfortably, however was under considerable pressure from the 500 metres, tiring to be beaten in excess of 130 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard, and also being aware that the gelding was placed on its last chance to race competitively at its most recent start, stood UPSIZE ME NZ down from racing until it satisfactorily completes one(1) requalifying trial.

BIGJIMVALENTINE – Raced rough shortly after the start, before breaking, losing valuable ground before being pulled up out of the event. As a result, BIGJIMVALENTINE will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events and before resuming racing BIGJIMVALENTINE will be required to trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards on one(1) occasion.

RACE 3 – MORE CONFIDENCE CONSULTING PACE – 1609m Mobile

FIRECRACKER NOLA – Slow to begin from barrier one(1). Landing in a mid-field marker line position on settling. Hung in approaching the 200 metres, resulting in its sulky wheel striking a marker. Failed to run on as may have been expected. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. Trainer T Petersen was not overly disappointed with the performance but is concerned the filly seems

to have lost her usual speed. Driver R Ashwood added that FIRECRACKER NOLA appeared to lose interest at times during the run and he had suggested to connections that a change of gear might help. Steward noted the evidence as tendered.

SNEAKY PEAK – Stood down to trial after racing rough throughout and breaking gait on at least two(2) occasions, albeit for short distances. In assessing, Stewards were mindful the gelding was placed on its last chance to race truly at its most recent start. Subjected to post-race TCO2 blood sampling.

RACE 4 – DAVID MEDHURTS MEMORIAL PACE – 2090m Mobile

General: Driver T Ford was reminded of her requirements regarding her whip, in particular the continuous aspect [AHR Rule156(3)].

RACE 5 – LADBROKE IT PACE – 2090m Mobile

THE DUDE NZ – Gave ground over the concluding stages after a relatively easy run, beaten in excess of 40 metres, a warning was issued.

RAMBUNCTIOUS – Raced leading the one-out line, giving ground over the final stages to be beaten in excess of 40 metres. Stewards noted the circumstances.

BRIAN WHO – Sulky wheel contacted marker post in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish. Stewards in assessing were mindful that L Dakin had moved BLACKJACK JIM toward the inside simultaneously to avoid RAMBUNCTIOUS which was giving ground at the time, this placed BRIAN WHO in restricted room.

General: Driver O Weidenbach was fined \$400 due to the unapproved manner she used her whip over the concluding stages. Stewards in reaching penalty were mindful that this was driver Weidenbach's second breach within the 56-day reset timeframe [AHR Rule156(2)(a)].

RACE 6 – GO MAGICIAN PACE – 2090m Mobile

NERO STRIDE – Pulled up out of the event with 800 metres remaining. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection NERO STRIDE was found to have suffered an atrial fibrillation. Stewards, acting under AHR Rule 101C(2)(b), stood NERO STRIDE down for a full 28 days of respite, after which connections must forward on a veterinary clearance which includes a favourable ECG report and then before returning to racing NERO STRIDE must trial to the satisfaction of the Steward on two(2) consecutive occasions. On questioning, trainer B Yole informed Stewards it would be his intention to immediately spell NERO STRIDE.

General: Stewards questioned driver D Ford (ALAPHILIPPE) and C Castles (CAPTAIN COSMONAUT) into the reason why CAPTAIN COSMONAUT broke gait near the 500 metres. At the inquiry it was established both drivers had some responsibility into the incident, driver Ford shifting out into CAPTAIN COSMONAUT and driver Castles over-doing the resistance and bringing his gelding back down the track toward ALAPHILIPPE. These combined actions resulted in contact between driver Ford's sulky wheel and CAPTAIN COSMONAUT's near-hind leg resulting in it breaking gait and taking no further competitive part in the event. Stewards, although concerned with both drivers' actions were reluctant to take any action, however left both drivers with no doubt that their actions bordered on at the very least carelessness, and if they continue to drive in this manner they may expect to be dealt with differently in the future.

RACE 7 – NUTRIEN SPRINTLANE PACE – 2090m Mobile

No racing incidents

RACE 8 – CASCADE DRAUGHT PACE – 2090m Mobile

MISS BARTY – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in mobile start events after failing to fill its allotted position at the start.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	R5: O Weidenbach - \$400, unapproved whip use/action AHR Rule 156(2)(a)
Reprimands:	Nil
Horse Action:	R2: UPSIZE ME NZ – Stood Down 1 Trial R2: BIGJIMVALENTINE – ODM & Stood Down 1 Trial R3: SNEAKY PEAK – Stood Down 1 Trial R6: NERO STRIDE – Stood Down 28Days, ECG & 2Trials
Pre-race Swabs	R2: SALVATOR MUNDI R3: FIRECRACKER NOLA R4: LORD VERDE NZ R5: OZZIE MAJOR R6: SHARMEY R7: SPORTS ILLUSTRATOR R8: CEDRIC SEYMOUR
Post-race Swabs:	ALL WINNERS
Adjourned or Pending Inquiries:	Nil