

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS:

<b>Club:</b>	Auckland Racing Club	<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 27 January 2018
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine		
<b>Track:</b>	Dead(4) upgraded to Good(3) at 1.50pm		
<b>Rail:</b>	True		
<b>Stewards:</b>	J Oatham (Chairman), M Williamson, A Coles, B Jones, W Robinson		
<b>Vet:</b>	I Bridge, N Houston		
<b>Typist:</b>	M Gemmell		

## SUMMARY:

<b>Swabbing:</b>	MELODY BELLE, ASTOR, JULIUS, ROMANCER, CHARLES ROAD, FIVE TO MIDNIGHT, SCOTT BASE, EMBELLISH, EVER LOYAL, THEE AULD FLOOZIE, LIZZIE L'AMOUR, AVANTAGE, AL HASA, BOCCE		
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race	3	<b>H Bowman</b> FIVE TO MIDNIGHT Careless riding 250 metres [638(1)(d)] Suspended 10/2-21/2 inclusive, 8 days
		4	<b>L Innes</b> EVER LOYAL Careless riding final 50 metres [638(1)(d)] Suspended 28/1-16/2 incl, 12 days
		5	<b>C Lammas</b> HARD MERCHANDIZE Careless riding 1500 metres [638(1)(d)] Suspended 4/1-23/2 incl, 13 days
<b>Protests:</b>	Race	4	<b>KAPOOR</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> v <b>EMBELLISH</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> - dismissed <b>KAPOOR</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> v <b>EVER LOYAL</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> - upheld
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil		
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race	1	<b>M McNab</b> BOMBARD Shifted ground 1000 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	Race	1	<b>MERLINI</b> - warning, racing manners
<b>Follow Up:</b>	Nil		
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	Nil		
<b>Rider Changes:</b>	Nil		
<b>Late Scratchings:</b>	Nil		

## GENERAL:

Stewards report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment.
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## RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	Mongolian Khan Trophy (Group 3) 1200 metres
<b>ASTOR</b> (S Collett) - Began awkwardly before being further hampered losing ground, steadied when placed in restricted room near the 1000 metres, inconvenienced 250 metres.  <b>SHORT FUSE</b> (C Lammas) - Crowded shortly after leaving the barriers.	

**LADYNADEL** (D Johnson) - Crowded soon after leaving the barriers losing ground, had some difficulty obtaining clear running passing the 300 metres and when attempting to obtain clear running near the 100 metres made contact with **SHORT FUSE**.

**GIFT OF POWER** (C Johnson) - Began awkwardly, lay out rounding the final turn and early in the straight before being inconvenienced near the 250 metres when **MELODY BELLE** shifted inwards under pressure. Rider C Johnson advised that the filly had not felt overly comfortable on the right handed track with co-trainer Mr G Rogerson advising that the filly was likely to be restricted to racing on left handed tracks in the immediate future.

**BEYOND DISPUTE** (A Collett) - Began awkwardly making contact.

**M McNab** - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount **BOMBARD** to shift inwards when steadying and not fully clear of **BEYOND DISPUTE** which was improving to its inside which was forced inwards placing **ASTOR** in restricted room having to be steadied approaching the 1000 metres.

**MERLINI** (L Innes) - When being steadied near the 900 metres ran outwards across heels having to be corrected by its rider then continuing to lay out rounding the bend when racing ungenerously and running wide entering the final straight near the 400 metres, continued to race greenly in the final straight. Trainer Mr T Pike was advised that a warning would be placed against the gelding for its racing manners. A post-race veterinary inspection did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

**DEVINE LOVE** (J Bayliss) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**SHORT FUSE** (C Lammas) - Bumped 100 metres.

<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Brighthill Farm Concorde Handicap (Group 3) 1200 metres</b>
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**MAHALO** (M Coleman) - Began awkwardly with the rider becoming unbalanced, bumped 1050 metres.

