



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS	
Club:	Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Pukekohe Park
Date:	Monday, 1 January 2024
Weather:	Fine
Track:	Heavy 8, upgraded to Soft 7 retrospective to Race 1, Soft 6 after Race 7
Rail:	Out 3 metres
Stewards:	J Oatham (Chair), B Jones, L Selvakumaran, G Stewart
Vet:	N Houston BVSc, T Montgomery BVMS
Op Support:	K Verner

SUMMARY			
Suspensions:	Race	10	J Doyle BILLY BUNTER Excessive use of whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] Suspended 5/1 - 11/1, 5 days and fined as below
Fines:	Race	8	O Bosson DRAGON LEAP Whip use in consecutive strides [Rule 638(3)(g)(ii)] \$550
		10	J Doyle BILLY BUNTER Excessive use of whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] \$100
Warnings:	Nil		
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	6	PLATINUM INVADOR Humanely euthanised
		7	DEEBEE ZAPOWER Bled second occasion, ineligible to race in New Zealand
		10	OMINOUS Cardiac arrhythmia, veterinary clearance required
Follow Up:	Race	4	LOOKSEASY
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratchings:	Nil		
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Swabbing:	GRANDE GALLO, ORCHESTRAL, BELLATRIX STAR, MOVE TO STRIKE, POUR THE WINE, ABOUT TIME, STILL BANGON, TRUST IN YOU, KHAN HUNTER, KARMAN LINE, WAITAK, BONNY LASS, MERCURIAL, HABANA, SAINT BATHANS, BILLY BUNTER Pre-race blood and hair testing was carried out at today's meeting.		

GENERAL
Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	EAGLE TECHNOLOGY 1500

VERA ROSE (M McNab) - Began awkwardly making contact with LOOSE CHANGE. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the filly had been disappointing and was unable to offer any excuse other than possibly not being suited by today's track conditions. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

LOOSE CHANGE (N Parmar) - Contacted at the start. Lay in under pressure making contact with TO CATCH A THIEF near the 100 metres.

MIDNIGHT SCANDAL (C Barnes) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

LA MEZQUITA (J Collett) - Contacted and forced wider near the 600 metres when LOOSE CHANGE shifted out.

TO CATCH A THIEF (C Grylls) - Contacted near the 100 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider was unable to offer any excuse but was of the opinion that the gelding would derive benefit from today's race.

Following this race, the track was retrospectively upgraded to Soft 7.

Race 2	BARFOOT & THOMPSON 1600
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ORCHESTRAL (C Grylls) - Slow to begin.

LUPO SOLITARIO (R Elliot) - Crowded at the start.

PERFECTMANZ (M Cameron) – Slow to begin.

SKAW VALLEY (B Jacobson) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

MARS (M McNab) - Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 800 metres.

LEROY BROWN (J Doyle) - Lay outwards throughout the race continuing to do so when placed under pressure in the final straight.

Race 3	SKYCITY ECLIPSE STAKES 2YO 1200 (G2)
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BELLATRIX STAR (W Kennedy) – Crowded at the start losing ground. Held up early in the straight before angling outwards across heels to obtain clear running passing the 400 metres.

MONTANA BAY (J Doyle) – Raced wide without cover throughout.

VELOCIOUS (S Spratt) – Raced keenly through the early stages. Improved onto heels near the 600 metres having to be steadied.

Race 4	AUCKLAND CO-OP TAXIS 1200
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SWERVE (K Asano) - Began awkwardly.

SILVER JAVELIN (O Bosson) - Slow to begin.

INTREPID GIRL (S Spratt) - Began awkwardly.

MIDNIGHT SPECIAL (J Doyle) – Raced keenly through the early stages. Raced three wide without cover for the majority of the race.

POUR THE WINE (W Kennedy) - Held up early in the straight then continued to have some difficulty obtaining clear running until approaching the 200 metres.

GREY HAZE (T Newman) – Lay out rounding the final turn continuing to do so when placed under pressure in the final straight. Placed in restricted room over the concluding stages. Rider reported that the filly had raced greenly throughout.

FROSTFAIR (V Colgan) - Held up early in the straight having to shift ground to obtain clear running passing the 400 metres. Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight placing GREY HAZE in restricted room over the concluding stages.

LOOKSEASY (J Collett) - Briefly crowded passing the 50 metres. Received veterinary attention for a wound to the right hind leg as a result of having been galloped on during the running.

Race 5 | **SIR PATRICK HOGAN STAKES 2050 (G2)**

ABOUT TIME (W Kennedy) - Crowded at the start.

SAXS 'N' SILKS (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly.

