

STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB	TASMANIAN TROTTING CLUB	
DATE	FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2024	
WEATHER	FINE	
TRACK	GOOD	
STEWARDS PANEL	CHAIR	N Finnigan
	PANEL	R Brown C Ellson (Data)
	INSPECTIONS	R Brown I Bray (Assist)
	SWAB	B Hine
	STARTER	A Emery
	VETERNARIAN	Dr M Buckerfield
	MEDCAL PROVIDER	Medical Edge

RACE 1 – THOMPSON FLOOR COVERINGS PACE – 2090m Mobile

***General:** The start of this race was delayed approximately 3 minutes so as to avoid a clash with an Albion Park meeting which had had its telecast switched to Sky2.*

KENYA NZ – Withstood mid-race challenge from CAPTAIN DAN, to hold the position outside the leader.

CAPTAIN DAN NZ – Over-raced when eased to a rearward position after the start. Raced wide leaving the 1700, however once unable to secure a forward position, was restrained to the rear of the field. Gave ground over the concluding stages.

TWO SOCK CREEK NZ – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after breaking mid score-up, resulting in the gelding being out of position when the start was effected.

Blood was detected in TWO SOCK CREEK NZ's mouth; this was found to be caused due to the gelding biting its tongue.

General: Stewards questioned trainer W Yole over the performance of the winner DAZZLE ME NZ. Trainer Yole informed Stewards he had been happy with the recent performances of DAZZLE ME NZ, further stating that although the placings had not read well, the individual performances have been more that acceptable, highlighting DAZZLE ME NZ's most recent start in running last, the gelding's individual time was quicker than the time in winning tonight's event. Finally, trainer Yole stated that the manner in which the race was run tonight, that is, being able to wait as long as possible before sprinting for home best suits his gelding. Stewards noted the evidence as tendered.

RACE 2 – GODFREY JOINERY PACE – 1609m Mobile

ONEHANDONEBOUNCE – Tended to hang out, particularly in the early to middle stages of the score-up. Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

General: Stewards questioned trainer W Yole over the performances of KIAVANO STRIDE (placed 3rd) and REMEMBER ME NOW NZ (placed 2nd). Firstly, trainer Yole stated that REMEMBER ME NOW NZ had been racing well but had no luck at its last start when beaten 94 metres, as the gelding was caught wide for a long way after the start and then working hard to be positioned outside the leader, and once in that position, over-raced and pulled hard; nothing went right for the gelding that night. Regarding KIAVINO STRIDE, he was pleased with the performance, when asked about the tactics adopted in tonight's event, he was satisfied with the way N Ford handled the gelding, securing 3rd place. Stewards noted the evidence as tendered.

RACE 3 – ELITE HEAT PACE – 1609m Mobile

SUE NIEN – Shifted out under pressure in the latter stages of the home straight in the run to the finish. Locked wheels, for a short distance, with ONLINE MODEL in the concluding stages.

ONLINE MODEL – Shifted in over the latter stages of the home straight in the run to the finish. Locked wheels, for a short distance, with SUE NIEN in the concluding stages.

SHES A TINY DANCER – Utilised the sprint-lane in the run to the finish.

General: Stewards delayed the 'all-clear' at the request driver M Yole, placed fifth by the judge, to allow him the opportunity to review the official race footage. On review driver Yole had no objections and as such Stewards declared 'all-clear' on the judge's numbers 3-6-2-1-5.

RACE 4 – TASSIE SUPERTILT PACE – 2090m Mobile

General: The start of this race was delayed approximately 2 minutes due to a gear adjustment on MAGIC PEBBLES.

ALAPHILIPPE – Caught wide early before being restrained to the rear of the field.

HURRICANE ROCK – Caught wide early before being restrained to the rear of the field.

ALEXIS ROCKET NZ – Worked forward from the start, to secure the lead position in the one-wide line. Tended to over-race and pull hard.

SNEAKY PEAK – Held up until able to utilise the sprint lane.

NO NUKES SKIPPER NZ – Held up until able to switch out from behind runners well into the home straight.

RACE 5 – DOWNTOWN PROPERTY PACE – 2090m Mobile

PEANUT SUTTER – Held up until able to switch across from behind runners on straightening.

STRAWBERRY BLING – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

STRANDED LOLLIPOP – Lost contact with the mobile barrier in the latter stages of the score-up, as such will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events.

RACE 6 – ANDREW WOOD BUILDER PACE – 2090m Mobile

ELIZABETH DELILAH – Disappointed for clear running at a vital stage of the event.

