



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Ellerslie
Date: Wednesday, 1 January 2025
Weather: Fine
Track: Soft 5, upgraded to Good 4 following Race 2
Rail: Out 3 metres
Stewards: J Oatham (Chair), B Jones, A Dooley, G Stewart
Vet: N Houston BVSc, P Stegehuis BVSc
Op Support: K Verner

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	9	T Mitchell BLUE SKY AT NIGHT Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] Suspended 8/1 - 19/1, 8 days
Fines:	Race	2	P Gerard SHOES Presenting runner late to the enclosure [Rule 625(1)] (Minor Infringement) \$50
		9	J Fawcett ARBY Whip use, arm above shoulder height [Rule 638(3)(f)(ii)] \$800
Warnings:	Race	8	M Cartwright BOURBON EMPRESS Celebratory gesture prior to the winning post [Rule 638(2)]
		9	R Patterson THE UNDERBELLY Presenting runner late to the enclosure [Rule 625(1)]
		9	C Barnes FINAL RETURN Shifting ground 2000 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
		10	W Kennedy COINCIDENTAL Shifting ground 1200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	6	DAME LILIBIC Required to barrier trial FROSTFAIR Warning, barrier manners
Follow Up:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Race	4	CLASS V Colgan replaced W Pinn (injured)
		5	YOU KNOW V Colgan replaced T Moodley (injured) CAST OF DIAMONDS R Elliot replaced K Stott (indisposed)
		6	SIR STERLING J Doyle replaced K Stott DIMAGGIO R Elliot replaced W Pinn
		7	CROWN PRINCESS M McNab replaced W Pinn
		8	TRUST IN YOU R Elliot replaced K Stott

	9	NEST EGG M McNab replaced K Stott
	10	GOOD DAY J Doyle replaced K Stott
Late Scratchings:	Nil	
Medical Certificates:	Required from T Moodley Required from W Pinn Received from C Barnes	
Swabbing:	MOVING MELODY, POETIC CHAMPION, TOO SWEET, LA DORADA, WILLYDOIT, KING OF THE NORTH, FROSTFAIR, REAL CLASS, BELLA MONTAGNA, BOURBON EMPRESS, JAARFFI, SON OF SUN, ARBY, CHATEAU VALLEE	
Pre-race blood and hair testing was carried out at today's meeting.		

GENERAL
Stewards were advised that W Pinn was injured and would not be attending today's race meeting with a medical clearance being required prior to riding next.
T Moodley advised Stewards he was injured and would not be attending today's race meeting with a medical clearance being required prior to riding next.

SUPPLEMENTARY
Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Te Rapa, Saturday 21 December 2024
Race 8 LODGE COMMERCIAL MILE 1600m
CRACKERCOL (V Colgan) - Co-trainer A Scott reported to Stewards the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding, however, CRACKERCOL has now been sent for a brief freshen up.
Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Ellerslie, Thursday 26 December 2024
Race 2 HORIZON BY SKYCITY 1100
REMALA (W Kennedy) - Trainer L Noble reported that in subsequent days the filly was found to be lame in the left hind with a stress fracture and has been sent for a spell to recover.

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	EAGLE TECHNOLOGY 1200
FIRST DANCE (W Kennedy) - Crowded leaving the barriers losing ground.	
MOVING MELODY (A Lawson-Carroll) – Shifted outwards leaving the barriers crowding FIRST DANCE.	
MI BELLA (G Rooke) - Began awkwardly.	
OH NO NO NO (J Nishizuka) - Crowded leaving the barriers. Raced three wide without cover throughout.	
SWERVE (L Satherley) – Over-raced through the early and middle stages.	

FLAMING PASSION (K Myers) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that it had not been her intention to lead but after going forward from a wide barrier had ended up in that position and in her opinion may be better suited being ridden with cover.

Race 2 | **TAB 1200**

POUR THE WINE (W Kennedy) – Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages.

TWAIN (B Jacobson) – Lay outwards shortly after leaving the barriers having to be corrected. Inconvenienced passing the 200 metres when **SWEYNESDAY** lay inwards.

SWEYNESDAY (M Hashizume) – Lay inwards passing the 200 metres having to be corrected by its rider.

POETIC CHAMPION (M Cartwright) - Lay outwards under pressure over the concluding stages.

P Gerard (SHOES) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$50 after presenting SHOES late to the enclosure.

Following this race, connections of the fourth placed runner **TWAIN** viewed Stewards video footage of the final straight before electing not to proceed with a protest.

Following this race the track was upgraded to Good 4.

Race 3 | **SKYCITY ECLIPSE STAKES 2YO 1200 (G2)**

TORETTO (R Elliot) - Slow to begin. Hampered having to be steadied losing ground near the 900 metres.

VEGA FOR LUCK (G Rooke) - Raced ungenerously when being restrained near the 900 metres and shifted outwards badly hampering **TORETTO** which had to check to avoid that runner's heels and ran wide losing ground.

ROMANOFF (K Myers) - Briefly placed in restricted room approaching the 200 metres.

Race 4 | **HORIZON BY SKYCITY 3YO 1600**

VERMELHO (T Newman) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

TUXEDO (J Doyle) - Raced keenly in the early stages.

ELEGANT JAZZ (S Spratt) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

WILLYDOIT (M Hashizume) – Held up for clear running until near the 250 metres.

Race 5 | **AUCKLAND CO-OP TAXIS 1600**

TINY DIAMOND (C Dell) - Crowded leaving the barriers losing ground.

HE'S CLASSIC (A Lawson-Carroll) – Jumped away awkwardly. Steadied off heels near the 1000 metres.

