



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Te Rapa
Date: Saturday, 22 August 2026
Weather: Fine
Track: Soft 6
Rail: True
Stewards: J Oatham (Chair), B Jones, J Laking, G Stewart
Vet: K Rooney BVSc, B O'Shea BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	2	J Taplin TEN TO TWO Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] Suspended 27/8 - 4/9, 5 days
Fines:	Race	2	L Satherley JANKA Whip use, out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)] \$300
		5	L O'Sullivan & A Scott RIBKRAKA Presented runner with incorrect gear [Rule 616(4)] \$50 (Minor Infringement)
Warnings:	Race	3	M Hashizume ROSETOWN PRINCESS Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)]
		8	S McNab MISSISSIPI GAMBLER Whip use, out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)]
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	4	MOBILIZED Veterinary clearance required
		8	JUST A TIPPLE Required to barrier trial two occasions
Follow Up:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratchings:	Race	4	MOBILIZED At 2.12 pm on veterinary advice
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Swabbing:	TEXAS COWBOY, AUTUMN HEIGHTS, DIAMOND JAK, WITH GRACE, ZENITH, OBERON, ALABAMA LASS, MEDIA WORLD, CROCETTI, HALO'S FIRE		
	Pre-race TCO2 pre-race testing was carried out at today's meeting		

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY	
Nothing to report	

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	BANQUO 3YO MAIDEN 1200
CONISTON (M McNab) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Made the first turn near the 850 metres awkwardly. Was unable to be fully ridden out in the straight when inclined to lay inwards. When questioned regarding performance the rider was satisfied with the run advising that the colt had raced greenly and would derive benefit from the experience. MISS MAGNETICA (G Rooke) – Jumped away awkwardly making contact with PROTEUS. Steadied when placed in restricted room shortly after the start. Held up throughout the final straight. PROTEUS (W Kennedy) - Contacted leaving the barriers. WORKOUT (C Barnes) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. KARABELLASKYE (H Hassman) - Steadied when placed in restricted room passing the 800 metres after PROTEUS lay out. Lay inwards across heels near the 150 metres. SHIRASE (S Collett) – Held up until near the 150 metres. GENIE (K Wilson-Taylor) - Rider lost control of his right rein over the concluding stages. The time announced for this race was subsequently adjusted due to a timing malfunction.	
Race 2	NOVERRE MILE MAIDEN 1600
SCAREDOHEIGHTS (G Rooke) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. ECHO TWO (H Hassman) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. TEN TO TWO (J Taplin) – Placed in restricted room going into the bend near the 850 metres when JANKA lay inwards. Lost the left front plate during the running. JANKA (L Satherley) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running until inside the final 200 metres. RIPPIN ALONG (E Leighton) – Held up until near the 200 metres. J Taplin (TEN TO TWO) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount TEN TO TWO on eight occasions prior to the 100 metre mark. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of J Taplin’s licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Wednesday 26 August up to and including racing on Friday 4 September, 5 national riding days. L Satherley (JANKA) - Admitted a charge in that she used her whip on JANKA when out of contention of finishing in the first five placings. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a fine of \$300.	
Race 3	THANK YOU SAVABEEL 2100

PERFECTMANZ (J Nishizuka) – Jumped away awkwardly.

FLY MY WEY (J Taplin) – Held up until near the 300 metres.

CHARLBURY (M Cameron) – Held up until near the 150 metres.

HEZA SHARP ONE (M Cartwright) - When questioned regarding performance the rider was unable to offer any excuse other than possibly feeling the effects of recent racing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer G Rogerson indicated that the gelding would now be sent for a spell.

M Hashizume (ROSETOWN PRINCESS) - Issued with a warning in that he struck his mount ROSETOWN PRINCESS six times prior to the 100 metre mark and a further five times inside the final 100 metres with Stewards taking into account his clear recent record under this section of the whip rules.

Race 4	OCEAN PARK 2400
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MOBILIZED (S McNab) - Late scratched at 2.12 pm on veterinary advice. Connections were advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing next.

GUIPAGO (N Parmar) - Slow to begin.

IN A PICKLE (A Strawbridge) – Slow to begin then crowded shortly after losing ground.

ROSINA (C Grylls) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

ZOLZAYA (S Collett) – Held up early in the straight.

ZIGGY KHAN (H Hassman) - Steadied off heels when held up near the 200 metres.

DEE VEE PEE (J Taplin) - Struck a heel of WRY SMILE when attempting to improve into a marginal run near the 100 metres. J Taplin was advised to exercise greater care.

ARJAY'S FLIGHT (M Cameron) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that in his opinion the gelding was better suited to more rain affected conditions. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 5	RETURN TO CONQUER MILE 1600
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DROMMY (M McNab) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

AFTERGLO (G Rooke) – Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

BILLY BLINX (W Kennedy) – Slow to begin. Held up until near the 100 metres.

AMAZONIA (C Grylls) - Held up until near the 150 metres.

TRANSACTION (S Collett) – Raced in restricted room over the concluding stages having to be steadied.

L O'Sullivan & A Scott (RIBKRAKA) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$50 for presenting RIBKRAKA to race with blinkers which were not notified.

Race 6	ARDROSSAN 1200
SARTI (M McNab) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Had to be steadied when improving onto heels near the 700 metres. NOTABADBERGS (A Lawson-Carroll) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. LEVELS UP (M Cameron) - Held up early in the straight before shifting outwards across heels to obtain clear running approaching the 200 metres. OBERON (M Cartwright) - Held up until near the 250 metres.	
Race 7	WAIKATO STUD FOXBRIDGE PLATE WFA 1200 (G2)
DUSTY ROAD (M Cameron) – Slow away. RIVERPLATE (T Davies) - Slow away. CROCETTI (W Kennedy) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that notwithstanding being caught wide, the gelding had been quickly beaten once placed under pressure and he had been disappointed with the effort. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. STERLING EXPRESS (M Hashizume) – Held up early in the straight. Rider dropped his whip passing the 100 metres. TARDELLI (K Wilson-Taylor) – Held up until passing the 300 metres. FIRST FIVE (W Pinn) - Held up until passing the 300 metres.	
Race 8	CHITTICK FAMILY BACK BUTCH CASTLES LEGACY TRUST 1500
JUST A TIPPLE (S Collett) – Stood in its barrier and refused to jump away on terms, losing its chance in the race. Connections were advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards twice prior to racing next. EVER CHARM (K Wilson-Taylor) - Slow to begin. ENDEAN ACE (E Leighton) - Slow to begin. MISTER MEANER (G Rooke) – Over-raced outside the leader through the early to middle stages. Inconvenienced near the 175 metres when BELLA’S BOY shifted inwards after being struck with the whip before being immediately corrected by its rider. S McNab (MISSISSIPI GAMBLER) - Issued with a warning in that he used his whip on MISSISSIPI GAMBLER when out of contention of finishing in the first five placings.	

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