

STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB	TASMANIAN TROTTING CLUB	
DATE	FRIDAY 30th AUGUST 2024	
WEATHER	RAIN SQUALLS & WINDY	
TRACK	GOOD	
STEWARDS PANEL	CHAIR	N Finnigan
	PANEL	C Ellson (Data) I Bray (Assist)
	INSPECTIONS	E O'Sign
	SWAB	E Dunbabin
	STARTER	R Brown
	VETERNARIAN	Dr M Buckerfield
	MEDCAL PROVIDER	Medical Edge

General: Due to the inclement weather and the weather bureau's forecasts, the track was inspected at 11:00am and again at 3:00pm where it was found to be, on both occasions, safe for racing. Further, the mobile barrier was tested for stability at 4:15pm and it was again deemed safe for racing.

RACE 1 – MORE CONFIDENCE CONSULTING PACE – 2090m Mobile

No Racing Incidents

RACE 2 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 2090m Mobile

BETTOR THAN MOST – Gave ground over the concluding stages.

PEANUT SUTTER – Excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after breaking gait, free of interference, shortly after the start was effected. Tended to hang in.

General: Stewards opened an inquiry into the apparent improved performance of the winner CLIFFHANGER, which was supported late into favoritism with a SP of \$2.40. CLIFFHANGER last won on January 7th, 2024. When questioned, connections stated that the performance was on par with its recent efforts, the difference being CLIFFHANGER was able to lead and dictate terms, setting only a moderate pace, with the opposition unable to run the gelding down, even with a slow final quarter. Stewards after taking this initial evidence, adjourned the inquiry to avail themselves time to review race footage, analyse recent performances and investigate betting trends.

RACE 3 – FEHLBERGS PRODUCE 2YO COLTS & GELDINGS SWEEPSTAKES HEAT TWO – 1609m Mobile

BAROOGA BOOMER – First registered race start. Shifted ground near the 150 metres, tightening the racing room of POST KEG. A warning was issued.

OURTIGER – First registered race start. Raced rough after the start.

POST KEG – First registered race start. Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish. Checked leaving the 150 when BAROOGA BOOMER shifted ground.

General: At the 'check-in', the driver of the sixth placed POST KEG, T Rattray, exercised his right, requesting the opportunity to review the official trace footage of the run to the finish believing his colt, was checked leaving the 150. On review, driver Rattray lodged a protest against BAROOGA BOOMER, which was placed fifth by the judge, alleging he had suffered interference when BAROOGA BOOMER shifted in. Stewards, after taking evidence from the drivers and reviewing the official race footage, upheld the protest as they believed that had BAROOGA BOOMER not shifted in and checked POST KEG, that colt would have secured a clear run and raced clear of BAROOGA BOOMER to the finish, subsequently, Stewards amended the judge's placings and declared 'all-clear' on the numbers 5-2-6-4-8. An announcement was made to this effect.

RACE 4 – FEHLBERGS PRODUCE 2YO FILLIES SWEEPSTAKES HEAT TWO – 1609m Mobile

EBONYS POSTER – Raced rough in the back straight on the final occasion, particularly passing the 600.

MISMATCH – First registered race start. Suffered minor inconvenience when PHLOW JO broke gait racing on the first turn. Stood down to trial after performing poorly, beaten over 110 metres. On questioning, trainer T Rattray expressed his disappointment in the performance and informed Stewards he would be reassessing MISMATCH's immediate racing programme.

ISLA ATHENA – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish.

BARBARY TALES – Hung in under pressure in the run to the finish.

PHLOW JO – Permission was granted to race the filly without front shoes after losing one prior to the event. Stood down to trial after breaking gait free of interference racing early on the first turn, losing considerable ground, rendering it noncompetitive from that point on. Stewards in imposing this embargo were mindful of the filly's racing characteristics, and trainer T Rattray's disappointment with it. Further trainer Rattray informed Stewards that PHLOW JO will be sent to the paddock for spelling after tonight's run.

