



# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS	
<b>Club:</b>	Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Ellerslie
<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, 8 March 2025
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine
<b>Track:</b>	Soft 5
<b>Rail:</b>	True
<b>Stewards:</b>	J Oatham (Chair), B Jones, A Dooley, G Stewart, D Morris (Assistant)
<b>Vet:</b>	N Houston BVSc, P Stegehuis BVSc, L Hill BVSc
<b>Op Support:</b>	K Verner

SUMMARY	
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 9 <b>D Moor</b> THEDOCTOROFLOVE Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] \$5,000 Race 9 <b>B &amp; R Foote</b> RIDEFROMTHE ASHES Incorrect gear [Rule 616(4)] \$50
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 1 <b>M Dee</b> SEXY AND I MOET Whip use in consecutive strides [Rule 638(3)(g)(ii)] Race 4 <b>M Dee</b> VEGA FOR LUCK Shifting ground 900 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
<b>Protests:</b>	Nil
<b>Request for Ruling:</b>	Nil
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	Race 1 <b>BONIFLEUR</b> Veterinary clearance required Race 2 <b>SHOCKABELLA</b> Required to barrier trial Race 5 <b>LEGARTO</b> Cardiac arrhythmia, veterinary clearance required Race 7 <b>NEST EGG</b> Veterinary clearance required
<b>Follow Up:</b>	Race 1 <b>BONIFLEUR</b> Race 5 <b>LEGARTO</b> Race 6 <b>ORCHESTRAL</b> Race 7 <b>NEST EGG</b> Race 9 <b>OCEANA DREAM</b>
<b>Rider Changes:</b>	Nil
<b>Late Scratchings:</b>	Race 2 <b>SHOCKABELLA</b> At 12.56 pm on veterinary advice (at the barrier)
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	Nil
<b>Swabbing:</b>	FRANCEE, SEXY AND I MOET, ISLAND LIFE, THIS TIME GIRL, ALABAMA LASS, CROCETTI, RETURN TO CONQUER, LANDLOCK, TO CAP IT ALL, PROVENCE, JAARFFI, LEGARTO, EL VENCEDOR, LA CRIQUE, QALI AL FARRASHA, TRAV, TAJANIS, INTERPRETATION, DAMASK ROSE, EVAPORATE, CHECKMATE, WILLYDOIT, THEDOCTOROFLOVE, GOLDEN CENTURY, TARDELLI, ROMILLY Pre-race blood testing was carried out at today's meeting.

**GENERAL**

All runners in Race 8, the NZB Kiwi were under official supervision from early on race morning.

**SUPPLEMENTARY**

Nothing to report

**RACE COMMENTS****Race 1      ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES FINAL 1400**

**VEGAS QUEEN** (J Fawcett) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**BONIFLEUR** (G Rooke) - Slow to begin. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had never travelled well during the running and had been disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination including an endoscopic examination found the mare to have mucus in the trachea with trainer P Richards advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

**BOW HILL** (M McNab) - Slow to begin.

**SHE'S UNTOUCHABLE** (M Cartwright) - Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to sit outside the leader near the 900 metres. Was inclined to shift ground under pressure in the straight laying outwards inside the final 100 metres inconveniencing **BOSS 'N' HIGHHEELS** over the concluding stages.

**PAX MUNDI** (D Moor) - Raced three wide without cover from the 1000 metres.

**BOSS 'N' HIGHHEELS** (A Morgan) – Inconvenienced over the concluding stages.

**M Dee** (SEXY AND I MOET) - Issued with a warning after striking his mount in two consecutive strides near the 75 metres.

**Race 2      AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI SUNLINE VASE 3YOF 2100 (G3)**

**SHOCKABELLA** (B Shinn) – Removed from its barrier stall after becoming fractious to undergo a pre-race veterinary examination before being late scratched at 12.56 pm on veterinary advice. Connections were advised the filly would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

**MILLER'S POINT** (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly contacting **SKYMAX**.

**SKYMAX** (D Moor) – Contacted leaving the barriers.

**ISLAND LIFE** (M Dee) – Raced keenly in the early stages.

**WYNDSONG** (J Doyle) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Steadied off heels near the 1600 metres.

**THIS TIME GIRL** (R Elliot) – Held up near the 300 metres having to shift ground inwards to obtain clear running. Lay outwards under pressure over the concluding stages.

