



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Riccarton Park – Canterbury JC at Riccarton Park Synthetic
Date: Thursday, 10 September 2026
Weather: Overcast/Showery/Fine
Track: Synthetic
Rail: True
Stewards: V Fisher (Chair), J Oatham, M Davidson, J Laking
Vet: A Corser BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Nil
Fines: Nil
Warnings: Race 3 **R Khan STELLENBOSCH**
Whip use forward of the saddle in the forehand position [Rule 638(3)(f)(xi)]
4 **T Moseley INTO THE WIND**
Shifting ground 400 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil
Horse Actions: Race 3 **SAN RENO**
Required to barrier trial
Follow Up: Race 1 **UNSCHACKLED**
6 **FROSBIE**
Rider Changes: Nil
Late Scratchings: Race 3 **SAN RENO**
At 2.06 pm at the barriers
Medical Nil
Certificates:
Swabbing: ILLUSIONIST, WAR COURT, QUEEN OF NAPLES, PERCIVAL STORTFORD LODGE,
CAPE HORN, ELEGANT EXPLOSIVE, LA EVITA, PRIVATE TREATY

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 **CUP WEEK TICKETS ON SALE NOW MAIDEN 2200**

ILLUSIONIST (J Taplin) – Contacted shortly after the start when WHITE PALACE shifted inwards and was then restrained behind runners to obtain cover.

PATCH OF SUNSHINE (O Najib) - Slow to begin before being allowed to improve forward to lead near the 1900 metres.

GASGAL (Y Atchamah) - Slow to begin. Over-raced in the early stages.

SALACIA PRINCESS (A Strawbridge) – Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

UNSHACKLED (B Grylls) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised in her opinion the mare may have not handled the step up in distance and further added UNSHACKLED had been disappointing. A post-race endoscopy detected a degree of internal exercise-induced pulmonary haemorrhage (EIPH) that may have affected the mare's racing performance. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

Race 2	FRANKIE VALLI & 4 SEASONS CHCH 19 SEPTEMBER RATING 75 1600
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DELMONICO (S Mxothwa) - Slow to begin. Briefly held up near the 350 metres before changing ground inwards to find clear running.

MY SHARONA (J Taplin) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Raced keenly through the middle stages.

Race 3	PASTURE FIRST RESEARCH MAIDEN 1400
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SAN RENO (T Moseley) - Late scratched at 2.06 pm after refusing to load. Connections were advised the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

STARVINOS (S Mxothwa) – Shifted outwards at the start crowding ELIZA and STELLENBOSCH which both lost ground.

ELIZA (B Grylls) - Crowded at the start losing ground.

STELLENBOSCH (R Khan) – Crowded at the start losing ground. Improved onto heels near the 800 metres having to be steadied. Lay inwards through the early stages of the final straight. Rider lost the use of his left rein which was quickly regathered near the 200 metres.

PERCIVAL (T Moodley) - Slow to begin.

STORTFORD LODGE (A Strawbridge) – Knuckled shortly after the start.

R Khan (STELLENBOSCH) - Issued with a warning for using his whip on one occasion forward of the saddle whilst held in the forehand position.

The Starter was reprimanded for his actions when attempting to load SAN RENO.

Race 4	PURE CHAMPION AT WILLOW GLENN STUD RATING 60 1200
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THATS CHARMING (Y Atchamah) – Crowded having to be steadied shortly after the start when JACK ATTACK (A Strawbridge) shifted inwards when not fully clear. A Strawbridge was advised to exercise greater care. Contributing was some outward movement from RIGHT OF APPEAL. Held up rounding the final bend.

CAPE HORN (A Riddell) - Slow to begin.

AVITUS (T Davies) – Restrained from a wide draw to obtain cover shortly after the start. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

PURE JEWEL (J Fawcett) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

SHAFTED (A Parris) – Lay outwards rounding the final bend contacting JACK ATTACK and then had a tendency to lay outwards under pressure throughout the final straight.

INTO THE WIND (T Moseley) - Lay inwards when tiring near the 400 metres.

JACK ATTACK (A Strawbridge) – Hampered and steadied near the 400 metres. Shifted outwards approaching the 300 metres to obtain clear running.

RIGHT OF APPEAL (B May) - Shifted outwards under pressure throughout the final straight having to be corrected by its rider near the 200 metres.

T Moseley (INTO THE WIND) – Issued with a warning for allowing his mount to shift inwards when not fully clear of JACK ATTACK which was hampered near the 400 metres.

Race 5	BUS TO PHAR LAP BIRTHDAY – TIMARU 4 OCTOBER RATING 65 1400
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MONTERO (S Mxothwa) - Slow to begin. When racing keenly had to be steadied off heels near the 1000 metres. Held up early in the run home.

BRUTAL RIFF (J Taplin) - Rider reported his saddle shifted forward shortly after the start.

MIRAQUA (A Parris) - Raced three wide without cover through the early and middle stages.

PEQUOT (T Moodley) - Raced ungenerously having to be steadied near the 1100 metres. Had to be firmly restrained when close to the heels of ELEGANT EXPLOSIVE near the 1000 metres. Hampered near the 900 metres.

ELEGANT EXPLOSIVE (A Strawbridge) - Raced ungenerously when being restrained to allow BRUTAL RIFF to cross near the 900 metres with PEQUOT being further hampered. All riders involved were questioned with J Taplin advising that his saddle had shifted in the run down the back straight, so he had elected to allow his mount to improve forward to lead with his mount then stepping inwards slightly going into the bend near the 900 metres. With video footage proving inconclusive, both J Taplin and A Strawbridge were advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

Race 6	RACECOURSE HOTEL & MOTOR LODGE RATING 60 2200
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CUTOUT (A Parris) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground after being fractious in its barrier. Raced three wide without cover from near the 1100 metres.

CORRECTION (T Moseley) – Jumped away awkwardly losing ground.

FROSBIE (A Balloo) – Slow to begin. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination including an endoscopy which revealed the gelding to have a trapped epiglottis with connections indicating it was now likely to undergo surgery. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

EL FUEGO (B Murray) - Raced wide without cover until near the 1500 metres. Had to be steadied and shift outwards across heels to obtain clear running passing the 100 metres.

ROLLINS (Y Atchamah) - Raced three wide without cover from near the 1100 metres.

HONOKA (S Mxothwa) – Disappointed for a run passing the 200 metres when BAGGIO lay inwards and was angled outwards to obtain clear running approaching the 100 metres.

Race 7	ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES 1600
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DA VINCI GIRL (J Taplin) – Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

PISTACHIO (T Davies) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Inconvenienced near the 125 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no excuse.

GADABOUT (A Balloo) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

HONOR MISSION (K Bakker) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. Inconvenienced near the 125 metres.

BIG EXIT (A Riddell) - Shifted out when struck with the whip near the 125 metres inconveniencing HONOR MISSION and PISTACHIO.

PRIVATE TREATY (S Mxothwa) – Rider dropped his whip near the 125 metres.

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