



# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Pukekohe Park  
**Date:** Sunday, 23 February 2025  
**Weather:** Fine  
**Track:** Soft 5, upgraded to Good 4 following Race 1  
**Rail:** True  
**Stewards:** A Dooley (Chair), B Jones, M Davidson, G Stewart  
**Vet:** N Houston BVSc, T Montgomery BVMS  
**Op Support:** K Verner

## SUMMARY

<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race	2	<b>J Nishizuka</b> WRITTEN IN HEAVEN Careless riding 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 27/2 - 7/3, 6 days
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil		
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race	5	<b>A Lawson-Carroll</b> ESPERIMENTO Shifting ground concluding stages [Rule 638(1)(d)]
		8	<b>K Stott</b> MONDAY MELODY Shifting ground 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
		8	<b>J Doyle</b> HE'S CLASSIC Whip use out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)]
<b>Protests:</b>	Race	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>NOT USUAL PICK</b> vs 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>DEADLY DESIRE</b> Protest dismissed
		5	2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>BANNEN</b> vs 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>ESPERIMENTO</b> Protest dismissed
<b>Request for Ruling:</b>	Nil		
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	Race	1	<b>EMPHATIC</b> Warning, racing manners
		2	<b>BIG EXIT</b> Required to barrier trial
		6	<b>GRAPHIC</b> Cardiac arrhythmia, veterinary clearance required
<b>Follow Up:</b>	Race	6	<b>AGE OF DISCOVERY</b>
<b>Rider Changes:</b>	Race	1	<b>GOOD DAY</b> R Hutchings replaced M Cartwright (unwell) <b>DON'S LEGACY</b> L Satherley replaced M Lerner (indisposed)
		2	<b>EARLY BIRD</b> J Fawcett replaced B Rogerson (injured)
		4	<b>I'M FEELING LUCKY</b> J Fawcett replaced B Rogerson <b>ETIENNE</b> T Moodley replaced M Lerner
		5	<b>SAN MARCO</b> R Hutchings replaced M Lerner
		6	<b>MIDNIGHT EDITION</b> C Grylls replaced M Cartwright
		7	<b>APEX</b>

	A Lawson-Carroll replaced M Cartwright
	<b>POLLYISACRACKER</b>
	T Moodley replaced M Lerner
8	<b>NOBLE BOY</b>
	V Colgan replaced M Lerner
<b>Late Scratchings:</b>	Nil
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	Required from M Lerner Required from B Rogerson Required from M Cartwright
<b>Swabbing:</b>	GILLIAN, IMA WARRIOR, DEADLY DESIRE, WOLF TWENTY ONE, ESPERIMENTO, MIDNIGHT EDITION, ZORMELLA, LORD OF THE SEA

<b>GENERAL</b>
<p>B Rogerson did not attend today's race meeting due to an injury at Otaki yesterday. B Rogerson is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.</p> <p>M Cartwright advised Stewards on race morning that he was unwell and would not be attending today's race meeting. M Cartwright is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.</p> <p>M Lerner advised Stewards on race morning that he was injured and would not be attending today's race meeting. M Lerner is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.</p> <p>The inside camera for the photo-finish was not in operation for today's meeting. In addition, the inside mirror was out of alignment. The Club undertook to rectify both matters in the future.</p>

<b>SUPPLEMENTARY</b>
Nothing to report

<b>RACE COMMENTS</b>	
<b>Race 1</b>	<b>DUNSTAN HORSEFEEDS MAIDEN 2100</b>
<p><b>GUIPAGO</b> (G Rooke) - Slow to begin. Forced wider by EMPHATIC entering the final straight.</p> <p><b>QUASI</b> (T Mitchell) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier.</p> <p><b>EMPHATIC</b> (M Sanson) - Commenced to over-race rounding the first bend and continued to over-race through the middle stages, improving onto heels near the 1400 metres shifting outwards, then raced wide without cover for the remainder of the race. Connections were advised a warning would be placed on the gelding's racing manners.</p> <p><b>PROBOY</b> (K Stott) - Raced keenly in the early stages. Held up for clear running until near the 150 metres.</p> <p><b>BUCKET LIST</b> (V Colgan) - Held up for clear running throughout the final straight.</p> <p><b>BEAU ONDAGO</b> (A Lawson-Carroll) - Lost the near front plate during the running.</p> <p><b>L Satherley</b> (DON'S LEGACY) - Spoken to advisedly regarding her whip use early in the final straight.</p> <p>Following this race the track was upgraded to Good 4.</p>	
<b>Race 2</b>	<b>ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES MAIDEN 1400</b>

