



# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Te Rapa  
**Date:** Saturday, 8 February 2025  
**Weather:** Fine  
**Track:** Soft 5, upgraded to Good 4 following Race 3  
**Rail:** Out 2 metres  
**Stewards:** B Jones (Chair), A Dooley, V Algar, G Stewart  
**Vet:** R McQuillan MVB, G Sommerville BVSc  
**Op Support:** K Verner

## SUMMARY

**Suspensions:** Nil  
**Fines:** Race 6 **R Hutchings** EL VENCEDOR  
Celebratory gesture [Rule 638(2)] \$500  
**Warnings:** Race 2 **P Grey** APOLLYON  
Presented runner late to the enclosure [Rule 625(1)]  
3 **J Doyle** LOSTCAUSE  
Shifting ground 100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]  
**Protests:** Nil  
**Request for Ruling:** Race 9 **I'M ALL IN**  
Declared non-runner, denied a fair start [Rule 632(1)]  
9 **SLIPPER ISLAND**  
Declared non-runner, denied a fair start [Rule 632(1)]  
**Horse Actions:** Race 2 **WILD THING**  
Warning, performance  
2 **APOLLYON**  
Warning, performance  
**Follow Up:** Race 4 **LUVABEEL**  
8 **LUBERON**  
9 **WHISKEY 'N' ROSES**  
**Rider Changes:** Race 1 **SWERVE**  
V Colgan replaced N Yuen (injured)  
**Late Scratchings:** Nil  
**Medical Certificates:** Received from N Hailey  
**Swabbing:** SWERVE, ONE MORE DANCE, AFTERMATH, LEICA LUCY, TOP SHELF, RISQUE RULER,  
OUR TIME, EL VENCEDOR, LA CRIQUE, WHANGAEHU, TUXEDO, BOURBON PROOF,  
HERE TO SHOCK, BOSUSTOW, SAVAGLEE, MISS BO PEEP  
  
Pre-race blood testing was carried out at today's meeting

## GENERAL

N Yuen did not attend today's meeting due to being injured at Tauranga yesterday.

## SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

<b>RACE COMMENTS</b>	
<b>Race 1</b>	<b>HORSES @ HENLEY PARK 1300</b>
<p><b>PRIVY GARDEN</b> (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly losing ground.</p> <p><b>CARAJILLO</b> (R Hutchings) - Slow to begin.</p> <p><b>TOSSUFORIT</b> (M McNab) - Contacted leaving the barriers.</p> <p><b>HAPPY MISSION</b> (J Doyle) - Raced keenly in the middle stages.</p> <p><b>OPPENHEIMER</b> (S Spratt) – Steadied off heels when racing keenly near the 900 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding had got further back than intended and had failed to respond when placed under pressure.</p> <p><b>LORD JIMMY</b> (J Fawcett) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination including an endoscopic examination after coughing post-race which did not reveal any abnormality.</p>	
<b>Race 2</b>	<b>TAB 1200</b>
<p><b>BALLON D'OR</b> (R Hutchings) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from an outside barrier.</p> <p><b>WILD THING</b> (T Mitchell) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Not persevered with in the final straight when out of contention. Rider reported that the mare felt indifferent in its action entering the final straight. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the mare's performance.</p> <p><b>DETAIN</b> (M McNab) - Had to be steadied off heels when racing keenly near the 900 metres.</p> <p><b>MONTANA BAY</b> (T Newman) – Shifted outwards passing the 300 metres having to be straightened by its rider.</p> <p><b>APOLLYON</b> (V Colgan) - Eased down when out of contention over the final 300 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the gelding's performance.</p> <p><b>P Grey</b> (APOLLYON) - Issued with a warning for presenting APOLLYON late to the enclosure.</p>	
<b>Race 3</b>	<b>PETER KELLY – BAYLEYS REAL ESTATE 2100</b>
<p><b>HAMMER TIME</b> (K Stott) - Slow to begin. Contacted and forced inwards approaching the 300 metres by LOSTCAUSE which shifted inwards. J Doyle was advised to exercise care.</p> <p><b>TRANZED</b> (H Grace) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.</p> <p><b>NOTABADSPILLANE</b> (M McNab) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.</p> <p><b>NORTHEASTERLY</b> (G Rooke) – Contacted shortly after the start becoming unbalanced. Raced in restricted room passing the 100 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no excuse.</p> <p><b>LOSTCAUSE</b> (J Doyle) - Held up for clear running until passing the 300 metres.</p> <p><b>LEAVE A LIGHT ON</b> (W Kennedy) - Contacted having to be steadied passing the 100 metres.</p>	

**SINHAMAN** (R Hutchings) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding had failed to respond when placed under pressure and had been disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

**J Doyle** (LOSTCAUSE) - Issued with a warning for permitting his mount to shift outwards passing the 100 metres making contact with LEAVE A LIGHT ON which had to be steadied.

Following this race the track was upgraded to Good 4.

**Race 4** | **DAVID & KARYN ELLIS FILLIES CLASSIC 3YO 2000 (G2)**

**ANDIAMO** (S Spratt) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**LUVABEEL** (J Parr) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Went off stride after making contact with the running rail near the 1500 metres losing ground. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that after making contact with the running rail, the filly had not travelled comfortably for the remainder of the race. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the filly to be coughing.

