



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Te Rapa
Date: Sunday, 13 April 2025
Weather: Fine
Track: Soft 5, upgraded to Good 4 following Race 2
Rail: True
Stewards: J Oatham (Chair), M Davidson, G Stewart, D Morris (Assistant)
Vet: B O'Shea BVSc, K Rooney BVSc
Op Support: K Verner

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	2	L Sutherland CELESTIAL WONDER Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] Suspended 2/5 - 11/5, 6 days
		7	T Mitchell BUTTERFIELD Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] Suspended 22/4 - 1/5, 6 days
		8	L Sutherland PRIVY GARDEN Careless riding 350 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 12/5 - 24/5, 7 days
Fines:	Race	2	M Hashizume DUA DANCE Misconduct [Rule 800] \$550
		5	J Doyle GIGI Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] \$250
Warnings:	Race	2	W Kennedy MIDNIGHT EDITION Whip use in consecutive strides [Rule 638(3)(g)(ii)]
		7	P McCarten BUTTERFIELD Presented runner late to the parade ring [Rule 625(1)]
		7	L Satherley CHINOOK Whip use out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)]
		7	N Parmar STILL BANGON Whip use out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)]
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	2	CELESTIAL WONDER Warning, barrier manners
		2	DUA DANCE Warning, barrier manners
		3	HASSTOROCK Warning, racing manners
Follow Up:	Race	2	YALDI
		2	SUPER PHOTON
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratchings:	Nil		
Medical Certificates:	Received from T Mitchell		
Swabbing:	POETIC JUSTICE, MIDNIGHT EDITION, BULGARI, KARMAN LINE, LIVID SKY, FORCE OF NATURE, BOSS 'N' HIGHHEELS, THE PROPHET		

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS**Race 1** | **SANGSTER – VRC DERBY WINNER 2400**

ZAPPA JAK (J Nishizuka) - Slow to begin.

PROCELLA (J Doyle) - Wide without cover when over-racing in the early stages. After coughing post-race, underwent a veterinary inspection including an endoscopic examination which found the mare to have grass/material in the throat consistent with having been inhaled during the running.

POETIC JUSTICE (M McNab) - Held up until passing the 200 metres.

YOU KNOW (C Grylls) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had been quickly beaten when placed under pressure and was unable to offer any excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

APACHE ANNE (K Myers) - When questioned regarding performance the rider was unable to offer any excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 2 | **FORSMAN RACING 3YO 1200**

DUA DANCE (M Hashizume) - Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the filly's barrier manners after it was reluctant to load delaying the start. Began awkwardly from the outside barrier then being restrained to obtain cover. Held up near the 150 metres.

CELESTIAL WONDER (L Sutherland) - Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the filly's barrier manners after being fractious.

HONEY BADGER (J Fawcett) - Slow to begin.

SHE'S UNTOUCHABLE (M Cartwright) - Blundered on jumping away.

YALDI (M McNab) – Began awkwardly. Commenced to over-race shortly after the start continuing to race very ungenerously through the middle stages shifting outwards across heels approaching the bend near the 850 metres proving a difficult ride. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that after racing fiercely and being difficult to control, the gelding had been unable to finish the race off. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

SUPER PHOTON (G Rooke) - Raced three wide without cover. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that although racing wide, he had still been disappointed with the gelding's effort. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found a minor laceration to the lateral right hind thigh area and lateral right side shoulder.

SHE'S ALL THAT (T Moodley) - Had to be steadied and shift outwards across the heels of SUPER PHOTON to obtain clear running passing the 200 metres.

W Kennedy (MIDNIGHT EDITION) - Issued with a warning after striking his mount in two consecutive strides near the 400 metres taking into account his clear recent record under this section of the whip rule.

M Hashizume (DUA DANCE) - Admitted a charge of misconduct in that he struck his mount with the whip behind the barriers in an unacceptable manner. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$550.

L Sutherland (CELESTIAL WONDER) - Admitted a charge in that she struck her mount nine times prior to the 100 metre mark. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee suspended L Sutherland's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Thursday 1 May up to and including racing on Sunday 11 May, 6 national riding days.

Following this race the track was upgraded to Good 4.

Race 3 | **FIVE STAGS LEAMINGTON MAIDEN 2YO 1100**

RISING STAR (J Fawcett) - Began awkwardly.

FAST NET (A Lawson-Carroll) - Inconvenienced at the start when RISING STAR jumped inwards, losing ground.

SMASHING FASHION (J Doyle) – Over-raced in the early stages.

HASSTOROCK (G Rooke) - Raced wide without cover in the early stages. Raced greenly once placed under pressure in the straight running wide passing the 200 metres. Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the filly's racing manners.

ANNIE BLING (C Grylls) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the filly had raced very greenly and may now be sent for a spell which was confirmed by the stable representative.

Race 4 | **BCD GROUP 1400**

SUMI (S Mxothwa) - Slow to begin.

