

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS	
Club:	Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Te Rapa
Date:	Saturday, 8 August 2026
Weather:	Overcast
Track:	Heavy 8
Rail:	Out 10 metres
Stewards:	B Jones (Chair), A Dooley, J Laking, C Lomey
Vet:	R McQuillan MVB, S Christopher BVSc

SUMMARY	
Suspensions:	Race 1 W Kennedy AFORE YE GO Careless riding 100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 9/8 - 14/8, 4 days
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Protests:	Nil
Request for Ruling:	Nil
Horse Actions:	Nil
Follow Up:	Nil
Rider Changes:	Nil
Late Scratchings:	Nil
Medical	Nil
Certificates:	
Swabbing:	AFORE YE GO, HEZA SHARP ONE, KAHULUI, DUSTY ROAD, MISS ANNA LEE, ILLUMINATED MISS, MISS UNDERSTOOD, ASTORIA BROOKE, VITO

GENERAL
NZTR Strangles documentation was sighted for all Waikato based horses on arrival.

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	GROUP 1 STALLIONS @ RICH HILL MAIDEN 2100
LINIOUS (T Wigram) - Began awkwardly then crowded shortly after having to be restrained.	
AFORE YE GO (W Kennedy) - Contacted leaving the barriers having to be steadied losing ground.	
OUTRAGEOUS (A Lawson-Carroll) - Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied. Checked near the 100 metres.	

COLGATE (S McNab) - Shifted outwards shortly after the start contacting LINIOUS. Had to be steadied after improving onto heels near the 1700 metres.

JUWALA (L Satherley) – Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to settle outside the leader near the 1600 metres. Inconvenienced passing the 100 metres when HEAVENLY LADY shifted in and away from AFORE YE GO.

REBEL ROUSER (K Wilson-Taylor) – Raced three wide without cover from near the 1400 metres.

W Kennedy (AFORE YE GO) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of OUTRAGEOUS which was checked near the 100 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of W Kennedy's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 8 August up to and including racing on Friday 14 August, 4 national riding days.

Race 2	WENTWOOD GRANGE 2100
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PERFECTMANZ (J Nishizuka) – Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced keenly through the middle stages.

MIDDLE KHAN (J Fawcett) - Raced three wide without cover from near the 1400 metres.

HEZA SHARP ONE (M Cartwright) - Held up until near the 250 metres.

Race 3	REMEMBERING TAIKI MAIDEN 1300
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ICE LASS (M Alam) - Slow to begin.

REQUISITE (H Oh) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from a wide barrier.

LITTLE ORCHID (J Doyle) - Shifted out making contact with BIG BOLD BOB passing the 1000 metres resulting in BIG BOLD BOB becoming unbalanced. Lay out when placed under pressure in the final straight making contact with DRAGONSTONE near the 100 metres.

BIG BOLD BOB (L Satherley) - Contacted and unbalanced passing the 1000 metres.

DRAGONSTONE (E Leighton) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight. Made contact with MAFIA WHISPERS approaching the 200 metres when both runners shifted ground. Contacted near the 100 metres.

MAFIA WHISPERS (K Wilson-Taylor) – Made contact with DRAGONSTONE approaching the 200 metres when both runners shifted ground. Briefly steadied when placed in restricted room passing the 50 metres.

Race 4	CAMBRIDGE STUD PROUD HORSE AMBULANCE SUPPORTERS 1200
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KAIMAI QUEEN (E Nicholas) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Went off stride approaching the 900 metres.

CAITLYNS WISH (C Stumbles) - Went off stride when racing close to the running rail near the 850 metres.

Race 5	THE FOXES AT NOVARA 1200
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BELL TIME POTAE (A Seesa) - Began awkwardly then contacted leaving the barriers losing ground.

CAPOTE (S Collett) - Crowded at the start making contact with BELL TIME POTAE. Improved onto heels over the concluding stages having to be steadied. When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no tangible excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

OCEAN ROAD (A Simon) – Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced wide without cover for a majority of the race.

MISS ANNA LEE (M Hashizume) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

ILLUMINATED MISS (J Nishizuka) - Steadied when placed in restricted room approaching the 100 metres when runners either side shifted ground.

NOTABADBERGS (W Kennedy) – Held up until near the 300 metres.

SHE’S A SURPRISE (J Doyle) - Was unable to obtain clear running throughout the final straight.

DEEP PURSUIT (S McNab) - Got its head up when being corrected by its rider just prior to the winning post, losing momentum.

Race 6	GR 1 SIRE CIRCUS MAXIMUS @ WINDSOR PARK STUD 1400
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SMART TIP (S Brown) - Began awkwardly shifting outwards hampering KHALEESI. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had been outpaced throughout the running.

KHALEESI (K Wilson-Taylor) - Hampered at the start losing ground. Raced keenly through the middle stages. Shifted out entering the final straight in an attempt to obtain clear running before shifting inwards passing the 200 metres to improve. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that after being denied clear running entering the final straight, the mare had lost momentum and had to switch ground to obtain a run, finishing the race off fairly.

SENSE OF TIMING (H Hassman) - Crowded shortly after the start.

RIBKRAKA (E Leighton) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

TAKESHI (M Hashizume) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 7	MILAN PARK MILE 1600
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PRINCIPLED (T Wigram) - Slow to begin.

UDERZO (S McNab) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

AMIRA D’ARGENTO (J Nishizuka) - Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

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

Race 8	SEE YOU AT THE TE RAPA TAVERN MILE 1600
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EVER CHARM (C Stumbles) - Contacted leaving the barriers losing ground.

MISISSIPI GAMBLER (S McNab) – Began awkwardly making contact with EVER CHARM.

INDIAN GOLD (T Wigram) - Slow to begin. Lay out when placed under pressure throughout the final straight having to be straightened by its rider on a number of occasions. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had not travelled comfortably throughout and had lay out through the running placing him at a disadvantage. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

JAMAICA FAREWELL (J Doyle) – Raced three wide without cover from the 1000 metres.

BILLY BLINX (M Hashizume) – Lay in when placed under pressure throughout the final straight.

ELLE MCFAB (W Kennedy) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found minor lacerations to the hind bumpers.

C Stumbles (EVER CHARM) - Spoken to in the presence of the NZTR riding mentor N Harris regarding his ride in the final straight.

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