



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Te Rapa
Date: Sunday, 13 September 2026
Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy 8, upgraded to Soft 7 following Race 5
Rail: Out 3 metres
Stewards: B Jones (Chair), J Oatham, G Stewart, R Butt
Vet: G Sommerville BVSc, G Randell-Sly BVS MRCVS

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	8	S Collett PLOY Careless riding 150 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 24/9 - 2/10, 5 days
Fines:	Race	1	E Leighton DANCIN IN THE DARK Whip use, arm above shoulder height [Rule 638(3)(f)(ii)] \$250
Warnings:	Race	1	W Pinn NOVAK Shifting ground 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
		1	E Leighton DANCIN IN THE DARK Whip use forward of the saddle in forehand position [Rule 638(3)(f)(xi)]
		7	K Wilson-Taylor CHARMROSE Weighed in in excess of weigh out weight [Rule 648(5)]
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	2	PURPLE HEART Veterinary clearance required
		2	FACILITATE Veterinary clearance required
		2	DAHLIA AMPED Veterinary clearance required
		3	WAHINE TOA Warning, racing manners
		5	WOLFGANG Warning, uncompetitive
		6	ELLE MCFAB Humanely euthanised
		7	KNIGHTS REALM Warning, barrier manners (difficult to load)
		7	OPPENHEIMER Warning, barrier manners
Follow Up:	Race	5	WOLFGANG
Rider Changes:	Race	4	KYGO STAR W Pinn replaced O Bosson (unwell)
		4	RIDGEVIEW VICKY G Rooke replaced N Parmar (unwell)

	5	WHAT A CHARMA E Nicholas replaced T Newman
Late Scratchings:	Nil	
Medical	Required from O Bosson	
Certificates:	Required from N Parmar	
Swabbing:	WITH GRACE, SCAREDOHEIGHTS, SHIRASE, TANTAI, WYWORRY, ASTORIA BROOKE, BELLA'S BOY, LHASA, KNIGHTS REALM, PLOY	

GENERAL
O Bosson and N Parmar advised they were unwell and would not be attending today's race meeting with both riders requiring a medical clearance prior to riding next.

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	KERR & LADBROOK CATERING 2400
DANCIN IN THE DARK (E Leighton) - Knuckled at the start. Shifted outwards making the bend near the 850 metres making contact with NOVAK which was unbalanced. Contacted and forced inwards approaching the 200 metres. FLORIN (M Hashizume) - Slow to begin. NOVAK (W Pinn) - Contacted and unbalanced near the 850 metres. Shifted inwards approaching the 200 metres making contact with DANCIN IN THE DARK which was forced inwards. W Pinn (NOVAK) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift inwards making contact with DANCIN IN THE DARK which was forced inwards approaching the 200 metres. E Leighton (DANCIN IN THE DARK) - Issued with a warning for using her whip on one occasion forward of the saddle whilst held in the forehand position. E Leighton (DANCIN IN THE DARK) - Admitted a charge in that she used her whip with an action which raised the rider's arm above shoulder height on three occasions in the final straight. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$250.	
Race 2	SADDLERY WAREHOUSE MAIDEN 1500
PURPLE HEART (S Collett) – Began awkwardly. Over-raced through the middle stages. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had raced greenly throughout. A post-race endoscopy detected a degree of mucus that may have affected the gelding's racing performance. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next. SCOTTY (L Allpress) - Over-raced through the middle stages.	

FACILITATE (E Jones) - Raced three wide without cover from near the 900 metres. A post-race endoscopy detected a degree of internal exercise-induced pulmonary haemorrhage (EIPH) that may have affected the gelding's racing performance. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

DAHLIA AMPED (C Grylls) - When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no excuse. A post-race endoscopy detected a degree of mucus that may have affected the gelding's racing performance. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

Race 3	FAIRVIEW MOTORS MAIDEN F&M 1200
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UNMISTAKABLE (J Taplin) - Began awkwardly then contacted shortly after losing ground.

TZARINA'S CROWN (J Doyle) - Lost its footing on jumping away losing ground as a result.