**ROMANCER** (C Lammas) - Began awkwardly before being crowded losing ground, raced ungenerously when being restrained near the 1050 metres making contact with **MAHALO** and getting its head up inconveniencing **ENZO'S LAD** with **CHACHAR** then having to be steadied to avoid the heels of **ENZO'S LAD**, over-raced for a distance near the 800 metres, had to change ground on two occasions in the final straight to obtain clear running.

**ENZO'S LAD** (S Weatherley) - Crowded when leaving the barriers, inconvenienced 1050 metres, raced three wide without cover. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding's chances had not been helped being caught wide along with the fact that it had gone up substantially in weight to be carrying top weight today.

**CHACHAR** (A Collett) - Crowded when leaving the barriers, steadied to avoid heels 1050 metres.

**ELUSIVE TREASURE** (T Thornton) - Held up near the 250 metres and when shifting outwards to obtain clear running made contact with **AKOYA** near the 200 metres.

**SULTAN OF SWING** (C Johnson) - Held up until obtaining clear running near the 150 metres.

**FERRANDO** (M Cameron) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that after beginning only fairly from its wide barrier draw the entire had had to work hard to get to the lead, crossing to a position closer to the running rail near the 800 metres with this effort having told over the concluding stages, also adding that **FERRANDO** may be feeling the effects of recent racing. Co-trainer Mr G Rogerson indicated that **FERRANDO** was now likely to be sent for a short spell. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Windsor Park Stud City of Auckland Cup (Group 3) 2400 metres</b>
<p><b>FIVE TO MIDNIGHT</b> (H Bowman) - Required farrier attention after arriving at the barriers with the race running approximately 4 minutes late as a result.</p> <p><b>SMEDLEY</b> (R Elliot) - Slow to begin, raced wide without cover until improving forward to sit outside the leader near the 1000 metres.</p> <p><b>WILDFLOWER</b> (C Johnson) - Began awkwardly then raced in restricted room and was steadied, over-raced in the early and middle stages, held up early in the final straight until shifting outwards approaching the 300 metres before again having to shift ground passing the 200 metres to obtain clear running.</p> <p><b>H Bowman</b> - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted FIVE TO MIDNIGHT to shift outwards passing the 250 metres when insufficiently clear of COMIN'THROUGH which was dictated outwards onto DIESEL which was crowded and checked with the Judicial Committee suspending his license to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Friday 9 February up to and including racing on Wednesday 21 February, 8 National riding days.</p> <p><b>DIESEL</b> (A Collett) - Became awkwardly placed on heels passing the 1100 metres and was steadied, crowded and checked 250 metres.</p> <p><b>FIVE TO MIDNIGHT</b> (H Bowman) - Held up early in the final straight until shifting outwards to obtain clear running near the 250 metres.</p> <p><b>COMIN'THROUGH</b> (C Lammas) - Dictated outwards 250 metres.</p>	
<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Karaka Million 3YO Classic (Listed Race) 1600 metres</b>
<p><b>SCOTT BASE</b> (R Myers) - Began awkwardly losing ground, badly hampered passing the 1500 metres.</p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE FACT</b> (A Collett) - Began awkwardly losing ground.</p> <p><b>C Lammas</b> - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he allowed HARD MERCHANDIZE to shift inwards passing the 1500 metres when insufficiently clear of SMOKIN' OAK which was dictated inwards crowding SAVVY COUP which clipped a heel and blundered with the Judicial Committee suspending C Lammas' license to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 3 February up to and including racing on Friday 23 February, 13 national riding days. Also badly hampered as a result was SCOTT BASE.</p> <p><b>SAVVY COUP</b> (M McNab) - Clipped a heel and blundered passing the 1500 metres.</p> <p><b>SMOKIN' OAK</b> (S Collett) - Commenced to race keenly in the early stages, crowded and hampered 1500 metres, raced ungenerously through the middle stages.</p> <p><b>CONTESSA VANESSA</b> (R Elliot) - Hampered near the 1200 metres when SMOKIN' OAK shifted outwards when racing ungenerously resulting in CONTESSA VANESSA becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of EMBELLISH, raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.</p> <p><b>KAPOOR</b> (D Johnson) - Crowded passing the 300 metres when dictated inwards by EMBELLISH which had commenced to lay in when placed under pressure with KAPOOR then becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of ON THE ROCKS which had shifted out slightly under pressure. O Bosson was advised that he must exercise greater care in a similar circumstances. Bumped passing the 100 metres by SAVVY COUP which shifted inwards when bumped by SCOTT BASE which had lay in under pressure, hampered when dictated outwards over the final 50 metres.</p>	

