



# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Hawkes Bay Racing Inc  
**Date:** Saturday, 28 September 2024  
**Weather:** Fine  
**Track:** Soft 5  
**Rail:** Out 4 metres  
**Stewards:** J Oatham (Chair), B Jones, N Goodwin, K Jillings (Trainee)  
**Vet:** M Newall BVSc, A Gibb BVSc  
**Typist:** S Shirriffs

## SUMMARY

**Suspensions:** Nil  
**Fines:** Nil  
**Warnings:** Nil  
**Protests:** Nil  
**Request for Ruling:** Nil  
**Horse Actions:** Race 1 **WHO'S COMPLAININ**  
Required to barrier trial  
**Follow Up:** Nil  
**Rider Changes:** Nil  
**Late Scratchings:** Nil  
**Medical Certificates:** Nil  
**Swabbing:** FAY KHAN IT

## GENERAL

Nothing to report

## SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

## RACE COMMENTS

### Race 1 THE MACTAGGART FAMILY GRATITUDE STAKES 2100m

**WHO'S COMPLAININ** (E Sole) - Commenced to buck shortly after the start dislodging its rider. E Sole was attended to by on-course paramedics and was found to be uninjured. Connections were advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

**PADDY GIFT** (H Grace) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Checked when improving onto the heels of the weakening SAN SIMEON near the 250 metres.

**JUST CHARLIE** (L Sutherland) - Lost its footing when racing free of interference near the 1700 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary inspection which did not reveal any abnormality.

**SHE'S SO RELIABLE** (J Chung) - Over-raced passing the 1000 metres.

**SUNSET BOULEVARD** (R Elliot) - When questioned regarding performance rider advised the gelding had been disappointing but in his opinion would derive benefit from today's second-up race. Underwent a post-race veterinary inspection which did not reveal any abnormality.

Following the race a meeting was held with all riders given the incident involving JUST CHARLIE. A delegation of riders, stewards, and club officials inspected the area of the track in the vicinity of the 1700 metres. Following this inspection it was agreed that the Vertidrain machine would be put through that portion of the track, followed by a further inspection. Stewards then again met with the rider representatives, with the general feeling being that the work undertaken was not sufficient to give confidence regarding horse and rider safety, following which the decision of the stewards was that the remainder of the meeting be abandoned.

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