**LEICA LUCY** (C Grylls) - Held up for clear running until passing the 200 metres.

**SKYMAX** (R Hutchings) – Lost the right hind plate during the running.

**Race 5** | **SIR PATRICK HOGAN KARAPIRO CLASSIC 1600**

**PENNINE WAY** (C Grylls) - Slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear running until passing the 100 metres.

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

**LANIKAI** (R Elliot) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Dictated inwards approaching the 100 metres making contact with EVER CHARM. Rider dropped his whip passing the 150 metres.

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

**EVER CHARM** (K Stott) - Raced ungenerously when being restrained approaching the 1200 metres. Had some difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight. Contacted passing the 100 metres by LANIKAI which was dictated inwards by OUR TIME (R Hutchings) which shifted in. R Hutchings was advised to exercise care.

**SUMMERSTON** (J Parr) - Held up until near the 200 metres.

**EL ZORO** (U Holmquist) - When questioned regarding the performance rider reported that the gelding had felt indifferent in its action. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a small laceration to the right hind cannon.

**Race 6** | **HERBIE DYKE STAKES WFA 2000 (G1)**

**WHANGAEHU** (M Lerner) - Slow to begin.

**LADIES MAN** (K Stott) - Slow to begin.

**SHARP 'N' SMART** (R Elliot) - Began awkwardly.

**MATSCOT** (V Colgan) - Raced ungenerously in the early stages before improving forward to lead near the 1000 metres.

**NUMERIAN** (J Parr) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding was unsuited by the firm nature of the track and as a result, failed to respond when placed under pressure.

**R Hutchings** (EL VENCEDOR) - Admitted a charge in that he made a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$500.

**Race 7** | **LEGACY LODGE WAIKATO GUINEAS 3YO 2000 (G2)**

**CARISBROOKE CASTLE** (G Rooke) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from an outside barrier. Improved onto heels approaching the 1700 metres having to be firmly restrained.

**SUBIACO** (H Grace) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

**MIDNIGHT EDITION** (J Fawcett) – Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to settle outside the leader near the 1000 metres. Inconvenienced passing the 175 metres.

**PROCHESTER** (W Kennedy) - Raced keenly for a distance when placed in restricted room passing the 1900 metres. Inconvenienced passing the 175 metres. Held up for clear running until near the 150 metres.

**GOLDEN CENTURY** (R Elliot) - Lay out passing the 500 metres, running wider. Shifted inwards passing the 175 metres inconveniencing MIDNIGHT EDITION and PROCHESTER. R Elliot was advised to exercise care. 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.

**TUXEDO** (J Doyle) – Shifted outwards when placed under pressure passing the 100 metres.

**KASUKEDO** (L Satherley) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding had pulled up in a distressed state. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to be suffering from mild heat stress.

**Race 8** | **BCD GROUP SPRINT WFA 1400 (G1)**

**NAVIGATOR** (R Elliot) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced wide throughout.

**SHAMUS** (A Lawson-Carroll) - Crowded shortly after the start.

**BABYLON BERLIN** (V Colgan) - Began awkwardly.

**LUBERON** (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly. Rider advised that the mare had failed to quicken and that he felt there may be something amiss. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

**MALT TIME** (W Pinn) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

**MERCURIAL** (R Hutchings) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Inconvenienced passing the 200 metres.

**WAITAK** (G Rooke) - Held up entering the final straight.

**PLATINUM ATTACK** (J Riddell) - Held up entering the straight before shifting outwards passing the 200 metres to obtain clear running inconveniencing MERCURIAL.

**SAVAGLEE** (S Spratt) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 200 metres.

**GRAIL SEEKER** (K Stott) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had not been entirely comfortable on today's firmer track conditions.

**Race 9**

**DR JOHN SOUTHWORTH MEMORIAL VASE 1200**

**I'M ALL IN** (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Declared a non-runner by the Adjudicative Committee after it was prevented from taking an effective part in the race owing to the mechanical failure of the starting stalls.

**SLIPPER ISLAND** (R Hutchings) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Declared a non-runner by the Adjudicative Committee after it was prevented from taking an effective part in the race owing to the mechanical failure of the starting stalls. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

**DECEMBER** (G Rooke) - Reared as the start was effected losing ground. G Rooke reported to Stewards that the barriers malfunctioning had affected his mount in the early stages, however under [Rule 632(1)], the runner could not be considered to be declared a non-starter as it finished in fourth position.

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

**WHISKEY 'N' ROSES** (S Spratt) - Raced three wide without cover through the early and middle stages. Went off stride passing the 600 metres and was then pulled up by its rider. When questioned, the rider reported that she felt that after going off stride rounding the bend, something had been amiss with the gelding. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Following this race Stewards interviewed the Starter and all riders in relation to the start. The Starter reported that the gates had opened as he was in the process of resetting the starting button and without him giving his verbal call. After considering submissions, Stewards lodged a request for a ruling with the Adjudicative Committee as to whether I'M ALL IN (W Kennedy) and SLIPPER ISLAND (R Hutchings) were denied a fair start due to a malfunction with the starting gates. After considering submissions from Stewards, the Starter and riders the Adjudicative Committee ordered I'M ALL IN and SLIPPER ISLAND to be declared non-starters.

*Stipendiary Stewards report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment*