

STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB	TASMANIAN TROTTING CLUB
DATE	SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2024
WEATHER	FINE
TRACK	GOOD
STEWARDS PANEL CHAIR	N Finnigan
PANEL	M Castillo B Hine (Data)
CHECK IN/INSPECTIONS	G Griffin M McCarthy (Cadet)
SWAB	A McDermott R Topham
STARTER	A Emery
VETERNARIAN	Dr M Buckerfield
MEDCAL PROVIDER	Medical Edge

RACE 1 – RICK MARTIN PAINTING AND DECORATING PACE – 1609m Mobile

MODERN JIVE – Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

MONEYS NO ISSUE – Placed on its last chance to race truly after racing roughly and then breaking gait approaching the winning post.

SPOOKY GIRL – Worked forward from the start and when left racing without cover was restrained to the rear of the field.

YARECKON IM SWEET – Issued with a warning after breaking gait mid-score up.

RACE 2 – WHITNEY FAMILY PACE – 2090m Mobile

NOVA BAXTER – Hung in approaching the 1200 resulting in its sulky wheel striking markers. Driver M Jones was reminded of his obligations in this regard.

MISTER FINNIGAN – Back from its allotted position at the start.

FLEETWOOD ROCK – Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

General: Driver D Ford was reprimanded for failing to have MISTER FINNIGAN up and in position neither at the candy pole nor the starting point [AHR Rule 162(1)(h)].

General: Stewards questioned driver M Jones into the reason why he failed to move NOVA BAXTER into the sprint lane in the run to the finish. Driver Jones stated that NOVA BAXTER had hung out throughout the event in particular along the back straight on the final occasion and on the final turn, and as such he was reluctant to fight against the mare, trying to drag her inside the leader, and as such, he allowed NOVA BAXTER to move wider, where the mare had difficulty in securing clear running. Stewards, after referring to the official race video and also hearing from concession driver advocate Mr Neville Webberley, accepted the evidence as tendered, however reminded driver Jones that he should make every effort in securing the best run for his respective horses, and in this case, demonstrate, that a concerted effort in attempting to take the inside run was made, bearing in mind he should make all reasonable efforts not to bring his drive into question.

RACE 3 – LADBROKES EASY FORM PACE – 1609m Mobile

AUDACIOUS KID – Having its first registered race start.

LIKACHOCCIESHAKE – Having its first registered race start. Hung in and contacted a marker late on the final turn.

UNOBETTER – Tended to over-race and hang in.

IDEN ELIZA JANE – Issued with a warning for failing to fill its allotted position at the start. It was noted that IDEN ELIZA JANE was hanging out, particularly late in the score-up when the mobile was increasing speed, also tended to hang out in the run.

RACE 4 – CLAREMONT CRICKET CLUB PACE – 2090m Mobile

PHOTO FIRST – Over-raced pulling very hard, under pressure from the 900, beaten approximately 300 metres. A post-race Veterinary check found no obvious abnormalities. Stewards deemed the performance of PHOTO FIRST well below the required standard and subsequently stood the gelding down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial.

B K WINDERMERE NZ – Tended to over-race. Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

DARE YOU TO MOVE – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after being beaten in excess of 60 metres, in an individual time of 2:05.4.

A SHADOW OF DOUBT – Beaten in excess of 50 metres in an individual time of 2:05.1 as the gelding was placed on its last chance to race competitively at its most recent start, A SHADOW OF DOUBT was stood down from racing until satisfactorily completing one(1) qualifying trial.

MAJOR IDEAL – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after being beaten in excess of 80 metres, in an individual time of 2:06.7.

KOZACZYNSKI – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after being beaten in excess of 70 metres, in an individual time of 2:05.8.

MARV DREAMING – Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait racing into the first turn. It was noted both MILLYCENT and PARTY BLAZE were checked in this incident.

PARTY BLAZE – Reinstated into the barrier draw for races conducted under mobile start conditions after satisfying reinclusion requirements.

RACE 5 – GRANADA TAVERN PACE – 1609m Mobile

NOBEER NOMORE – Broke gait free of interference leaving the 1300, failing to settle for some distance before being retired from the event. A subsequent Veterinary Examination found NOBEER NOMORE to be locking up in a walk in its near-hind leg. Stewards, acting under Veterinary advice stood NOBEER NOMORE down from racing until connections forward on a Veterinary Certificate of soundness, and in addition NOBEER NOMORE, before returning to racing must satisfactorily complete one(1) qualifying trial.

