



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS	
Club:	Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Te Rapa
Date:	Saturday, 28 October 2024
Weather:	Showery
Track:	Good 4
Rail:	Out 3 metres
Stewards:	B Jones (Chair), J Oatham, G Stewart
Vet:	R McQuillan MVB, G Sommerville BVSc
Op Support:	K Verner

SUMMARY			
Suspensions:	Race	2	N Hailey KAWHIA Careless riding 1900 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 8/11 - 16/11, 6 days
Fines:	Nil		
Warnings:	Race	3	C Grylls FORCE OF NATURE Shifting ground 250 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Nil		
Follow Up:	Race	2	HOOTIE JOHNSON
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratchings:	Nil		
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Swabbing:	ESS VEE ARE, EMBEZZLER, FORCE OF NATURE		

GENERAL
Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	SKYCITY HAMILTON WAIKATO CUP PRELUDE 2400
DIAMOND JAK (A Lawson-Carroll) - Slow away.	
ESS VEE ARE (S Weatherley) – Lost the near hind plate near the 450 metres. Rider reported that his mount had lost its footing near the 425 metres.	
Following the running of this race S Weatherley raised an issue regarding the safety of the track surface, in particular near the 425 metres. Stewards convened a track inspection committee with a delegation of riders and club representatives. Following a meeting involving all riders a decision was made to continue on with the programme with all races going back one race.	
Race 2	ALL THE NEWS @ TRACKSIDE.CO.NZ 2400
SPRING QUEEN (S Weatherley) – Slow away. Checked near the 1900 metres.	

IN A PICKLE (T Davies) - Slow away from the outside barrier then being restrained to obtain cover.

HOOTIE JOHNSON (T Newman) – Jumped away awkwardly. Rider reported that the gelding had felt indifferent in its action over the concluding stages. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

JACK IN THE BOX (J Allen) - Contacted and forced inwards passing the 1900 metres. Held up rounding the final turn and throughout the straight only obtaining clear running over the concluding stages.

PERFECTMANZ (G Rooke) - Raced in restricted room passing the 1800 metres. Raced three wide without cover until improving forward to sit outside the leader near the 1000 metres.

CRYSTAL FALLS (V Colgan) – Contacted and unbalanced entering the final straight.

NOTABADSPILLANE (C Barnes) - Shifted out slightly entering the final straight making contact with CRYSTAL FALLS which was momentarily unbalanced.

FINAL IMPACT (M Hashizume) – Held up rounding the final bend.

KAWHIA (N Hailey) – Had difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight.

THE GREEN KEEPER (J Doyle) – Improved onto heels passing the 200 metres having to be steadied.

BLACK BETTY (S Spratt) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that after working hard in the early stages from a wide barrier, the mare had failed to finish the race off, further advising that it would benefit from more rain affected footing.

CARTER RUSSELL (K Stott) – Lost the near front plate during the running.

N Hailey (KAWHIA) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of JACK IN THE BOX which was contacted and forced inwards into the line of SPRING QUEEN which was checked near the 1900 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of N Hailey's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Thursday 7 November up to and including racing on Saturday 16 November, 6 national riding days.

Race 3	DEVAN PLASTICS MAIDEN 1300
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BOLSTER (K Stott) – Over-raced in the early stages.

CHINOOK (L Satherley) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

FORCE OF NATURE (C Grylls) - Held up early in the straight and did not obtain clear running until being steadied and shifting outwards across heels approaching the 150 metres.

SOUL QUEEN (B Jacobson) - Crowded when weakening passing the 250 metres.

IMA WARRIOR (S Spratt) - Steadied when placed in restricted room over the concluding stages.

C Grylls (FORCE OF NATURE) - Issued with a warning for permitting his mount to shift outwards when not sufficiently clear of SOUL QUEEN which had to be steadied when weakening passing the 250 metres. Contributing was slight inward movement from CHATEAU VALLEE.

Immediately following this race, a number of riders expressed concerns regarding the footing around the bend. After further meeting with all riders another track inspection committee was convened with the decision being made to abandon the meeting.

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