



# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Te Rapa  
**Date:** Saturday, 14 December 2024  
**Weather:** Fine  
**Track:** Soft 5, upgraded to Good 4 following Race 2  
**Rail:** True  
**Stewards:** J Oatham (Chair), B Jones, A Dooley, G Stewart  
**Vet:** S Christopher BVSc, B Hunter BVSc  
**Op Support:** K Verner

## SUMMARY

**Suspensions:** Race 1 **S Spratt** SWEET ICE  
Careless riding 50 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 15/12 - 20/12, 4 days  
8 **T Mitchell** BLUE SKY AT NIGHT  
Excessive whip use [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] Suspended 15/12 - 20/12, 4 days and  
fined as below

**Fines:** Race 1,4, **O Bosson** TOWERING VISION, CAMPIONESSA, BILLY LINCOLN  
9 Failed to make weight [Rule 346(3)] \$450  
8 **T Mitchell** BLUE SKY AT NIGHT  
Excessive whip use [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] \$1000

**Warnings:** Race 2 **L O'Sullivan & A Scott** SOUGHT AFTER  
Presented runner late to the enclosure [Rule 625(1)]

**Protests:** Race 1 **2<sup>nd</sup> CURZON PARK vs 1<sup>st</sup> SWEET ICE**  
Protest dismissed

**Request for Ruling:** Nil

**Horse Actions:** Race 1 **VELVET BLUE**  
Required to barrier trial  
8 **CANHEROC**  
Veterinary clearance required

**Follow Up:** Race 8 **CANHEROC**  
9 **BILLY LINCOLN**  
9 **MARS**

**Rider Changes:** Race 1 **TOWERING VISION**  
V Colgan replaced O Bosson (overweight)  
4 **CAMPIONESSA**  
W Pinn replaced O Bosson  
9 **BILLY LINCOLN**  
M Cartwright replaced O Bosson

**Late Scratchings:** Race 5 **ALFRISTON**  
At 8.49 am on veterinary advice

**Medical Certificates:** Nil

**Swabbing:** SWEET ICE, DAMASK ROSE, PROCELLA, SNAZZYTAVI, CAMPIONESSA, RISQUE RULER,  
KELLY COE, MERCURIAL, SWEYNESDAY, BLUE SKY AT NIGHT, SASSY LASS, OUR ABSOLUTE

## GENERAL

Stewards were advised on race morning that O Bosson was unable to make the weight for three of his mounts today being replaced as per the above schedule. O Bosson admitted a relevant charge and was fined the sum of \$450 by the Adjudicative Committee.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

#### RACE COMMENTS

##### Race 1 ICIB BROKERWEB-INSURANCE BROKERS 2YO 1100

**VELVET BLUE** (M McNab) – Hung outwards going into the first turn passing the 800 metres running wide before being eased down passing the 600 metres and was not persevered with thereafter. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality. Co-trainer G Cooksley was advised that the colt would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

**FAT CAT** (G Rooke) - Made contact with TOWERING VISION near the 600 metres after improving onto the heels of CURZON PARK having to be steadied and shifting outwards. Steadied when again improving onto heels near the 450 metres.

**SWEET ICE** (S Spratt) - Lay outwards rounding the final turn continuing to do so in the straight racing very greenly and shifting outwards abruptly over the final 100 metres finishing wide out on the track.

**CURZON PARK** (N Parmar) – Hampered and had to be steadied off heels near the 50 metres.

**TOWERING VISION** (V Colgan) – Hampered and had to be steadied off heels near the 50 metres.

**DO YOU JUST** (C Grylls) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the colt raced greenly throughout.

Following the running of this race connections of the second placed runner CURZON PARK lodged a protest against the winner SWEET ICE alleging interference over the concluding stages. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee dismissed the protest with placings standing 1<sup>st</sup> SWEET ICE, 2<sup>nd</sup> CURZON PARK, 3<sup>rd</sup> TOWERING VISION, 4<sup>th</sup> DUJARDIN.

Following the running of this race connections of the third placed runner TOWERING VISION also viewed Stewards film footage before electing not to proceed with a protest.

**S Spratt** (SWEET ICE) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that she permitted her mount to shift outwards when not sufficiently clear of CURZON PARK and TOWERING VISION which were hampered near the 50 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of S Spratt's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 14 December up to and including racing on Friday 20 December, 4 national riding days.

##### Race 2 WENTWOOD GRANGE 3YO 1200

**SOUGHT AFTER** (M Hashizume) - Slow to begin.

**I'M ALL IN** (W Kennedy) – Raced keenly in the early stages.

**LASER BEAM** (L Sutherland) - Crowded near the 450 metres when BELLARISTA which was improving to its outside, lay in.

**L O'Sullivan & A Scott (SOUGHT AFTER)** - Issued with a warning after presenting their runner late to the parade ring.

Following this race the track was upgraded to Good 4.

**Race 3 | DUNSTAN HORSEFEEDS STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER 2200**

**BIEDERMEIER** (T Mitchell) - Trainer P Grey reported that the mare was showing signs of being in season.

**NOTABADSPILLANE** (M McNab) - Slow to begin.

**OUR MILLY BEE** (O Bosson) - Slow to begin.

**IMPAIRED VISION** (M Cartwright) – Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

**RAMBLIN' ROSE** (M Hashizume) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**BAMBOOZLE** (J Doyle) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a slow recovery.