PARK LANE NZ – Completed the event with a flat off-side sulky tyre with approximately 700 metres remaining, after being struck by NANCESTIGER when driver C Castles eased wider to improve.

LETS GO LUCYLOU – Checked near the 1200 when NOBEER NOWMORE broke gait which caused a chain reaction through the field.

JUSTIFY – Checked near the 1200 when NOBEER NOWMORE broke gait which caused a chain reaction through the field.

SWIMINTHERIVER NZ – Hung in on the turns and out in the home straight.

NANCESTIGER – Checked near the 1200 when NOBEER NOWMORE broke gait which caused a chain reaction through the field.

HEATHBERN BRUCE – Checked near the 1200 when NOBEER NOWMORE broke gait which caused a chain reaction through the field.

SWIATEK LEIS – Checked near the 1200 when NOBEER NOWMORE broke gait which caused a chain reaction through the field.

General: Driver C Castles (NANCESTIGER) was fined \$100 for the careless manner he shifted ground near the 700, which resulted in NANCESTIGER contacting and puncturing the off-side sulky tyre of PARK LANE NZ [AHR Rule 168(1)(a)].

RACE 6 – CLAREMONT FOOTBALL CLUB PACE – 2090m Mobile

LOU LOUS ALLGOLD – Will be excluded from the barrier draw in future mobile start events after breaking in the early stages of the score-up, resulting in the mare failing to fill its allotted position.

DEADLY ASSASSIN – Tended to over-race and hang in.

RACE 7 – RED CORAL FOOD VAN PACE – 2090m Mobile

JUST TIGER – Utilised the sprint lane in the run to the finish.

KEAYANG FITZY – Tended to over-race.

VILLACCI – Tightened for racing room entering the first turn and broke gait.

General: Stewards questioned drivers D Ford (VILLACCI) and J Chibnall (JIMMY THE IRISHMAN NZ) into the reason why VILLACCI broke gait entering the first turn. At the inquiry it was established that simultaneous moves of both drivers and the shifting of other runners, in particular WINDY HANOVER and BEYOND DELIGHT, resulted in VILLACCI racing in restricted room and when checked by its driver contacted the off-side stay and broke gait. Stewards, as blame could not be placed on any one driver or horse, took no action other than to note the circumstances.

RACE 8 – LADBROKES BET TICKER PACE – 2090m Mobile

VINCENTAUR – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish.

HALIS BOY – Placed on its last chance to race competitively after being beaten in excess of 80 metres, in an individual time of 2:05.3.

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

KEAYANG KEVIN – Tended to over-race.

RACE 9 – BRETT CARR CARTAGE PACE – 2090m Mobile

MAJOR CELEBRITY – Tended to hang out.

JAMES IN CHARGE – Tended to hang in, which restricted driver Hillier's ability to shift wide around runners on the home turn. Shifted in under pressure in the run to the finish.

WE SALUTE YOU – Tended to over-race.

SOUTHERN LUCK – Raced rough at times

CUSTOM HARLEY – Tended to over-race.

RACE 10 – KAYES FENCING PACE – 2090m Mobile

GEMAEDDE – Raced rough at times.

MISS COLLANN – Tended to over-race.

Supplementary:- Burnie Race 3; 13th December 2024 – PISTOL QUEEN

Stewards concluded their inquiries into the handling of *PISTOL QUEEN* by driver Dylan Ford in Race 3 at the meeting conducted by the Burnie Harness Racing Club on Friday 13th December, 2024.

Stewards opened the inquiry on the night in question where initial evidence was taken before adjourning, affording Stewards the opportunity to review previous races and betting trends as well as confirming, or otherwise, the evidence taken to that point. The evidence received on the night was that *PISTOL QUEEN* is best suited being allowed to “roll along” rather than being sat up, as the filly can be lazy but does continue to race competitively with solid driving. Adding that he was of the opinion that to secure his best result was to resist the mid-race challenge of *OUR SWEET TRIXIE NZ* (Gareth Rattray).