TE RINA AURORA (E Nicholas) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

WAHINE TOA (A Lawson-Carroll) – Lay out rounding the bend and as a result raced wide throughout when racing keenly. Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the filly's racing manners.

SHIRASE (M McNab) – Raced three wide without cover from near the 850 metres. Shifted in abruptly passing the 100 metres having to be straightened by its rider.

Race 4	FIRST FIVE 2026 CHAMPION SPRINT-MILER 1300
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VICTOR TANGO (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin. Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

DA ACE (S Collett) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced greenly for a short distance passing the 300 metres.

KYGO STAR (W Pinn) - When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that he had not been disappointed and in his opinion the gelding would derive benefit from today's race.

Race 5	LISTEN LIVE ON SPORTNATION.NZ MILE 1600
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THE ODYSSEY (R Goyaram) – Began awkwardly. Over-raced through the early stages.

WOLFGANG (T Wigram) - Placed under pressure from near the 800 metres and was not persevered with over the concluding stages. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had been unsuited by today's track conditions. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the gelding for being uncompetitive. Stewards will follow up with connections on the post-race condition of the gelding in the coming days.

Following this race the track was upgraded to Soft 7.

Race 6	HUTTON CONTRACTING MILE 1600
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GRACETHEACE (C Grylls) - Slow to begin.

ELIUD (S McNab) – Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

EMMY DAZZLER (C Berge) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

BORN TO BE ROYAL (W Pinn) - Held up until near the 300 metres.

AUTUMN HEIGHTS (M Hashizume) - Shifted outwards passing the 300 metres making contact with LAGISQUET before having to be steadied approaching the 100 metres when LAGISQUET (T Wigram) shifted inwards and BORN TO BE ROYAL (W Pinn) shifted outwards. T Wigram and W Pinn were both advised to exercise care.

ELLE MCFAB (W Kennedy) - Knuckled past the winning post being immediately pulled up by its rider and dismounted. Was immediately attended to by the on-course veterinarian with the horse ambulance being deployed. Underwent a veterinary examination which found the mare to have a ruptured right fore tendon being humanely euthanised.

Race 7	SKYCITY HAMILTON WAIKATO CUP – TICKETS ON SALE NOW 1100
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OPPENHEIMER (C Berge) – Jumped away awkwardly after being fractious in the barriers. Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the gelding's barrier manners.

KNIGHTS REALM (S McNab) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the gelding's barrier manners after being difficult to load.

AZEEZLE (J Doyle) - Jumped away awkwardly then being further hampered by WHISKEY 'N ROSES.

WHISKEY 'N ROSES (M Cameron) – Jumped away awkwardly hampering AZEEZLE.

GRINZINGER MOON (A Simon) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

JETHRO TULL (W Kennedy) - Held up rounding the bend and early in the straight before attempting to improve into a run between AMEND (T Wigram) which shifted in slightly, and CHARMROSE (K Wilson-Taylor) which shifted outwards having to be steadied near the 150 metres being unable to obtain clear running for the remainder of the race. T Wigram and K Wilson-Taylor were both advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances.

SLIPPER ISLAND (M McNab) - Was unable to obtain clear running for the majority of the final straight.

K Wilson-Taylor (CHARMROSE) - Issued with a warning for weighing in 0.5 kgs in excess of the weight at which he weighed out at.

Race 8	SEE YOU AT TE RAPA TAVERN 1400
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MISS UNDERSTOOD (M McNab) – Jumped away awkwardly.

SURROUND SOUND (L Allpress) - Over-raced through the early and middle stages then raced wide throughout.

DIGGER (A Lawson-Carroll) – Lay out rounding the final bend. Checked passing the 150 metres.

RIBKRAKA (K Wilson-Taylor) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

S Collett (PLOY) - Defended a charge of careless riding in that she permitted her mount PLOY to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of DIGGER which had to be checked passing the 150 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee found the charge proven and imposed a suspension of S Collett's

licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Wednesday 23 September up to and including racing on Friday 2 October, 5 national riding days.

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