MR MOJO RISIN' (A Riddell) - Raced wide without cover in the early stages.

STONYBRECK (C Grylls) – Held up near the 250 metres continuing to have difficulty obtaining clear running for the remainder of the race.

Race 5 | **NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK 2100**

EL ZORO (T Mitchell) - Slow to begin.

PEP TORQUE (A Strawbridge) – Slow to begin. Raced three wide without cover throughout. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had been unable to quicken once placed under pressure. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer K Lawrence advised that PEP TORQUE would now be retired from racing.

KING OF THE NORTH (G Rooke) – Raced keenly through the middle stages. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had not been suited by the moderate tempo being inclined to over-race.

GIGI (J Doyle) – Raced three wide until near the 1000 metres.

J Doyle (GIGI) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount seven times prior to the 100 metre mark with an additional four strikes inside the 100 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$250.

Race 6 | **INSPIRE RACING SPRINT 1200**

RAYET (J Doyle) – Slow to begin after being fractious in the barriers.

BELLA VOCE (L Sutherland) – Bounded at the start losing ground.

FORCE OF NATURE (M McNab) - Slow away. Held up having to shift ground to obtain clear running near the 250 metres.

PIPPY (T Newman) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Raced keenly in the early stages.

PAX MUNDI (G Rooke) - Steadied when improving onto heels near the 500 metres. Briefly steadied when placed in restricted room near the 125 metres.

MIRABELLA (S Mxothwa) - Rider reported that the filly hung inwards when placed under pressure in the straight further advising that the filly had been quickly beaten once headed, and in his opinion may be feeling the effects of recent racing.

Race 7

RACE A HORSE WITH BUSUTTIN & YOUNG AT CRANBOURNE 1300

SAXS 'N' SILKS (T Moodley) - Required farrier attention at the barriers which delayed the start by approximately 4 minutes.

STILL BANGON (N Parmar) - Hampered leaving the barriers when LIVE ON AIR shifted outwards.

LIVE ON AIR (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly. Raced three wide without cover.

BURGUNDY IFF (J Doyle) - Jumped away awkwardly from the outside barrier then being restrained to obtain cover.

CLEAT (M Sanson) - Jumped away awkwardly making contact with BOSS 'N' HIGHHEELS losing ground. CLEAT was then allowed to improve forward quickly from the 1200 metres to lead near the 900 metres.

BOSS 'N' HIGHHEELS (M McNab) – Contacted leaving the barriers.

MACALUSO (L Sutherland) - Commenced to over-race shortly after the start continuing to do so through the middle stages. Steadied when placed in restricted room going into the bend near the 850 metres.

CHINOOK (L Satherley) – Made the bend near the 850 metres awkwardly crowding MACALUSO which had to steady.

SABRINA HALL (G Rooke) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had become worked up behind the barriers which in his opinion had been detrimental to its performance. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

ON THE TOWN (M Cartwright) – Rider dislodged post-race when the gelding shied on returning to the birdcage with M Cartwright being uninjured in this incident.

P McCarten (BUTTERFIELD) - Issued with a warning after presenting his runner late to the parade ring.

L Satherley (CHINOOK) - Issued with a warning for striking her mount with the whip when out of contention.

N Parmar (STILL BANGON) - Issued with a warning for striking his mount with the whip when out of contention.

T Mitchell (BUTTERFIELD) - Admitted a charge in that she struck her mount eight times prior to the 100 metre mark. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee suspended T Mitchell's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Monday 21 April up to and including racing on Thursday 1 May, 6 national riding days.

Race 8 | **ZOE & JAMES AT LODGE MILE 1600**

HULA BEAT (S Mxothwa) - Slow to begin.

HIGH COUNTRY (M Cartwright) - Began awkwardly.

LANIKAI (M McNab) – Raced three wide without cover until improving forward near the 600 metres. Lay outwards away from PRIVY GARDEN and making contact with MATANE when weakening near the 150 metres then not being persevered with for the remainder of the race. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that after having to work hard early the gelding had been unable to finish the race off. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

MATANE (W Kennedy) - Held up rounding the final turn continuing to have difficulty obtaining clear running for the remainder of the race having to be checked away from the heels of PRIDE OF ASPEN near the 150 metres after being bumped outwards by LANIKAI.

THE SCUNNER (C Grylls) - Checked near the 350 metres.

BLUE MOON (A Riddell) - Held up near the 250 metres having to shift ground to obtain clear running.

THE PROPHET (G Rooke) – Lay inwards over the concluding stages inconveniencing NANCY SHE WROTE just short of the finish.

NANCY SHE WROTE (J Doyle) - Inconvenienced over the concluding stages.

L Sutherland (PRIVY GARDEN) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that she angled her mount inwards when not sufficiently clear of THE SCUNNER which was checked near the 350 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee suspended L Sutherland's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Sunday 11 May up to and including racing on Saturday 24 May, 7 national riding days.

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