



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Cambridge Synthetic
Date: Friday, 28 August 2026
Weather: Fine
Track: Synthetic
Rail: True
Stewards: A Dooley (Chair), B Jones, J Laking, G Stewart
Vet: E Kearney BVSc, K Huxford BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Nil
Fines: Race 1 **M & K Murdoch RIMINI**
Presented runner with incorrect gear [Rule 616(4)] \$200
Warnings: Nil
Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil
Horse Actions: Race 1 **RIMINI**
Required to barrier trial
5 **SUPER MAKUTU**
Veterinary clearance required
5 **WUNDERKIND**
Veterinary clearance required
Follow Up: Race 5 **SUPER MAKUTU**
Rider Changes: Nil
Late Scratchings: Nil
Medical: Nil
Certificates:
Swabbing: OMALISH, WOLFGANG, IGNORE ME NOT, CONFECTIONIST, UNIQUE VALOR,
INDIAN FALLS, LADY IRIS, CYBER PATCH, EL SPEEDY MAN

GENERAL

Race 4 was hand timed due to a technical issue.

SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 CAMBRIDGE EQUINE HOSPITAL MAIDEN 1550

There was a 2 minute delay to the start of this race due to RIMINI proving unruly leaving the birdcage on the way to the barriers.

SWEET TORQUER (T Wigram) - Knuckled on jumping away. Raced three wide without cover throughout. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare may not have backed up from its most recent start on 22 August along with not appreciating the synthetic surface.

WESTEND GIRL (C Barnes) – Slow away. Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

RIMINI (A Lawson-Carroll) – Raced keenly through the early stages. Gave ground from the 400 metres and was not persevered with in the final straight when well beaten. Connections were advised that the mare would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next after refusing to parade to the start. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. Co-trainer M Murdoch advised that the mare will not be persevered with as a racing proposition from her stable.

STEEL WARRIOR (S Collett) – Raced keenly through the early stages.

BRUTAL REALITY (G Rooke) - Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

M & K Murdoch (RIMINI) - Admitted a charge after presenting RIMINI to race without the notified ear covers. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a fine of \$200.

Race 2	SADDLERY WAREHOUSE 1550
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PROMETHEUS (A Strawbridge) – Slow to begin. Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight. Lost the right front plate during the running.

SALTBURN (C Barnes) – Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

Race 3	TCL EARTHWORKS MAIDEN 1300
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There was a 1 minute delay to the start of this race due to an adjustment being made to the noseband of MEASURE UP.

MEASURE UP (T Wigram) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

IN THE VINEYARD (G Rooke) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

DIRTY BORIS (J Nishizuka) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

LOVEGROVE (E Jones) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

MAL SUENO (S Collett) – Began awkwardly shifting inwards having to be corrected by its rider.

MIVIRGO (J Doyle) – Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to lead near the 900 metres.

Race 4	ONYX RESTAURANT 1300
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PERFECT DIVIDENDS (A Strawbridge) – Raced keenly through the early stages.

KEEPER'S HEART (S Collett) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding would derive fitness benefit from today's race after resuming from a lengthy spell. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

Race 5	NZ HORSE AMBULANCE TRUST MAIDEN 970
There was a 1 ½ minute delay to the start of this race due to UNIQUE VALOR requiring farrier attention at the barriers. SUPER MAKUTU (N Parmar) - Slow to begin. Became tailed off through the early and middle stages. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had felt indifferent in its action. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to be 4/5 lame in the right hind leg with a veterinary clearance required prior to racing next. Stewards will follow up with connections on the post-race condition of the mare in the coming days. RIO BENITO (M Cameron) - Slow to begin then crowded shortly after. Came together with WUNDERKIND over the concluding stages. APOTHEOSIS (M Hashizume) - Slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that he had been instructed to ride the mare in a conservative manner through the early stages as it had a tendency to over-race and he was satisfied with its finishing effort. MESSI MAN (G Rooke) – Began awkwardly. WUNDERKIND (A Strawbridge) - Hung outwards throughout. Came together with RIO BENITO over the concluding stages. Rider confirmed that the mare hung outwards throughout placing her at a disadvantage, adding that connections would look to start the mare next on a right-handed track. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to be 2/5 lame in the right hind leg with a veterinary clearance required prior to racing next. CHIZARA (T Wigram) - Held up rounding the final bend. UNIQUE VALOR (J Doyle) – Shifted outwards when placed under pressure over the final 50 metres. When questioned regarding the seemingly improved performance, connections advised that the gelding had encountered a wide run at its previous start and were expecting a forward showing.	
Race 6	TAB 970
FAT ALBERT (M Cameron) - Slow to begin. KING OF THE AIR (C Barnes) - Slow to begin. REPTAK (T Wigram) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.	
Race 7	COOKIES KITCHEN 2000
EL SPEEDY MAN (S Collett) – Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied. Lay in when placed under pressure in the final straight. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding may have come to the end of its current preparation. Trainer P Devcich confirmed the gelding would now be spelled. ARKADUS (A Strawbridge) – Slow to begin. BOOGALOO (M Hashizume) - Crowded shortly after the start. ERASE (T Wigram) – Shied away from the running rail near the 1100 metres.	

VADASHA (L Satherley) - Held up rounding the final bend.

TAKEACHANCE (B Grylls) - Raced in restricted room near the 125 metres.

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