**Race 4 | CAL ISUZU STAKES WFA 1600 (G2)**

**MOONLIGHT MAGIC** (C Grylls) - Slow to begin.

**SNAZZYTAVI** (W Kennedy) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

**REPUTATION** (K Myers) – Lay outwards rounding the final turn forcing NO SECRET wider on the track.

**NO SECRET** (S Spratt) - Forced wider on the track rounding the final turn.

**Race 5 | COMAG PLUMBING, DRAINLAYING AND ROOFING HAMILTON 1300**

**RISQUE RULER** (C Dell) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

**CHAOURCE** (C Grylls) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

**MR FORTRUS** (J Doyle) - Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to sit outside the leader near the 800 metres.

**STIPULATOR** (K Myers) - Raced wide throughout.

**PERSIFLAGE** (L Sutherland) - Lay out rounding the bend.

**DARCI'S ANGEL** (M Cartwright) - Held up passing the 200 metres. Rider reported that the mare had not felt entirely comfortable in today's firmer track conditions.

**BIG WAVE** (V Colgan) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had never travelled well during the running. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

**Race 6 | J SWAP SPRINT 1400 (G3)**

**JAARFFI** (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin (3L). Raced keenly through the middle stages.

**SOLIDIFY** (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced keenly through the middle stages

**PROVENCE** (S Spratt) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**PETRUCCI** (M McNab) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

**DUSTY ROAD** (M Cartwright) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**SAINT BATHANS** (U Holmquist) – Raced keenly through the middle stages.

**WITZ END** (S Weatherley) - Held up near the 200 metres then continuing to have difficulty obtaining clear running before again being held up over the concluding stages.

**LITTLE BIT OF LOVE** (L Allpress) - When questioned regarding performance the rider was of the opinion that the gelding may be better suited to a more rain affected track.

**Race 7** | **PATHWAYS – THE IMMIGRATION SPECIALISTS 1200**

**MY ANNIE BELLE** (V Colgan) - Began awkwardly.

**NANCY SHE WROTE** (M McNab) – Began awkwardly losing ground. Steadied over the concluding stages when improving onto the heels of BEA A ROCA.

**SINGING SUN** (T Mitchell) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**SWINDLE** (G Rooke) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**MISS BO PEEP** (W Kennedy) – Had to steady when awkwardly placed near the heels of MASTER BRUTUS rounding the final turn near the 450 metres, running wide.

**Race 8** | **SKYCITY HAMILTON WAIKATO CUP 2400 (G3)**

**THE ODYSSEY** (M McNab) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced wide in the early stages.

**ESS VEE ARE** (S Weatherley) – Slow to begin. Raced in restricted room for a distance passing the 200 metres when looking to obtain clear running.

**CANHEROC** (S Spratt) - Slow to begin. When questioned regarding performance the rider was unable to offer any excuse advising that the gelding had been very disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to be 3/5 lame in the left hind leg. Trainer C Wood was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

**DODGY ONE** (N Parmar) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Rider dropped his whip near the 350 metres.

**QUALITY TIME** (G Rooke) - Improved onto heels when racing keenly having to be steadied near the 1500 metres.

**PRIDE OF ASPEN** (L Sutherland) – Raced keenly through the middle stages. Held up near the 250 metres and continued to have difficulty obtaining clear running for the remainder of the race.

**SASSY LASS** (W Kennedy) - Held up early in the straight and did not obtain clear running until near the 150 metres.

**OUTOVSTOCK** (A Lawson-Carroll) - Raced in restricted room being jostled between ESS VEE ARE and THE ODYSSEY passing the 150 metres.

**T Mitchell** (BLUE SKY AT NIGHT) - Admitted a charge in that she struck her mount six times prior to the 100 metre mark with a further five strikes inside the final 100 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of T Mitchell's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 14 December up to and including racing on Friday 20 December, 4 national riding days and in addition imposed a fine of \$1000.

**Race 9      SEE YOU @ TE RAPA TAVERN 1500**

**LIVID SKY** (C Grylls) - Slow to begin.

**HASSTOBEPERFECT** (G Rooke) - Slow to begin.

**KEALOHA** (N Parmar) - Jumped away awkwardly before being further hampered when contacted by BILLY LINCOLN.

**OUR ABSOLUTE** (L Satherley) - Blundered leaving the barriers.

**MARS** (M McNab) - Jumped outwards at the start making contact with OUTBACK OPAL then being restrained to obtain cover. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had hung throughout and had not hit out freely feeling indifferent in its action. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

**OUTBACK OPAL** (M Hashizume) – Contacted leaving the barriers then being restrained to obtain cover.

**PROMETHEUS** (T Newman) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**BILLY LINCOLN** (M Cartwright) - Briefly steadied off heels when weakening near the 300 metres. Rider reported that the gelding had been coughing post-race. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality. The stable representative advised they were likely to have the gelding undergo a dynascope examination and Stewards will follow up during the week.

**MATANE** (W Kennedy) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had not helped its chances by over-racing.

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