LIVID SKY (S Weatherley) - Contacted at the start.

COURT OF APPEAL (J Collett) - Shifted away from ABOUT TIME near the 300 metres making contact with the hindquarters of HARLOW ROCKS. Rider reported that in his opinion the filly may not be suited to leading.

HARLOW ROCKS (M McNab) - Contacted near the 300 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

MY LIPS ARE SEALED (O Bosson) - When questioned regarding performance the rider was of the opinion that the filly failed to see out the distance of today's race.

Race 6 | **QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP 2400 (G3)**

PLATINUM INVADOR (J Riddell) - Slow to begin. Went amiss near the 700 metres when racing free of interference and was immediately attended to by the course veterinarian with the horse ambulance being deployed. PLATINUM INVADOR was found to have suffered a compound fracture to the right fore cannon having to be humanely euthanised.

TERRA MITICA (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had not been entirely comfortable in today's track conditions.

KIWI MAN (L Satherley) - Slow to begin.

ESS VEE ARE (S Weatherley) – Rider was of the opinion that the gelding is better suited to racing on left- handed tracks.

Race 7 | **STELLA ARTOIS 1400**

DEEBEE ZAPOWER (N Hailey) - Slow to begin. Raced three wide without cover throughout. Was eased down in the final straight and pulled up by its rider near the 100 metres. Returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils. Following a veterinary examination DEEBEE ZAPOWER was confirmed to have bled. Trainer G Opie was advised that DEEBEE ZAPOWER is now ineligible to race in New Zealand as this was its second attack of nasal bleeding.

SIR STERLING (J Doyle) – Began awkwardly.

WET 'N' WILD (M Cameron) - Began awkwardly.

NAVIGATOR (R Elliot) – Raced keenly through the early stages. Rider reported that the gelding had not felt comfortable in today's track conditions. Dislodged its rider when returning to the enclosure. R Elliot was examined by the course Doctor and cleared of any injury.

CHURCHILLIAN (T Moodley) – Got its head up when being steadied going into the bend near the 900 metres. Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

Following this race, the track was upgraded to Soft 6.

Race 8 | **SISTEMA RAILWAY 1200 (G1)**

WAITAK (W Kennedy) – Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Briefly inconvenienced having to shift ground passing the 200 metres.

MAVEN BELLE (M Cameron) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

SACRED SATONO (M McNab) – Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight. When questioned regarding performance the rider was unable to offer any excuse advising that the entire had been disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

MERCURIAL (S Spratt) - Ducked out abruptly passing the 200 metres making contact with BONNY LASS forcing that runner wider. Stewards were satisfied that the movement was sudden and beyond the control of S Spratt.

BONNY LASS (C Grylls) - Contacted and hampered being forced wider near the 200 metres.

BABYLON BERLIN (J Collett) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had been disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

DRAGON LEAP (O Bosson) – Lost the left front plate near the 250 metres.

O Bosson (DRAGON LEAP) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount in two consecutive strides over the concluding stages. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$550.

Race 9 | **RICH HILL MILE 1600 (G2)**

LINGJUN XIONGFENG (B Jacobson) - Began awkwardly losing ground. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the entire had failed to handle today's track conditions.

COGNITO (N Parmar) - Slow to begin. Was inclined to lay inwards under pressure in the straight.

SAINT BATHANS (U Holmquist) – Began awkwardly. Raced keenly when three wide without cover throughout.

RIODINI (J Collett) - Steadied when awkwardly placed on heels near the 450 metres then continuing to be held up until near the 150 metres.

ARBY (A Goindasamy) - Held up until passing the 200 metres. Placed in restricted room just short of the finish.

UDERZO (M Hashizume) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 200 metres.

ZECORA (L Satherley) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had not felt comfortable in today's track conditions.

Race 10

ELLERSLIE EVENTS 1600

DESERT MYSTIC (M Hashizume) - Slow to begin.

BILLY BUNTER (J Doyle) – Ducked inwards when struck with the whip approaching the 200 metres having to be corrected by its rider.

OMINOUS (W Kennedy) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had been a beaten runner a long way from home and had made abnormal breathing noises. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the mare to have suffered cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer L Noble was advised that **OMINOUS** will not be permitted to start in any race or trial until a veterinary certificate declaring the horse free of any cardiac arrhythmia following a gallop of at least 1000 metres.

J Doyle (**BILLY BUNTER**) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount eight times prior to the 100 metre mark. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of J Doyle's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Thursday 4 January up to and including racing on Thursday 11 January, 5 national riding days and in addition imposed a fine of \$100.

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