

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Tasmanian Trotting Club
Date:	Sunday 10 th December 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track	Good
Stewards Panel: Chair Panel / Data Inspections Swabs	N Finnigan R Brown E Dunbabin T Canham
Officials: Starter Veterinarian Raceday Medical Providers	A Emery Dr M Buckerfield Medical Edge

RACE 1 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 1609m Mobile

HUNTRESS OF ROME – Broke in the latter stages of the score-up, checking another runner, obliging the starter to declare a false start. As a consequence of this indiscretion, HUNTRESS OF ROME will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection after tiring badly, beaten in excess of 140 metres. On examination, no obvious abnormalities were detected. Stewards deemed the performance well outside the required standard, as such HUNTRESS OF ROME was stood down from racing until satisfactorily completing one barrier trial.

IDEN OLIVER – Having its first registered race start. Held up for clear running until well into the home straight for the run to the finish.

PEPPER STRIDE – Reinstated in the barrier draw for races conducted under mobile start conditions after satisfying ORI re-inclusion requirements.

IDEN KAMAKAZI – Gave ground over the final stages after racing wide from the 1000 metres.

RACE 2 – INTERSPORT HOBART PACE – 2090m Mobile

TO THE LOOKOUT – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after breaking gait, free of interference, midway through the score-up, which resulted in the

gelding being well out of position when the start was effected. Held up for clear running until after entering the home straight for the run to the finish.

KOLOVOS NZ – Held up for clear running until after entering the home straight for the run to the finish.

General: Driver T Madden was fined \$100 for carelessly shifting ground with STALEY near the 500 metres which resulted in contact to the sulky of GRAPHITE STRIDE [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

RACE 3 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2090m Mobile

EUREKA NZ – Caught wide in the early stages before restraining to the rear of the field. Tired badly over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 100 metres. Stewards deemed the performance well outside the required standard, as such EUREKA NZ was stood down from racing until satisfactorily completing one barrier trial.

RACE 4 – MORE CONFIDENCE CONSULTING PACE – 2090m Mobile

MONEYS NO ISSUE – Severely checked racing into the first turn and broke gait for a short distance.

SHOON – Hung in racing into the first turn resulting in its sulky contacting MONEYS NO ISSUE before breaking gait. Stewards after considering SHOON's recent racing record placed the gelding on its last chance to race truly.

PETREA BROMAC NZ – Checked on the first turn when MONEYS NO ISSUE and SHOON broke gait, obliged to race wide. Unsuccessful in securing a forward position and caught wide, before being restrained to the rear of the field. Gave ground over the concluding stages. Taking all into consideration, Stewards took no action other to note the circumstances.

RACE 5 – CAVALOR EQUICARE PACE – 2090m Mobile

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS – Tightened racing into the first turn and raced rough when checked by its driver, shifted in when racing rough, contacting markers.

MISS BARTY – Failed to fill its allotted position at the start despite the efforts of its driver. Stewards after referring to the mares poor starting record, declared MISS BARTY will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events.

CEDRIC SEYMOUR – Broke gait at the 1800 and again at the 300 metre points. As a consequence of breaking twice in running, CEDRIC SEYMOUR was stood down from racing until satisfactorily completing one barrier trial.

General: Stewards questioned drivers M Yole (OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS) and O Weidenbach (JUDES MY LIFE), along with concession driver advocate Mr N Webberley, into the reason why OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS raced rough and then over markers racing into the first turn. Stewards, after taking evidence from all parties, and on review of the race footage charged driver Weidenbach for the contravention of Australian Harness Racing (AHR) Rule 163(1)(a)(i) for causing or contributing to 'crossing', racing into the first turn, which caused driver Yole to check OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS, causing it to shorten stride, race rough and subsequently race over markers. Driver Weidenbach pled not guilty, however Stewards believed the charge could be sustained and after hearing submissions on penalty suspended her licence to drive for 3 meetings. At the request of driver Weidenbach,

Stewards stayed the imposition of this suspension until she completes her driving engagements on Sunday December 17th, 2023.

General: Driver O Weidenbach was fined \$200 for the unapproved continuous manner she used her whip in the home straight in the run to the finish [AHR Rule 156(3)].

RACE 6 – TOREACE FLYING MILE – 1609m Mobile

ROSSINI – Held up for clear running until well into the home straight in the run to the finish.

