



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Racing Taupo
Date: Sunday, 16 August 2026
Weather: Cloudy
Track: Heavy 8
Rail: Out 2 metres
Stewards: B Jones (Chair), J Laking, C Lomey, R Butt
Vet: D Keenan BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Nil
Fines: Race 8 **J Taplin** RETURN MESSAGE
Failed to make weight [Rule 346(3)] \$100 (Minor Infringement)
Warnings: Race 6 **E Leighton** ENRIGHT
Whip use, out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)]
7 **M Hashizume** LATOYA
Shifting ground 100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil
Horse Actions: Race 1 **MAHINA**
Warning, barrier manners
2 **EMPRESSIVE**
Veterinary clearance required
8 **BELLE DU MONDE**
Warning, barrier manners
Follow Up: Nil
Rider Changes: Race 1 **MAHINA**
H Hassman replaced A Strawbridge (unwell)
6 **DIGGER**
L Satherley replaced A Strawbridge
8 **MADAME KIWI**
H Hassman replaced A Strawbridge
8 **RETURN MESSAGE**
L Satherley replaced J Taplin (overweight)
Late Scratchings:
Medical Required from A Strawbridge
Certificates:
Swabbing: PLATINUM PATCH, ANOTHER CODE, ROSINA, FORTUNATO, TARTAN SHOCKA,
CAPE REINGA, JAEGER, HAWEA, PHILLYJEAN, EMPIRICAL

GENERAL

Stewards sighted all the NZTR Strangles documentation for Waikato based horses upon arrival on course.

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SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	THE OAKS STUD MAIDEN 1800
MAHINA (H Hassman) - Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the gelding's barrier manners after being fractious in its barrier stall. ESCAPE ROOM (G Rooke) – Slow to begin. Held up until near the 200 metres. Following the running of the race Stewards reviewed video footage and spoke to rider G Rooke regarding his mount being held by a barrier attendant as the start was effected. As ESCAPE ROOM finished in third position, under [Rule 632(1)], no further action was taken. SCIPIO (J Nishizuka) - Raced keenly in the early stages when being restrained. ANOTHER CODE (A Simon) - Had to be firmly restrained when placed in restricted room when the pace steadied approaching the 1200 metres when racing to the inside of SCIPIO which had improved onto heels when racing keenly and shifted inwards. As a result, ANOTHER CODE shifted outwards hampering THE DARZI, then commenced to race keenly for a distance having to be restrained when in restricted room near the 1100 metres. THE TUMBLING PADDY (J Fawcett) – Inconvenienced when weakening passing the 175 metres by PLATINUM PATCH (M Cameron) which shifted inwards. M Cameron was advised to exercise care. PLATINUM PATCH (M Cameron) - Lay out early in the final straight before shifting in abruptly passing the 175 metres. WAVE RULER (E Leighton) - Rider lost the use of her right stirrup iron near the 100 metres.	
Race 2	PROFONDO "DESTINED FOR GREATNESS" 1800
ROMANIN (H Hassman) - Slow to begin. ERASE (J Nishizuka) - Over-raced in the early and middle stages. ROBBIE BURNS (E Leighton) – Lay out rounding the final bend. EMPRESSIVE (S Collett) - Rider reported that the mare had felt indifferent in its action on pulling up. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to be 2/5 lame in the right hind leg. Connections were advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next. AIR DANCER (G Rooke) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.	
Race 3	POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB 3YO C&G 1100
SAMURAI SWORD (G Rooke) - Began awkwardly then crowded shortly after having to be steadied.	

FORTUNATO (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly. Lay out when placed under pressure in the final straight.

HONORABLE (H Hassman) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight.

KINNAIRD (K Wilson-Taylor) - Lay out and away from FORTUNATO passing the 200 metres before having to be steadied when placed in restricted room passing the 100 metres when racing to the outside of FORTUNATO (C Grylls) which continued to shift out and inside of OUT OF THE BLUE (M Hashizume) which shifted in slightly. C Grylls & M Hashizume were advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances.

HONOUR ROLL (M McNab) - When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

S Collett (EL AYE) – Reminded of her obligations in that she must ride her mounts out fully to the end of the race when circumstance permit her to do so.

Race 4	MVS EQUINE MAIDEN 1400
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TARTAN SHOCKA (E Leighton) - Slow to begin. Raced wide without cover throughout.

SNEAKY DUCK (H Hassman) - Commenced to give ground from near the 500 metres. Lay in when weakening passing the 350 metres making contact with ARRAZOLA. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

ARRAZOLA (M Hashizume) - Contacted by SNEAKY DUCK which lay in when weakening passing the 350 metres resulting in M Hashizume losing the use of his right stirrup iron for the remainder of the race.

SCUTALONG (C Grylls) - When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 5	LITTLE AVONDALE STUD MAIDEN 1000
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CAMILA (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly.

LEVARTI (J Fawcett) – Began awkwardly losing ground. Inconvenienced passing the 125 metres.

LOVEGROVE (G Rooke) - Slow to begin. Improved into restricted room over the concluding stages having to be steadied.

WANTANOTHERROUND (L Satherley) - Began awkwardly.

SUAVE (K Wilson-Taylor) – Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

TIAGO (J Nishizuka) – Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Race 6	GROUP ONE STALLIONS @ RICH HILL 1400
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SMART TIP (J Nishuzuka) - Slow to begin.

KAIMAI QUEEN (R Goyaram) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

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

E Leighton (ENRIGHT) - Issued with a warning for using her whip on a runner when out of contention of finishing in the first five placings.	
Race 7	CHITTICK FAMILY FILLIES CLASSIC 3YOF 1100 (Listed Race)
HAWEA (W Pinn) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Lay in when placed under pressure throughout the final straight. FEMME FATALE (J Fawcett) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. DASHING DIXIE (J Doyle) – Held up rounding the final bend. TIP TOP (K Wilson-Taylor) - Held up rounding the final bend. Improved onto heels having to be steadied when LATOYA shifted out passing the 100 metres. PHILLYJEAN (S McNab) – Rider dropped his whip near the 200 metres. BACK OF THE BUS (L Allpress) - Steadied when placed in restricted room approaching the 150 metres after POUNCE lay in and away from HAWEA. O’BABY (G Rooke) - Held up until near the 100 metres. MISS JANET (M McNab) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the filly had failed to handle today’s track conditions. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. M Hashizume (LATOYA) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift outwards when not sufficiently clear of TIP TOP which had to be steadied after improving onto heels passing the 100 metres. Following this race connections of the fourth placed runner TIP TOP viewed Stewards video footage before electing not to proceed with a protest against the third placed runner LATOYA.	
Race 8	CHARYN – WORLD CHAMPION MILER 1200
BELLE DU MONDE (C Grylls) - Connections were advised that a warning would be placed on the mare after proving difficult to load. Improved onto heels passing the 800 metres having to be restrained. STARLIT EXPRESS (G Rooke) - Began awkwardly losing ground. SHUFFLE THE PACK (R Goyaram) - Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied. CONFECTIONIST (M McNab) – Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied. BUCCINO (J Nishizuka) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. J Taplin (RETURN MESSAGE) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$100 after failing to make the handicapped weight on RETURN MESSAGE.	

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