



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Canterbury Jockey Club at Riccarton Park
Date: Thursday, 20 August 2026
Weather: Overcast
Track: Synthetic
Rail: True
Stewards: V Fisher (Chair), R Haley, S Renault, R Quirk, M Sole
Vet: A Corser BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Race 6 **B Grylls ROYAL ASSENT**
Careless riding 1400 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 30/8-5/9, 4 days

Fines: Nil
Warnings: Nil
Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 6 **CUTOUT**
Warning, barrier manners

Follow Up: Race 6 **DA VINCI GIRL**

Rider Changes: Nil
Late Scratchings: Nil
Medical: Nil

Certificates:
Swabbing: HOLD'EM RANSOM, SILVER NEEDLE, TRICORY, COOL IN COMMAND, PHAZED, MR FORTRUS, GRAEME JOHN, RED STAR BELLA

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 **REMEMBERING RICHARD JOHNSON MAIDEN 1400m**

HARLOWS PRIDE (M Hashizume) - Jumped away awkwardly contacting VIENNA GAME.

VIENNA GAME (B Grylls) - Contacted at the start.

WHITE PALACE (C Campbell) - From a wide draw was restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

COCOMORA (J Fawcett) - Race keenly through the early stages when being restrained to obtain cover.

HOLD'EM RANSOM (A Riddell) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Held up rounding the final bend.

NOT A DOUBT (T Moseley) - Shifted outwards when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of HOLD'EM RANSOM which had been briefly steadied passing the 1000 metres, hampering ILLUSIONIST. T Moseley was advised to exercise greater care.

ILLUSIONIST (A Strawbridge) - Hampered 1000 metres.

Race 2	CJC FEATURE RACE NOMINATIONS CLOSE 25 AUGUST MAIDEN 1200m
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COOL IN COMMAND (H Hassman) - Began awkwardly. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Held up rounding the final bend.

CHEKHOV (R Khan) - Contacted and crowded at the start losing ground.

SHAFTED (A Parris) - Hampered and forced inwards into the line of CHEKHOV shortly after the start.

TRICORY (B Grylls) - Shifted inwards shortly after the start hampering SHAFTED. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

R Khan (CHEKHOV) - Spoken to regarding his whip action in the final straight.

Race 3	FRANKIE VALLI & 4 SEASONS – CHCH 19 SEPTEMBER RATING 65 1200m
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THATS CHARMING (Y Atchamah) - Slow to begin. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Lay inwards near the 200 metres contacting DRIFTIN, continued to lay inwards over the concluding stages.

OVERSTATE (B Grylls) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Steadied and got its head up when placed in restricted room to the inside of JETSTREAM (A Riddell) which shifted inwards when not fully clear passing the 1000 metres. A Riddell was advised to exercise greater care. Had a tendency to shift ground outwards under pressure throughout the final straight.

DRIFTIN (J Fawcett) - Raced wide without cover throughout. Hung outwards and near the 200 metres contacted THATS CHARMING having to be corrected by its rider. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised the mare had hung throughout the running and further added in her opinion the mare may benefit from the addition of a tongue tie. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

EASTANDWEST (J Taplin) - Held up rounding the final bend. Raced in restricted room between OVERSTATE (B Grylls) and THATS CHARMING (Y Atchamah) passing the 150 metres when both these runners shifted ground under pressure simultaneously. Both B Grylls and Y Atchamah were advised to exercise greater care and attempt to straighten their mounts when circumstances permit.

JETSTREAM (A Riddell) - Lay outwards throughout the final straight.

PHAZED (H Hassman) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running until passing the 300 metres.

Race 4	CUP WEEK TICKETS ON SALE - 1 SEPTEMBER OPEN HANDICAP 1200m
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TOA HAKA (A Strawbridge) - Began awkwardly contacting OCEAN LIGHT with the rider becoming briefly unbalanced, and lost ground as a result. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

TUMUCH (S Mxothwa) - Slow to begin.

OCEAN LIGHT (O Najib) - Slow to begin and was then contacted shortly after the start. Had difficulty obtaining clear running for the majority of the final straight only obtaining clear running near the 100 metres.

MR FORTRUS (J Fawcett) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

Race 5	CHRISTCHURCH CASINO 31ST SI AWARDS - 11 SEPTEMBER RATING 75 1400m
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GRAEME JOHN (A Strawbridge) - Shifted outwards shortly after the start contacting WAR COURT.

WAR COURT (C Campbell) - Contacted shortly after the start losing ground.

MY SHARONA (J Taplin) - When being restrained shortly after the start clipped a heel and blundered, unbalancing the rider and lost ground as a result. Had to be steadied off heels for a distance passing the 1000 metres. Held up until near the 50 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a small abrasion on the left front fetlock.

PAX MUNDI (B Grylls) - Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

HEY NOW (T Moseley) - Over-raced through the early and middle stages. Held up early in the final straight.

EIGHT PENCE (K Bakker) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

ATULLIBIGEAL (A Riddell) - Held up rounding the final bend and the majority of the final straight only obtaining clear running passing the 100 metres.

MONTERO (M Hashizume) - Raced in restricted room throughout the final straight.

ON FILE (S Mxothwa) - Had to be angled outwards across heels to obtain clear running near the 200 metres.

Race 6	RACECOURSE HOTEL & MOTOR LODGE RATING 65 1600m
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CUTOUT (S Mxothwa) - Reared when becoming fractious in its barrier, with the gelding's hind quarters dislodging the barrier extension catch. Connections were advised a warning would be placed on the gelding's barrier manners. Slow to begin and was then ridden with urgency to recover. Commence to over race through the early and middle stages.

DA VINCI GIRL (K Bakker) - Began awkwardly losing ground. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised the mare had never travelled well throughout the running and had been disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

SARISSA (J Taplin) - Slow to begin.

BELLUTTA (T Moseley) - Slow to begin.

VERDIAN (B Murray) - Raced wide without cover through the early stages.

FLYING CELEBRATION (Y Atchamah) - Checked 1400 metres. Briefly steadied near the 400 metres when GROUSE (A Strawbridge) shifted outwards when not fully clear. A Strawbridge was advised to exercise greater care.

GOTA HUNCH (A Riddell) - Got its head up when being firmly restrained off heels passing the 1200 metres.

FROSBIE (O Najib) - Briefly steadied near the 450 metres.

NEW BEGINNING (J Fawcett) - Lay inwards under pressure passing the 100 metres.

B Grylls (ROYAL ASSENT) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that she permitted her mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of FLYING CELEBRATION which was checked near the 1400 metres. After viewing replays and considering submissions on penalty the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of Miss Grylls' licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 29 August until the conclusion of racing on Saturday 5 September 2026, 4 national riding days.

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