BEAT CITY – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

RACE 7 – INTERSPORT KINGSTON PACE – 2090m Mobile

TERROR THE CHRISTIAN NZ – Momentarily tightened shortly after the start when **HEATHBERN BRUCE** hung in.

HEATHBERN BRUCE – Hung in after the start. Worked forward from the start, racing wide until securing the lead passing the 1800 metres. Under pressure over the final 400 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary examination. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. The circumstances were noted.

RACE 8 – NUTRIEN SPRINTLANE PACE – 2090m Mobile

ARDEN ROANOKE NZ – Tired badly over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 60 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary examination. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and after referring to **ARDEN ROANOKE NZ**'s recent poor record, stood the gelding down from racing for 14 days, and in addition before returning to racing must satisfactorily complete two consecutive barrier trials.

RACE 9 – LADBROKE IT PACE – 1609m Mobile

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

ROCK ON PLAYBOY – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

RACE 10 – YOUNG GROUP PACE – 1609m Mobile

BEAST MODE – Driven forward from the start, withstanding early challenges to secure the race lead. Tended to over-race.

KIAVINO STRIDE – Driven forward from the start to race leading the one-out line. Gave ground to be beaten in excess of 40 metres. Stewards noted, **KIAVINO STRIDE**, although placed in twelfth position recorded a quicker time when winning at its most recent start.

Supplementary: Dylan Ford and Tammy Langley

Stewards conducted random stable visits on Sunday 10th December, 2023. During these visits trainer Tammy Langley failed to have her log books up to the required standard [Australian Harness Racing (AHR) Rule 190B(1)] and Dylan Ford failed to produce his log book [Australian Harness Racing (AHR) Rule 190B(4)]; as a consequence both trainers were fined \$100 for failing to satisfy the requirements of the respective rule.

Supplementary: Ben Woodsford

Stewards held an inquiry held on 7th December 2023 into the reason why driver B Woodsford dropped his foot in Race 8, The Ladbrokes Hub Pace, at the Tasmanian Trotting Club's meeting on Friday December 1, 2023. Stewards, after taking evidence from driver Woodsford and reviewing the official race footage issued a charge under Australian Harness Racing (AHR) Rule 168(1)(e) for improper driving. The particulars of the charge being that as the driver of JUMPING JOLT in Race 8 at the Tasmanian Trotting Club's meeting on Friday December 1, 2023, Ben Woodsford did drop his left foot and placed it in the vicinity of the horse's hind leg for approximately 40 metres. Driver Woodsford subsequently pled guilty to the charge.

Stewards, after considering Mr Woodsford's submission on penalty, suspended his licence to drive for a period of four Tasmanian race dates, commencing midnight 7th December and expiring midnight 22nd December, 2023. Stewards in reaching penalty could not verify whether contact was made with the horse's hind leg or not, however were certain his foot was "in the vicinity" of the near-hind leg.

Mr Woodsford was reminded of his rights to appeal.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	Race	Details	AHR Rule
Suspensions: 2	N/A	Ben Woodsford – 4 meetings "Improper Driving" (R8 - 1/12/23)	168(1)(e)
	5	Olivia Weidenbach – 3 Meetings "Crossing"	163(1)(a)(i)
Fines: 4	2	Troy Madden; \$100 – Careless Driving	168(1)(a)
	5	Olivia Weidenbach; \$200 – Continuous Whip	156(3)
	N/A	Dylan Ford; \$100 – Logbook Failures	190B(4)
	N/A	Tammy Langley; \$100 – Logbook Failures	190B(1)
Reprimands:		Nil	
Horse Action: 8	1	HUNTRESS OF ROME – ODM	
	1	HUNTRESS OF ROME – SD 1 Trial (PP)	
	1	PEPPER STRIDE – BMD	
	2	TO THE LOOKOUT – ODM	
	3	EUREKA NZ – SD 1 Trial (PP)	
	5	CEDRIC SEYMOUR – SD 1 Trial (B x 2)	

	5	MISS BARTY – ODM	
	8	ARDEN ROANOKE NZ – SD 2 Trials & SD 2 Weeks (Repeated PP)	
Pre-race Swabs: 7	2	CARDINAL SIN	
	3	IMPULZE	
	5	OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS	
	6	COOL WATER PADDY NZ	
	7	GALAXY DANCER	
	9	FIVE STAR SHARK	
	10	BEAST MODE	
Post-race Swabs:10		ALL WINNERS	
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:		Nil	