**EMBELLISH** (O Bosson) - Lay inwards under pressure in the final straight becoming unbalanced after making contact with KAPOOR passing the 300 metres, came together with SCOTT BASE when both runners shifted ground just short of the finish.

**SCOTT BASE** (R Myers) - Lay inwards under pressure in the final straight, came together with SCOTT BASE just short of the finish when both runners shifted ground.

Following the race the connection of the 5<sup>th</sup> placed horse KAPOOR lodged a protest against both the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed horse EMBELLISH and the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed horse EVER LOYAL alleging interference in the final straight. After hearing submissions the Judicial Committee dismissed the protest against the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed horse EMBELLISH and upheld the protest against the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed horse EVER LOYAL. The official placings now read 1<sup>st</sup> SCOTT BASE, 2<sup>nd</sup> EMBELLISH, 3<sup>rd</sup> SAVVY COUP, 4<sup>TH</sup> KAPOOR 5<sup>th</sup> EVER LOYAL.

**L Innes** - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he allowed EVER LOYAL to shift out over the final 50 metres causing interference to KAPOOR with the Judicial Committee suspending his license to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on today up to and including racing on Friday 16 February, 12 national riding days.

<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Westbury Classic (Group 2) 1400 metres</b>
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**ODISHA** (A Collett) - Slow to begin.

**LOVERS LANE** (D Johnson) - Slow to begin.

**BELLA COURT** (S Collett) - Slow to begin.

**CAPRIKOSA** (M Du Plessis) - Began awkwardly.

**LIZZIE L'AMOUR** (M Cameron) - Raced keenly becoming awkwardly placed approaching the 1100 metres.

**THEE AULD FLOOZIE** (H Bowman) - Raced three wide without cover.

**JA JA BINKS** (L Innes) - Held until shifting outwards to obtain clear running near the 350 metres.

**LOVERS LANE** (D Johnson) - Made the final turn awkwardly and hung outwards in the final straight with the rider advising that the mare had felt indifferent in its action. A post-race veterinary inspection found LOVERS LANE to have got down on its bumpers requiring veterinary treatment.

**C Lammas** - A charge of careless riding was filed with the Judicial Committee in that he allowed LIVIN' ON A PRAYER to shift inwards near the 200 metres crowding SWEEPSTAKE which was forced inwards crowding HENI which was checked losing ground. Due to time constraints with judicial film services not being available the matter was adjourned until a date to be set.

<b>Race 6</b>	<b>Karaka Million 2YO (Listed Race) 1200 metres</b>
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**SHE'S A THIEF** (J Bayliss) - Began awkwardly losing ground, commenced to race ungenerously when being steadied in the early stages, shifted outwards approaching the 200 metres to obtain clear running.

**THOMAS AQUINAS** (J Riddell) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**SCORCH** (L Innes) - Crowded soon after leaving the barriers.

**SIR NATE** (M Tanaka) - Began awkwardly making contact, shifted outwards passing the 200 metres to obtain clear running.

**SWORD OF OSMAN** (M McNab) - Over-raced in the middle stages.

**HATTIE BEE** (S Spratt) - Raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.

**THE REAL BEEL** (D Johnson) - Raced keenly when being restrained in the middle stages, briefly crowded when weakening passing the 150 metres.

**AL HASA** (H Bowman) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight shifting ground inwards passing the 350 metres then shifting outwards passing the 200 metres to obtain clear running.

**O Bosson** - Spoken to regarding his whip use prior to the 100 metres.