AFTERMATH (J Doyle) – Jumped away awkwardly before being further hampered when crowded.

CAST OF DIAMONDS (R Elliot) – Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier. Steadied away from heels near the 600 metres.

KING OF THE NORTH (G Rooke) – Raced keenly through the middle stages.

ALL SHOOK UP (T Newman) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

ARMINO (R Goyaram) – Held up early in the straight.

I'M CERTAIN (M Cartwright) - Crowded when weakening approaching the 200 metres between ARMINO and ALL SHOOK UP which both shifted ground.

Race 6 | **BARFOOT & THOMPSON 1400**

DAME LILIBIC (S Weatherley) - After being fractious in the barriers, reared as the gates were released dislodging its rider. Trainer M Bradley was advised the mare would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

FROSTFAIR (W Kennedy) - Trainer L Noble was advised that a barrier manners warning has been placed against the mare which was fractious in its stall prior to the start. Over-raced when being restrained in the early stages.

MOSINVADER (C Grylls) - Slow to begin.

SIR STERLING (J Doyle) - Slow to begin.

JAFFIRA (R Hutchings) – Raced three wide in the early stages before being restrained to the rear to obtain cover.

Race 7 | **SIR PATRICK HOGAN STAKES 3YOF 2000 (G2)**

BALLISTIC MISS (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin.

MYAKKABELLE (V Colgan) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier. Held up rounding the final turn.

THE TRENDSETTER (M Hashizume) - Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to lead near the 1200 metres.

ISLAND LIFE (S Spratt) - Commenced to over-race passing the 1000 metres when the pace eased.

REGGAE QUEEN (M Cartwright) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the filly had raced greenly and failed to respond to his riding once placed under pressure. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 8 | **RICH HILL MILE 1600 (G2)**

JAARFFI (W Kennedy) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground. Raced keenly when three wide without cover for the majority of the race. Lay outwards under pressure inconveniencing UDERZO approaching the 200 metres.

MOONLIGHT MAGIC (G Rooke) - Slow to begin.

TRUST IN YOU (R Elliot) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

MARY SHAN (M McNab) - Slow to begin. Held up in the straight having to be checked when disappointed for a run passing the 250 metres.

WITZ END (S Weatherley) – Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to lead near the 1100 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had been disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

PROVENCE (S Spratt) - Held up early in the straight having to be checked when improving onto the heels of KEALOHA near the 250 metres and shifted outwards hampering MARY SHAN.

WHAT YOU WISH FOR (K Myers) - Held up rounding the final turn and continued to have difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 100 metres.

NO SECRET (L Satherley) - Held up rounding the final turn and did not obtain clear running until near the 150 metres.

UDERZO (M Hashizume) - Inconvenienced approaching the 200 metres.

BOURBON EMPRESS (M Cartwright) – Lay outwards under pressure over the concluding stages.

M Cartwright (BOURBON EMPRESS) - Issued with a warning after making a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post.

Race 9	QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP 2400 (G3)
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NEST EGG (M McNab) - Slow to begin.

SAILOR JACK (L Satherley) - Slow to begin.

BLUE SKY AT NIGHT (T Mitchell) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground.

LET FLY (S Spratt) – Raced wide in the early stages. Steadied off the heels of TERRA MITICA near the 2000 metres.

TERRA MITICA (W Kennedy) - Had to be steadied to avoid the heels of FINAL RETURN which shifted inwards when not fully clear near the 2000 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider was unable to offer any excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

ARBY (J Fawcett) - Raced wide through the early stages before improving forward to sit outside the leader near the 1300 metres.

DIONYSUS (M Hashizume) - Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the straight and was held up when disappointed for a run to the inside of FINAL RETURN approaching the 200 metres.

NEREUS (J Doyle) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had finished the race off well enough over the concluding stages under its top weight and he was satisfied with the gelding's performance.

THE UNDERBELLY (C Grylls) - When questioned regarding performance the rider was unable to offer any excuse.

R Patterson (THE UNDERBELLY) - Issued with a warning for presenting THE UNDERBELLY late to the enclosure.

C Barnes (FINAL RETURN) – Issued with a warning after permitting her mount to shift inwards when not fully clear of TERRA MITICA near the 2000 metres.

J Fawcett (ARBY) - Admitted a charge in that she struck her mount with an action which raised her arm above shoulder height on five occasions in the final straight. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$800.

T Mitchell (BLUE SKY AT NIGHT) - Admitted a charge in that she struck her mount eight times prior to the 100 metre mark. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of T Mitchell's licence to ride

in races from the conclusion of racing on Tuesday 7 January up to and including racing on Sunday 19 January, 8 national riding days.

Race 10

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RISQUE RULER (C Dell) - Jumped away awkwardly.

COINCIDENTAL (W Kennedy) - Jumped outwards at the start crowding BERTIE WOOSTER which lost ground. Had to be firmly restrained when improving onto heels after the pace steadied approaching the 800 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the filly had not been suited by the stop start nature of the tempo of the race.

THINK I GOT CHA (R Elliot) - Jumped away awkwardly.

PURE DELIGHT (G Rooke) - Jumped away awkwardly.

BERTIE WOOSTER (S Spratt) - Steadied to avoid the heels of COINCIDENTAL which shifted inwards when not fully clear passing the 1200 metres with BERTIE WOOSTER then over racing for a distance. Had to be steadied over the concluding stages when improving onto heels. Lost the left hind plate during the running.

BERENHARD (K Myers) – Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to lead near the 1100 metres.

W Kennedy (COINCIDENTAL) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift inwards when not fully clear of BERTIE WOOSTER passing the 1200 metres.

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