TASHS MATE – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after checking second row runners mid score-up, obliging the starter to declare a false start. Failed to run on as may have been expected, beaten 30 metres. A post-race Veterinary Inspection failed to find any obvious issues with TASHS MATE. On questioning, stable representative stated after the false start and racing off the track for some distance had an adverse effect on the gelding. Stewards after considering the evidence and analysing the performance in comparison to recent efforts, took no action other than to note the circumstances and the evidence as tendered.

SAPPHIRE GAMBLER – Raced in behind the leader, over-racing and pulling hard in the middle stages. Badly inconvenienced and held up for clear running when SIR ROMAN gave ground.

SIR ROMAN – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after giving ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 60 metres. A post-race Veterinary Inspection failed to find any obvious issues with SIR ROMAN. On questioning, stable representative, D Ford could offer no tangible excuses for the performance, indicating that connections would be considering the geldings racing future.

LALIBELA NZ – Shifted ground over the concluding stages.

General: Stewards questioned trainer W Yole and driver N Ford into how it came to be that FURY DAN's hind leg contacted the foot of driver Ford, whilst still on the sulky foot-rest. At the inquiry it was established that the sulky had been affixed by driver Ford, and with FURY DAN being a sizeable horse, the sulky needed to be affixed further out, thereby giving more clearance. Driver Ford pled guilty to a charge of failing to affix his sulky in a manner which prevents the hind legs of FURY DAN contacting his feet. Stewards, after considering all the evidence, fined driver Ford \$500, and further directing that \$250 of the penalty be suspended for 12 months [AHR Rule 170(3)].

RACE 7 – STRIDE AHEAD SUPPORT PTY LTD PACE – 2090m Mobile

TIGERLICIOUS – Raced to the early lead, withstanding a challenge from ELENNNA.

ELENNNA – Worked forward from the start, unsuccessful at an attempt to lead, left leading the one-out line. Secured a trail mid-race.

DAPPER NZ – Sulky contacted multiple markers on the home turn.

General: Driver C Salter was fined \$100 for allowing DAPPER NZ to shift in on the home turn, which resulted in his sulky wheel coming into contact with multiple markers [AHR Rule 163(1)(c)(ii)].

Supplementary Report: On Monday 23rd September, 2024, Office of Racing Integrity Stewards inquired into Facebook posts placed on the “Save Harness Racing Tasmania” site on or about the 9th September 2024 by Harness Racing Licencee and Carrick Pacing Club Official Ms Brooke Hammond. In an opening address Ms Hammond firstly confirmed she had authored the posts and secondly acknowledged her regret for doing so, suggesting she had let personal feelings, rather than proven facts, influence her with her post. Through the course of the inquiry, Stewards stressed the need for people within the Harness Racing Industry to be positive, particularly when in a position to do so, to which Ms Hammond agreed and indicated she would in the future, further stating that this would definitely be the last time she would post anything of this nature.

Stewards, after taking all evidence before them into account, charged Ms Hammond for the contravention of Australian Harness Racing Rule 248, for publishing, by way of a Facebook post, improper comments, which were in their opinion, derogatory and/or disparaging, about those associated with the Harness Racing Industry. Ms Hammond was found guilty of the charge and subsequently fined \$500. Stewards further directed, based on the manner in which Ms Hammond presented herself, her clear remorse and her regret for the post, that the fine be fully suspended for a period of 12 months. Ms Hammond was reminded of her right to appeal.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
SUSPENSIONS: 0		NIL	
FINES:	6	Nathan FORD; Wrongly Affix Sulky resulting in Hind Leg Contacting Drivers Foot - \$500 with \$250 suspended for 12 months	170(3)
	7	Christian SALTER; Contact Markers - \$100	163(1)(c)(ii)
REPRIMANDS		NIL	
HORSE ACTIONS:	1	TWO SOCK CREEK; ODM	
	6	TASHS MATE; ODM	
PRE-RACE SWABS: 9	1	KENYA NZ CAPTAIN DAN NZ	
	2	ONEHANDONEBOUNCE ROCKS ROY	
	4	CLIFFHANGER ALEXIS ROCKET NZ	
	5	STRAWBERRY BLING	

	7	MY ULTIMATE JACKO	
POST RACE SWABS: 7		ALL WINNERS	
POST RACE TCO2: 1	1	DAZZLE MZ NZ	
FOLLOW UPS: 1	6	SIR ROMAN; Poor Performance – Connections to advise	
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES: 0		NIL	