**EYE CANDY** (K Stott) – Was inclined to shift ground under pressure in the straight.

**Race 3      HAUNUI FARM KINGS PLATE 1200 (G3)**

**MIDNIGHT EDITION** (C Grylls) - Over-raced through the middle stages.

**CROCETTI** (W Kennedy) - Raced keenly in the middle stages and was allowed to improve forward wide from the 800 metres.

**Race 4      SISTEMA STAKES 2YO 1200 (G1)**

**TALE OF THE GYPSY** (M Cartwright) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**LUCY IN THE SKY** (W Kennedy) – Knuckled leaving the barriers. Lay outwards when placed under pressure over the concluding stages.

**MAROKOPA FALLS** (L Riordan) - Slow to begin.

**TO CAP IT ALL** (S Spratt) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**LOLLAPALOOZA** (M Hashizume) - Steadied when placed in restricted room to the inside of HE WHO DARES near the 900 metres. Held up for clear running near the 150 metres.

**LANDLOCK** (K Stott) – Held up near the 300 metres having to angle outwards across heels to obtain clear running near the 200 metres.

**CURZON PARK** (N Parmar) - Received post-race veterinary treatment after having a slow rate of recovery.

**M Dee** (VEGA FOR LUCK) – Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift ground, dictating HE WHO DARES inwards near the 900 metres resulting in LOLLAPALOOZA having to steady.

**Race 5      HKJC WORLD POOL NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' STAKES WFA F&M 1600 (G1)**

**CAMPIONESSA** (M Dee) - Began awkwardly then further hampered when crowded leaving the barriers, losing ground. Held up early in the straight.

**JAARFFI** (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin. Raced keenly for a distance through the middle stages. Was unable to obtain clear running early in the straight having to be steadied to avoid the heels of CAMPIONESSA near the 250 metres and continuing to have difficulty obtaining clear running until inside the final 100 metres.

**KONASANA** (J Doyle) – Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from an outside barrier.

**ACQUARELLO** (M McNab) – Inconvenienced near the 300 metres when LEGARTO shifted outwards.

**LEGARTO** (R Elliot) - A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have suffered cardiac arrhythmia. Co-trainer K Kelso was advised that LEGARTO will not be permitted to start in any race or trial until a veterinary certificate declaring the horse free of any cardiac arrhythmia following a gallop of at least 1000 metres.

**FALL FOR CINDY** (K Myers) – Lost the left hind plate during the running.

**Race 6      BONECRUSHER NEW ZEALAND STAKES WFA 2000 (G1)**

**ORCHESTRAL** (C Grylls) - Slow to begin. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had felt reluctant to hit out, never travelling comfortably throughout and had been very disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

**EL VENCEDOR** (W Pinn) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Forced wider on the track rounding the final turn.

