



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Cambridge Synthetic
Date: Wednesday, 19 August 2026
Weather: Fine
Track: Synthetic
Rail: True
Stewards: A Dooley (Chair), B Jones, G Stewart, J Laking
Vet: E Kearney BVSc, A Hawker BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	7	H Hassman MEGLIO DI FALCREST Careless riding 1100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 23/8 - 29/8, 4 days
Fines:	Race	2	C Grylls FINAL APPLAUSE Failed to make weight [Rule 346(3)] \$100 (Minor Infringement)
Warnings:	Race	1	M Cartwright PERFECT POUR Shifting ground 50 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
		4	M Cartwright BRIGHT THOUGHTS Shifting ground 100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
		5	A Strawbridge DANCIN IN THE DARK Whip use, arm above shoulder height [Rule 638(3)(f)(ii)]
Protests:	Race	1	2nd IN THE VINEYARD vs 1st PERFECT POUR Protest dismissed
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	1	OFF THE SCALES Warning, racing manners
		3	OPAEA JOE Epistaxis. 2nd occasion, ineligible to race in New Zealand
Follow Up:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Race	2	FINAL APPLAUSE S Collett replaced C Grylls (overweight)
Late Scratchings:	Nil		
Medical	Received from A Strawbridge		
Certificates:			
Swabbing:			PERFECT POUR, PERFECT DIVIDENDS, THINK I GOT CHA, CHATELLE ROSE, BRIGHT THOUGHTS, MULAN ARDECHE, WING AND A PRAYER, KASUKEDO, SPANISH LAD

GENERAL

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

SUPPLEMENTARY	
Nothing to report	

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	CAMBRIDGE EQUINE HOSPITAL MAIDEN 1300
MIVIRGO (A Strawbridge) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Hampered near the 1000 metres. OFF THE SCALES (B Grylls) – Over-raced through the early stages placing its rider at a disadvantage. Improved onto heels when over-racing passing the 1000 metres before shifting outwards abruptly checking MIDNIGHT FURY near the 900 metres. After questioned the rider’s involved, Stewards were satisfied that the outward movement was sudden and beyond the control of rider B Grylls. Raced three wide without cover from near the 700 metres. Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the gelding’s racing manners. MIDNIGHT FURY (M Hashizume) - Checked near the 900 metres. ICE LASS (L Satherley) – Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to settle outside the leader near the 700 metres. STEEL WARRIOR (C Barnes) – Raced wide without cover from the 900 metres. AFFAIRE D’AMOUR (R Goyaram) - Raced keenly through the middle stages. PERFECT POUR (M Cartwright) - Shifted outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight and brushed with IN THE VINEYARD for a stride near the 50 metres. IN THE VINEYARD (G Rooke) – Forced wider on the track near the 50 metres brushing with PERFECT POUR for a stride. M Cartwright (PERFECT POUR) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift outwards near the 50 metres when not fully clear of IN THE VINEYARD which was forced wider on the track. Following the running of this race connections of the second placed runner IN THE VINEYARD lodged a protest alleging interference over the concluding stages by the winner PERFECT POUR. After considering submissions the Adjudicator dismissed the protest with placings standing 1st PERFECT POUR, 2nd IN THE VINEYARD, 3rd OFF THE SCALES, 4th AFFAIRE D’AMOUR.	
Race 2	SADDLERY WAREHOUSE 1300
THINK I GOT CHA (G Rooke) - Slow to begin. Shifted inwards when placed under pressure making contact with OBAN over the concluding stages. EPILOGUE (A Simon) – Slow to begin. Lost contact with the body of the field through the middle stages. When questioned, the rider could offer no explanation. PERFECT DIVIDENDS (A Strawbridge) – Raced wide in in the early stages before improving forward to lead near the 900 metres.	

FINAL APPLAUSE (S Collett) - Raced greenly when placed in restricted room to the inside of RIMA RUA TORU near the 600 metres having to be steadied losing ground. Held up until near the 200 metres. Steadied when placed in restricted room over the concluding stages.

ROEDERER (C Barnes) - Held up until near the 200 metres.

