



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club:	Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Ellerslie
Date:	Saturday, 4 April 2026
Weather:	Fine
Track:	Soft 5
Rail:	Out 8.5 metres
Stewards:	N Goodwin (Chair), A Dooley, G Stewart, P Kinsey
Vet:	N Houston BVSc, I Lee

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil	
Fines:	Race	2 B Pinny APOLLYON Late declaration of rider [Rule 537(a)] \$50 (Minor Infringement)
		2 S & E Clotworthy STRANGER TIMES Failed to scratch by the required time [Rule 534(1)] \$150
		3 E Nicholas GIACOMO Weighed in in excess of weigh out weight [Rule 648(5)] \$200 (Minor Infringement)
Warnings:	Race	1 L Satherley SHE'S A DIVA Whip use in consecutive strides [Rule 638(3)(g)(ii)]
		2 S McNab DEPRIVE Shifting ground 350 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
		7 W Kennedy HERO OF WAR Whip use forward of the saddle in forehand position [Rule 638(3)(f)(xi)]
		9 C Ormsby HAVE A CRACK Presented runner with incorrect gear [Rule 616(2)]
Protests:	Nil	
Request for Ruling:	Nil	
Horse Actions:	Race	5 HIT 'N' RUN Warning, barrier manners
		7 GALLINDA Veterinary clearance required
Follow Up:	Race	7 GALLINDA
Rider Changes:	Race	5 MODELO W Kennedy replaced A Lawson-Carroll (injured)
		7 JURISPRUDENCE C Grylls replaced A Lawson-Carroll
		8 ISLAND LIFE J Doyle replaced A Lawson-Carroll
		9 GOD OF EROS M Hashizume replaced A Lawson-Carroll
Late Scratchings:	Race	2 STRANGER TIMES At 7.50 am

Medical Certificates:	Required from A Lawson-Carroll
Swabbing:	AMOURETTE, UTOPIA WARRIOR, DEPRIVE, LEVAKIA, LA DIEM, SOLID GOLD, DENVER, GIPPSY GOD, SWEET SMILE, CANNON HILL, ATMOSPHERIC

GENERAL
A Lawson-Carroll advised he would not be attending today's race meeting due to an injury suffered at trackwork this morning. A Lawson-Carroll is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES 2YO 1200
SHE'S A DIVA (L Satherley) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Had to be steadied off heels when over-racing near the 800 metres then shifted out dictating VITALIZE wider on the track. SWEET EMOTION (E Nicholas) – Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. VITALIZE (M Cartwright) – Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied, losing ground. GROCER'S GIRL (S Collett) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. AMOURETTE (M Hashizume) - Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight. Returned to the enclosure with blood present in the nasal area. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination including an endoscopic examination which did not reveal any abnormality. L Satherley (SHE'S A DIVA) - Issued with a warning for using her whip in two consecutive strides near the 350 metres.	
Race 2	STELLA ARTOIS MAIDEN 1200
AD ASTRA (W Kennedy) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from an outside barrier. Improved onto heels over the concluding stages having to be steadied. LATINO (M Cameron) - Hampered leaving the barriers having to be steadied, losing ground. Raced greenly shifting wider on the track near the 600 metres. Had to be steadied off the heels of PRESENCE OF MIND near the home turn. PRESENCE OF MIND (C Grylls) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from an outside barrier. HEAVY IS THE CROWN (L Satherley) – Raced three wide without cover through the early and middle stages. FORTUNE ASIA (M Hashizume) – Contacted and forced wider near the 350 metres.	

S McNab (DEPRIVE) - Shown footage of his ride in the presence of the riding mentor and issued with a warning for permitting his mount to shift out near the 350 metres bumping with FORTUNE ASIA and dictating that runner outwards.

B Pinny (APOLLYON) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$50 after failing to declare a rider for APOLLYON by the required time.

S & E Clotworthy (STRANGER TIMES) - Admitted a charge in that they failed to scratch the filly by the required time. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$150.

Race 3	AUCKLAND CO-OP TAXIS 2200
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MALDINI (S McNab) – Over-raced through the early and middle stages. Placed in restricted room near the 100 metres having to be steadied.

RUSTY LANE (M Cameron) – Had to be steadied when placed in restricted room near the 300 metres when HIGH COUNTRY (J Doyle) shifted outwards simultaneously as LEVAKIA (M McNab) shifted inwards, before shifting across heels to obtain clear running. J Doyle and M McNab were advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances.

LEVAKIA (M McNab) – Held up for clear running until near the 250 metres.

HE’S A BATTLER (W Kennedy) – Held up for clear running until near the 100 metres.

HIGH COUNTRY (J Doyle) - Rider reported that the gelding may be feeling the effects of recent racing. Connections advised the gelding would be spelled.

E Nicholas (GIACOMO) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$200 after weighing in 0.5 kgs in excess of the weight at which she weighed out at.