RACE 5 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2090m Mobile

IM QUITE AMERICAN – Started \$4.20 favorite, failed to run over the concluding stages. A post-race Veterinary inspection failed to find any obvious abnormalities. A warning was issued.

COVEFFE HUSTLER – Stood down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) official trial after beaten in excess of 70 metres. Stewards in imposing the embargo were mindful COVEFFE HUSTLER was given a final warning at its most recent start.

DAPPER NZ – Will be excluded from the barrier draw after breaking during the score, resulting in the gelding missing the start for some distance. Chased the field hard, only to tire out of the event over the concluding stages.

JUNIPER – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after tiring to be beaten in excess of 60 metres. Stewards in assessing this were mindful of JUNIPER's recent racing performances.

RACE 6 – RACING CONNECT PACE – 2090m Mobile

ROYAL REACTOR – Shifted ground approaching the winning post.

VELOCITY STRIDE – Tended to over-race.

KENYA NZ – Shifted ground approaching the winning post.

MAYLEEJAE EAGLE – Held up early before able to utilise the sprint lane for the run to the finish.

HORRIE OTARA – Under pressure from the 800, failing to run over the concluding stages. A post-race Veterinary inspection failed to find any obvious abnormalities. A warning was issued.

I WANT IT ALL NZ – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

LIFEOFBRIAN NZ – Tightened for racing room approaching the winning post.

General: Trainer T Langley was fined \$100 for presenting SCRUB BASHER to race wearing the incorrect saddlecloth number.

General: LIFEOFBRIAN NZ was tightened for racing room approaching the winning post through the combined movement of KENYA NZ (J Duggan), which shifted up the track and ROYAL REACTOR (R Duggan), which hung in. As the tightening resulted through the movement of both horses, which individually could be deemed as minor, Stewards took no action other than to note the circumstances and remind both drivers of their obligations.

RACE 7 – LADBROKE IT! PACE – 2090m Mobile

ALAPHILIPPE – Gave ground over the concluding stages.

ROCK ON PLAYBOY – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after tiring to be beaten approximately 60 metres. Stewards in assessing this were mindful of ROCK ON PLAYBOY's recent racing performances.

Supplemental: Stewards contacted trainer Geoffrey Smith following the somewhat under-par performance of his runners at the Tasmanian Trotting Club's meeting on Friday August 30th, 2024. On race night trainer Smith acknowledged his disappointment on the general performance of his

team, but at the time, was at a loss to explain the performances. When contacted on Monday September 2nd, 2024, trainer Smith informed Stewards he was still at a loss to explain the sub-standard performance and again expressed his disappointment in all his runners engaged on the night, with the only thing he could offer was that the horses may have been affected in some way as he had a difficult trip from home to the course that afternoon. Trainer Smith added that all horses appear to have recovered well and behaving as normal, but due to the performances, he would be considering their immediate racing future, including sending them out for a spell.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
SUSPENSIONS: 0		NIL	
FINES: 1	6	Tammy LANGLEY; \$100 – Present horse to race wearing incorrect saddlecloth number	173(6)(a)
REPRIMANDS: 0		NIL	
HORSE ACTIONS: 5	2	PEANUT SUTTER; ODM	
	4	MISMATCH; Stood Down 1 Trial – Poor Performance	
	4	PHLOW JO; Stood Down 1 Trial – Broke, Unsatisfactory performance	
	5	DAPPER; ODM	
	5	COVEFEE HUSTLER; Stood Down 1 Trial – Repeated Poor Performance	
PRE-RACE SWABS: 6	1	SAPPHIRE GAMBLER	
	3	STONE WRITER SNOWIEWILLREV	
	4	THE BRIDE	
	5	TASHS MATE	
	7	ALAPHILIPPE	
POST RACE SWABS: 7		ALL WINNERS	
POST RACE TCO2: 1	2	CLIFFHANGER	
FOLLOW UPS: 1		Geoffrey SMITH – horses generally underperformed	
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES:	2	CLIFFHANGER (Mitch Ford/Tammy Langley/Phillip Ford)	