A summary of the race is as follows:

PISTOL QUEEN began well from barrier 1 on the front row, however crossed by *PETALI BEACH* (Jordan Chibnall). It was clear to Stewards driver Ford, on the first turn was looking to get away from the marker line, but at that point was covered by *KOSTYUK LEIS* (Brodie Davis).

Driver Ford began to ease *PISTOL QUEEN* away from the inside approaching the winning post the first time, simultaneously, race favourite, *OUR SWEET TRIXIE NZ* (Gareth Rattray), which had been caught racing wide from the start, had progressed forward and was being eased down the track toward the position leading the one-out line. This movement brought both horses together, contesting the one position. As driver Ford had placed the front legs of *PISTOL QUEEN* to the outside of the leader's wheel, driver Rattray on *OUR SWEET TRIXIE NZ* was obliged to ease the pressure, remaining three-wide.

Once securing this position driver Ford was able to ease *PISTOL QUEEN*, thus keeping *OUR SWEET TRIXIE NZ* wide. 200 metres later (approximately) driver Rattray again pressed forward, again repelled by driver Ford leaving the back straight passing the 1500. Driver Rattray was able was then able to ease *OUR SWEET TRIXIE NZ* securing a trail behind driver Ford near the 1300.

On entering the home straight to receive the bell, driver Rattray moved wider with the three-wide line commencing to challenge, at this point, with only 600 metres remaining, driver Ford was obliged to push *PISTOL QUEEN* forward with the three-wide line improving, headed by *OUR SWEET TRIXIE NZ*.

Both horses were still in contention until leaving the 300 where *PISTOL QUEEN* began to give ground, ultimately beaten 24.1 metres, placed 6th, with an individual time of 2:04.1. *OUR SWEET TRIXIE NZ* battled on into 3rd placing beaten 6.8m in a time of 2:03.1.

A post-race Veterinary Examination found no obvious issues with *PISTOL QUEEN*.

At today's continuation, driver Ford reiterated the need for *PISTOL QUEEN* to be allowed free running. Driver Ford stated that *OUR SWEET TRIXIE NZ* at no stage was able to race ahead of *PISTOL QUEEN*, even when pressured, failing to gain ground. Driver Ford when questioned regarding recent performances stated that *PISTOL QUEEN* had been improving with each performance, with gear changes also enhancing the performances, particularly when drawn to be positioned forward. Driver Ford, when further questioned regarding plans going into the race in question, firstly acknowledged he had underestimated the eventual winner, *PETALI BEACH*, which had led all the way, and confirmed once again that *PISTOL QUEEN* needs

to be driven forward, needing to be kept on the bit, but with the manner in which the middle portions of the race were run, in particular when racing between the 1800 and 1500, he was unable to do so.

Driver Ford finally added that Driver Rattray had also driven PISTOL QUEEN at one of the mare's six(6) starts for the stable, and confirmed the instructions on that night was to drive forward, which was confirmed on Stewards records, and driven accordingly by driver Rattray.

Stewards, on considering all the evidence tendered, and having reviewed previous races before reconvening, as well as available betting information, took no action against driver of Dylan Ford nor the performance of PISTOL QUEEN, noting the circumstances.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	RACE	DETAILS	AHR Rule
SUSPENSIONS: 0		NIL	
FINES: 1	5	Charlie CASTLES; Careless Driving (CTS FT) – \$100	168(1)(a)
REPRIMANDS: 1	2	Dylan FORD; Fail to come up into position for the start	162(1)(h)
HORSE ACTIONS: 6	4	A SHADOW OF DOUBT; Repeated Poor Performance – SD 1 Trial	
	4	PHOTO FIRST; Unacceptable Performance – SD 1 Trial	
	4	PARTY BLAZE; Back In Mobile Draw – BMD	
	5	NOBEER NOMORE; Veterinary Condition – SD Vet Clearance	
	5	NOBEER NOMORE; Galloped Excessively – SD 1 Trial	
	6	LOU LOUS ALL GOLD; Out of Draw Mobiles – ODM	
PRE-RACE SWABS: 5	2	FLEETWOOD ROCK	
	3	MARTYR	
	4	SUNSHINE SAINT	
	5	WEONA EAGLE	
	7	STEPPING STONES	
POST RACE SWABS: 10		ALL WINNERS	
POST RACE TCO2: 0		NIL	
FOLLOW UPS: 0		NIL	
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES: 0		NIL	

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