**LA CRIQUE** (M McNab) – Lay outwards rounding the final turn forcing EL VENCEDOR wider on the track.

<b>Race 7</b>	<b>BARFOOT &amp; THOMPSON AUCKLAND CUP 3200 (G2)</b>
<p><b>TRAV</b> (M Hashizume) - Slow to begin. Lay in under pressure over the concluding stages.</p> <p><b>ARBY</b> (L Riordan) - Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages.</p> <p><b>I'M A DIRTY RASCAL</b> (C Grylls) - Slow to begin. Hampered by the weakening NEST EGG approaching the 100 metres.</p> <p><b>AFTERMATH</b> (A Lawson-Carroll) - Raced wide through the early stages and when racing keenly was allowed to improve forward to lead near the 1900 metres.</p> <p><b>LOSTCAUSE</b> (L Hemi) – Raced wide without cover in the middle stages.</p> <p><b>TAJANIS</b> (M McNab) – Held up early in the straight. Contacted just short of the finish when TRAV lay in.</p> <p><b>TRUST IN YOU</b> (R Elliot) - Held up near the 350 metres before again being held up near the 150 metres. Lost the near hind plate during the running.</p> <p><b>NEST EGG</b> (G Rooke) - Gave ground quickly over the final 150 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that after looking likely early in the straight, the gelding had weakened appreciably late in the race. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to be lame in the right hind leg with a veterinary clearance required prior to racing next.</p> <p><b>ABOUT TIME</b> (W Kennedy) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare failed to see out the distance of today's race.</p> <p>Prior to the authorisation of dividends, the siren was sounded whilst connections of the second placed TAJANIS viewed all available Stewards film footage with a view to a protest against the first placed horse TRAV alleging interference over the concluding stages. After further consideration, connections of TAJANIS elected not to proceed with the objection.</p>	
<b>Race 8</b>	<b>THE NZB KIWI 3YO 1500 (Listed Race)</b>
<p><b>SETHITO</b> (S Spratt) – Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after suffering minor abrasions to the left hind leg enroute to the course, being passed fit to run. Jumped away awkwardly hampering HANKEE ALPHA, ZORMELLA, SOUGHT AFTER and CHECKMATE. Held up rounding the final turn and did not obtain clear running until shifting outwards across heels passing the 200 metres.</p> <p><b>HANKEE ALPHA</b> (M Hashizume) - Hampered leaving the barriers losing ground.</p> <p><b>ZORMELLA</b> (G Rooke) - Hampered when crowded leaving the barriers losing ground. Briefly placed in restricted room when runners improved to either side near the 300 metres.</p> <p><b>SOUGHT AFTER</b> (R Elliot) - Hampered leaving the barriers losing ground.</p> <p><b>CHECKMATE</b> (K Stott) - Hampered leaving the barriers losing ground. Steadied when placed in restricted room near the 1300 metres when runners to either side shifted ground slightly. Made contact with PUBLIC ATTENTION when attempting to obtain clear running near the 400 metres then being held up for a distance.</p> <p><b>DAMASK ROSE</b> (B Shinn) - Slow to begin.</p> <p><b>PIVOTAL TEN</b> (S Wynne) - Began awkwardly losing ground.</p>	

**ARDALIO** (M McNab) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**PUBLIC ATTENTION** (W Pinn) - Lay out rounding the final turn. Contacted near the 400 metres. Unbalanced when again contacted near the 250 metres when PENMAN shifted inwards after being struck with the whip.

**FIRST DANCE** (W Kennedy) - Lay out rounding the final turn continuing to do so in the straight.

**EVAPORATE** (M Dee) – Was inclined to lay inwards under pressure in the straight. Received post-race veterinary treatment for a minor laceration to the left fore fetlock.

**PENMAN** (M Cartwright) – Shifted inwards under pressure making contact with PUBLIC ATTENTION near the 250 metres. Lost the left front plate during the running.

**Race 9** | **TRACKSIDE NZ DERBY 3YO 2400 (G1)**

**B & R Foote** (RIDEFROMTHE ASHES) – Fined \$50 under the minor infringement schedule after racing without the notified cheek burrs.

**GREY AREA** (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin. Raced three wide without cover throughout. Crowded when weakening passing the 600 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that after having a tough run the gelding had been quickly beaten once placed under pressure. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

**GOLDEN CENTURY** (R Elliot) - Slow to begin after being fractious in the barriers (5L). Hampered as a result of the weakening GREY AREA passing the 600 metres.

**AYTEEM** (K Myers) - Hampered leaving the barriers.

**INTERPLANETARY** (A Lawson-Carroll) - Hampered by the weakening GREY AREA passing the 600 metres.

**AMAZING FLUKE** (K Stott) - Not persevered with over the final 200 metres when well beaten. When questioned regarding performance the rider was unable to offer any excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

**OCEANA DREAM** (G Rooke) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had made abnormal breathing noises. A post-race veterinary examination found OCEANA DREAM to have a poor rate of recovery being treated accordingly.

**D Moor** (THE DOCTOR OF LOVE) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount seven times prior to the 100 metre mark with a further six strikes inside the final 100 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$5,000.

Authorisation of dividends was delayed due to the rider of the fifth placed horse wishing to view the official photofinish.

**Race 10** | **WINDSOR PARK STUD 3YO TROPHY 1500**

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

**TIMBUCTOO** (S Spratt) – Jumped away awkwardly hampering TARDELLI.

**HARD ROCA** (R Elliot) - When questioned regarding performance the rider was of the opinion that the gelding may be feeling the effects of recent racing, and it was his understanding that HARD ROCA will now be sent for a spell.

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