**SURPRISE INSIDE** (G Rooke) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from an outside barrier.

**OUR SOLANA** (T Newman) – Raced keenly in the early stages.

**MAYA BAY** (K Stott) - Improved onto heels when racing keenly having to be steadied near the 1000 metres.

**WRITTEN IN HEAVEN** (J Nishizuka) – Raced three wide without cover from near the 1000 metres.

**BIG EXIT** (C Grylls) - Lay out from near the 500 metres, running wide, then raced greenly throughout the final straight. Trainer A Forsman was advised that the filly must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

**SPERLARI** (M McNab) - Held up for clear running throughout the final straight.

**EARLY BIRD** (J Fawcett) - Checked near the 200 metres.

**J Nishizuka** (WRITTEN IN HEAVEN) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift outwards when insufficiently clear of EARLY BIRD which was crowded and checked near the 200 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of J Nishizuka's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Wednesday 26 February up to and including racing on Friday 7 March, 6 national riding days.

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>TAB MAIDEN 1600</b>
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**GALWAY LASS** (J Fawcett) - Slow to begin.

**VOLDEMORT** (U Holmquist) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

**GREAT ADVENTURE** (R Hutchings) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**HEPHAESTUS** (G Rooke) - Raced keenly when being restrained near the 1200 metres. Held up for clear running until near the 200 metres.

**DEADLY DESIRE** (C Grylls) - Steadied off heels when racing keenly near the 1200 metres. Lay inwards when placed under pressure having to be corrected by its rider near the 200 metres. Brushed with NOT USUAL PICK over the concluding stages.

Following the running of this race, connections of the second placed runner NOT USUAL PICK lodged a protest alleging interference over the concluding stages by the first placed runner DEADLY DESIRE. After viewing the replays and considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee dismissed the protest with placings standing 1st DEADLY DESIRE, 2nd NOT USUAL PICK, 3rd MODELO, 4th VENDABELLE.

<b>Race 4</b>	<b>STELLA ARTOIS MAIDEN 1200</b>
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**STAR HEART** (C Barnes) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**MITONIC** (K Stott) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**EVA MAGICAL** (U Holmquist) - Hung outwards placing the rider at a disadvantage through the early and middle stages.

**FALCONS STAR** (L Satherley) - Raced greenly early in the final straight.

<b>Race 5</b>	<b>AUCKLAND CO-OP TAXIS MAIDEN 1600</b>
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**STAN'S BY ME** (J Nishizuka) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Rider dropped his whip near the 500 metres.

**KISZKAH** (G Rooke) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**LED A MERRY DANCE** (J Doyle) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**RUM AND RUMOUR** (T Newman) - Held up for clear running early in the final straight.

**WHO ROX THE HOUSE** (M Hashizume) - Held up for clear running throughout the final straight. Bumped with **BANNEN** over the concluding stages.

**BANNEN** (M McNab) - Held up before shifting across heels to obtain clear running near the 200 metres. Bumped with **WHO ROX THE HOUSE** over the concluding stages. Steadied when placed in restricted room to the inside of **ESPERIMENTO** over the concluding stages.

**SAN MARCO** (R Hutchings) - Improved onto heels having to shift ground outwards passing the 150 metres.

**DENVER** (C Grylls) - Had to be steadied when placed in restricted room just prior to the winning post.

**ESPERIMENTO** (A Lawson-Carroll) - When questioned regarding the seemingly improved performance co-trainer S Clotworthy advised that the mare appreciated being ridden in a conservative manner combined with the addition of a shadow roll.