OBAN (H Hassman) - Shifted outwards over the concluding stages having to be steadied and was unable to be fully tested after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of THINK I GOT CHA which had simultaneously shifted inwards.

C Grylls (FINAL APPLAUSE) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$100 after failing to make the handicapped weight on FINAL APPLAUSE.

Race 3	TCL EARTHWORKS 970
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The start of this race was delayed by 3 ½ minutes due to PINK GIN requiring farrier attention at the barriers.

THE PERFECT ONE (J Fawcett) - Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied, losing ground.

LADY IRIS (A Simon) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Shifted outwards rounding the final bend.

OPAEA JOE (N Parmar) - Returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils. OPAEA JOE underwent a post-race veterinary and endoscopic examination which found the gelding to have experienced an episode of Epistaxis. OPAEA JOE shall not be ridden in exercise for a period of two months or start in any race or trial for a period of three months, and then only after a satisfactory gallop of at least 1000 metres in the presence of a Veterinarian. As this is the second episode of Epistaxis, OPAEA JOE is now ineligible to race again in NZ.

Race 4	MAJESTIC HORSE FLOATS MAIDEN 2000
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ARKADUS (A Strawbridge) – Slow to begin. Brushed with AWAKEN approaching the 100 metres when laying in and away from VADASHA.

AWAKEN (G Rooke) - Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to lead near the 1200 metres. Checked when weakening near the 100 metres when BRIGHT THOUGHTS shifted outwards.

BRIGHT THOUGHTS (M Cartwright) - Held up near the 400 metres. Shifted outwards when placed under pressure near the 100 metres.

BRUTAL REALITY (K Wilson-Taylor) – Not persevered with in the final straight when well beaten.

M Cartwright (BRIGHT THOUGHTS) – Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift outwards when not fully clear of AWAKEN which was checked near the 100 metres. When assessing this incident Stewards took into account the evidence of all riders where it was accepted there was minor contribution from ARKADUS.

Race 5	CATHERINE CAMERON RACING 2000
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BECAUSE (T Wigram) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

ABOVE THE CLOUDS (R Goyaram) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

SILKDEGREES (J Nishizuka) - Over-raced through the middle stages. Shifted outwards entering the final straight making contact with the hindquarters of DANCIN IN THE DARK which became unbalanced.

DANCIN IN THE DARK (A Strawbridge) – Contacted and unbalanced entering the final straight when SILKDEGREES (J Nishizuka) shifted outwards. J Nishizuka was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

A Strawbridge (DANCIN IN THE DARK) - Issued with a warning in that she used her whip with an action which raised the rider's arm above shoulder height in the final straight.

Race 6	BRIGHT FAMILY MAIDEN 1550
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WING AND A PRAYER (M Hashizume) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

MANORBIER (H Hassman) – Lost the left front plate during the running. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that she was disappointed with the gelding's effort and could offer no explanation.

JUANITA (L Satherley) - When questioned, rider advised that the mare was making abnormal breathing noises. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

Race 7	RICHARD BRIGHT MEMORIAL 1550
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SUBIACO (S Collett) - Slow to begin. Over-raced through the middle stages. Improved wide without cover from the 800 metres.

EL SPEEDY MAN (C Grylls) – Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend and early in the straight.

LERADO (G Rooke) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend then again until the 100 metres. When questioned regarding his lack of vigour inside the 100 metres, G Rooke advised that he was reluctant to improve to the inside of PROMETHEUS as he formed the view that that runner was going to shift ground inwards into his line. Notwithstanding this, G Rooke was reminded of his obligations in that he must ride his mounts out fully to the end of the race when circumstances permit.

SKYMAX (M Cartwright) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

DID THE TRICK (J Nishizuka) - Checked near the 1100 metres. Raced three wide without cover from the 1100 metres.

KASUKEDO (M McNab) – Held up rounding the final bend.

SPANISH LAD (M Hashizume) - Held up rounding the final bend.

H Hassman (MEGLIO DI FALCREST) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that she permitted her mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of DID THE TRICK which was checked near the 1100 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of H Hassman's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 22 August up to and including racing on Saturday 29 August, 4 national riding days.