Race 4	MYRACEHORSE 3YO 1600
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TRAFALGAR (S Collett) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

HAYWORTH (C Dell) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

NAVY ENSIGN (O Bosson) – Held up before shifting across heels to obtain clear running near the 300 metres.

GLANCE (M McNab) - Held up until near the 100 metres. Improved onto heels having to be steadied over the concluding stages.

CELTIC TYCOON (M Hashizume) - Lay in when placed under pressure near the 50 metres having to be corrected by its rider.

The gates were momentarily slow to open after the starter had activated the system. After viewing the replays Stewards were satisfied that no runner was disadvantaged with the gates being tested and cleared prior to the next race.

Race 5	GOLF WAREHOUSE MAIDEN 1600
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HIT 'N' RUN (C Barnes) - Stood flat footed in the barriers as the start was made losing ground (5L). Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the mare's barrier manners. Shifted across heels to obtain clear running near the 200 metres.

SMITHSONIAN (J Nishizuka) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

DENVER (E Leighton) – Held up for some distance early in the home straight.

COMANECI GOLD (M Cartwright) - Was tightened near the 350 metres making contact with the hindquarters of ZAMBROSIA which became unbalanced when LETSWISHUPONASTAR attempted to shift out simultaneously as THE SPANIARD marginally shifted ground outwards. After questioning all riders involved and viewing replays, Stewards were satisfied that no one rider was culpable.

LETSWISHUPONASTAR (S Collett) - Held up and contacted near the 350 metres.

ZAMBROSIA (M McNab) - Contacted and unbalanced near the 350 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the filly had failed to respond once placed under pressure.

WHY DADDY (S McNab) - Held up until near the 100 metres.

SCAREDOHEIGHTS (C Grylls) – Had difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 100 metres.

Race 6	CAMBRIDGE STUD 2200
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LUCAN (L Satherley) - Slow to begin (4L). Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

ANDAHAR (G Rooke) - Jumped outwards at the start contacting BARCELONA. Raced keenly in the early stages.

BARCELONA (C Berge) – Contacted at the start. Lay inwards contacting POINTER near the 100 metres.

EMMY AWARD (J Doyle) – Raced keenly in the early stages.

POINTER (E Nicholas) - Contacted near the 100 metres.

Race 7	ELSDON PARK 1500
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SACRED COMBATANT (S McNab) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from the outside barrier.

EL ZORO (L Satherley) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

GATE CRASHERS (J Doyle) - Raced wide through the early and middle stages.

WHAT NEXT (S Collett) – Raced three wide without cover from near the 900 metres.

SWEET SMILE (M Hashizume) – Held up until near the 250 metres.

JURISPRUDENCE (C Grylls) - Placed in restricted room having to be steadied near the 200 metres before shifting across heels to obtain clear running.

HAKUSHU (O Bosson) – Held up until near the 200 metres.

ESPERANZA (M Cartwright) – Held up until near the 200 metres.

ROCKY MARCIANO (M Cameron) - Finished a distant last. When questioned, rider advised that the gelding may be feeling the effects of recent racing.

GALLINDA (T Mitchell) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to be 2/5 lame in the right hind leg with a veterinary clearance required prior to racing next. Stewards will follow up with trainer T Mitchell in the coming days.

W Kennedy (HERO OF WAR) - Issued with a warning for using his whip forward of the saddle whilst held in the forehand position on one occasion.

Race 8	AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI 1300
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CANNON HILL (O Bosson) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from the outside barrier. Raced keenly through the middle stages.

ASTORIA BROOKE (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

YALDI (M McNab) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Steadied off heels when racing keenly near the 700 metres. Held up for clear running until near the 100 metres.

ISLAND LIFE (J Doyle) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

ESPADAS (M Hashizume) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages when leading.

MASTER FAY (H Oh) – Raced three wide without cover from the 800 metres.

MOSCHINO (C Berge) - Held up early in the final straight.

MERCHANT QUEEN (C Barnes) - Raced in restricted room having to be steadied near the 200 metres.

Race 9	SHOW BY SKYCITY 1500
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ATMOSPHERIC (C Grylls) - Slow to begin. Shifted outwards when placed under pressure over the final 100 metres.

TOP SHELF (O Bosson) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

BALANCE OF POWER (C Berge) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from an outside barrier. Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 800 metres.

BIG WAVE (C Dell) – Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to lead near the 1000 metres.

ENRIGHT (E Leighton) – Raced wide through the early and middle stages.

PERICLES (J Nishizuka) - Raced wide throughout.

THE NOMAD (S Collett) – Raced keenly through the middle stages.

ELIUD (M McNab) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that gelding had raced flat being second up from a long spell.

FLANAGAN (W Kennedy) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had never travelled and he was disappointed with the effort.

C Ormsby (HAVE A CRACK) - Issued with a warning for presenting HAVE A CRACK to race without the notified tongue tie.

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