**A Lawson-Carroll** (**ESPERIMENTO**) – Issued with a warning for allowing his mount to shift inwards when insufficiently clear of **BANNEN** which had to be steadied when placed in restricted room over the concluding stages.

Following the running of this race, connections of the third placed runner **WHO ROX THE HOUSE** viewed Stewards video footage before electing not to proceed with a protest.

Following the running of this race, connections of the second placed runner **BANNEN** lodged a protest alleging interference over the concluding stages by the first placed runner **ESPERIMENTO**. After viewing the replays and considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee dismissed the protest with placings standing 1st **ESPERIMENTO**, 2nd **BANNEN**, 3rd **WHO ROX THE HOUSE**, 4th **LED A MERRY DANCE**.

<b>Race 6</b>	<b>HORIZON BY SKYCITY 1200</b>
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**FLASH EFFECT** (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly then crowded shortly after losing ground. Held up for clear running early in the final straight.

**AGE OF DISCOVERY** (M McNab) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from the outside barrier. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the colt had travelled well during the early and middle stages, however, when placed under pressure, did not feel comfortable in its action. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. Stewards will follow up with connections on the post-race condition of the colt in the coming days.

**GRAPHIC** (C Barnes) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Dictated inwards by **I'M ALL IN** (S Spratt) near the 900 metres. S Spratt was advised to exercise care. Eased down when well out of contention near the 200 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that she felt that there was something amiss with the filly. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the filly to have suffered cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer S Cole was advised that **GRAPHIC** will not be permitted to start in any race or trial until a veterinary clearance declaring the horse free of any cardiac arrhythmia following a gallop of at least 1000 metres.

**ARUNDEL CASTLE** (A Lawson-Carroll) – Made the bend near the 900 metres awkwardly shifting outwards. Lay out rounding the final bend becoming awkwardly placed on heels.

**OSTERIA** (M Hashizume) - Contacted by GRAPHIC near the 900 metres when that runner received pressure from its outside.

**Race 7** | **ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES MAIDEN 1400**

**LITTLE DARLING** (U Holmquist) - Slow to begin.

**RESPOND** (J Fawcett) - Slow to begin. Eased down when well out of contention near the 200 metres. When questioned, rider advised that the mare felt indifferent in its action. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

**APEX** (A Lawon-Carroll) - Slow to begin.

**SO BRASSY** (C Grylls) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

**FLANAGAN** (R Hutchings) – Held up for clear running early in the final straight.

**PERUGIA** (K Stott) - Held up for clear running for the majority of the final straight.

**PIXIE** (T Mitchell) - Held up for clear running early in the final straight.

**Race 8** | **TRACKSIDE.CO.NZ 1500**

**HE'S CLASSIC** (J Doyle) - Slow to begin then crowded shortly after, losing ground. Had to be steadied off heels near the 200 metres.

**MONDAY MELODY** (K Stott) - Crowded shortly after the start.

**NOBLE BOY** (V Colgan) - Crowded shortly after the start.

**LA PARISIENNE** (A Lawson-Carroll) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**HADID** (S Brown) - Shifted outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight. Apprentice Rider S Brown was shown the replays and reminded of her obligations in that she must ride her mounts out fully to the end of the race when circumstances permit her to do so.

**LORD OF THE SEA** (G Rooke) – Shifted outwards when placed under pressure having to be corrected by its rider near the 200 metres.

**KANANASKIS** (R Hutchings) - Rider reported that the filly hung outwards throughout placing him at a disadvantage.

**ISLAND LIFE** (T Moodley) When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the filly would derive benefit from today's race.

**K Stott** (MONDAY MELODY) – Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift outwards when insufficiently clear of HE'S CLASSIC which had to be steadied off heels near the 200 metres.

**J Doyle** (HE'S CLASSIC) - Issued with a warning for using his whip on a runner when out of contention.

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