



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Matamata Racing Club
Date: Wednesday, 16 September 2026
Weather: Cloudy
Track: Soft 7
Rail: Out 6 metres
Stewards: K Jillings (Chair), B Jones, N Goodwin, M Lucas
Vet: R McQuillan MVB

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	5	J Taplin BALLS OF FIRE Shifting ground 800 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 27/9 - 4/10, 5 days
Fines:	Nil		
Warnings:	Race	2	S McNab TALL TIMBER Shifting ground 300 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
		8	C Barnes EAGLE ROCK Whip use, out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)]
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	1	CONCURRENCE Warning, barrier manners
		1	POWHIRI Warning, barrier manners
		2	JUST A LITTLETIPSY Required to barrier trial
		2	SCPIO Warning, uncompetitive
		4	BELLE DU MONDE Warning, barrier manners
Follow Up:	Race	5	TRIPLE THREAT
Rider Changes:	Race	5	CAV'S BOY C Barnes replaced T Newman (unwell)
		7	SAVINA C Grylls replaced T Newman
Late Scratchings:	Race	2	SHE HAS LEGS At 12:05 pm on veterinary advice
		2	JUST A LITTLETIPSY At 1:10 pm at the barriers (refusing to load)
Medical	Required from T Newman		
Certificates:			
Swabbing:	CONISTON, SEDUIRE, SACRED SIN, IN HARMONY, GENEVA QUEEN, PLACES TO BE, IFBYMAGIC, VINTAGE ROSE, TYPHOON LUCY, CHARLEMAGNE		

GENERAL

T Newman advised Stewards on race morning that she would not be attending today's race meeting due to illness. T Newman is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.

SUPPLEMENTARY**Racing Te Aroha, Thursday 3 September 2026****Race 6 THE VALLEY TOYOTA PAKURANGA HUNT CUP 4300m**

NEDWIN (C Wiles) – Co-trainer P Nelson reported to Stewards NEDWIN has been retired from racing.

Racing Taupo, Friday 11 September 2026**Race 8 TWO MILE BAY SAILING CLUB 1400m**

PRESTISSIMO (E Nicholas) – Co-trainer J Bassett advised Stewards that the mare underwent veterinary examinations, including endoscopic examinations, on Sunday 13 September and Wednesday 16 September, with no abnormalities detected on either occasion. J Bassett further advised that it is the stable's intention to continue with PRESTISSIMO's current preparation.

RACE COMMENTS**Race 1** | **WAHAROA TRANSPORT CO. (1995) LTD MAIDEN 3YO 1400**

CONCURRENCE (C Grylls) - Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the colt's barrier manners after being fractious in the barriers.

POWHIRI (E Leighton) - Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the filly's barrier manners after being fractious in the barriers. Held up when attempting a marginal run near the 275 metres when SPIRIT OF ARDSLEY shifted out and IMPERIALSTATECROWN lay in marginally.

VODKA AND CAVIAR (G Rooke) – Began awkwardly shifting wider. Briefly steadied near the 350 metres after improving onto heels.

VAN BLANCO (J Taplin) – Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied. Held up until near the 150 metres. Held up for a run near the 200 metres before shifting outwards near the 150 metres to obtain clear running.

CONISTON (M McNab) – Raced keenly in the early stages.

IMPERIALSTATECROWN (R Goyaram) – Made the crossing near the 1200 metres awkwardly when over-racing.

Race 2 | **GCM FEEDS MAIDEN 2000**

JUST A LITTLETIPSY (B Grylls) - Late scratched at 1.10 pm after refusing to load. Connections were advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

SACRED SIN (E Leighton) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend until shifting outwards across heels near the 200 metres to obtain clear running.

SCIPPIO (J Nishizuka) - Over-raced in the early and middle stages. Commenced to give ground near the 550 metres and was not persevered with in the home straight. When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the gelding's racing performance after being uncompetitive.

FOUR LEAF CLOVER (R Goyaram) – Improved onto the heels of SACRED SIN having to be steadied near the 1300 metres going back onto SCIPIO which was restrained.

LINIOUS (T Wigram) - Improved onto heels near the 1200 metres when the pace eased marginally. Contacted and unbalanced near the 300 metres when TALL TIMBER shifted outwards.

DIDO BELLE (G Rooke) – Inconvenienced when SACRED SIN shifted out near the 200 metres.

TALL TIMBER (S McNab) - Shifted outwards near the 300 metres contacting and unbalancing LINIOUS.

S McNab (TALL TIMBER) - Issued with a warning after allowing his mount to shift out making contact with the hindquarters of LINIOUS which was unbalanced near the 300 metres.

Race 3	CLOTHIER FARMS MAIDEN 1050
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FLOW STATE (C Barnes) - Slow to begin. Lay in under pressure near the 100 metres.

SEE MY MACHINE (E Jones) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

BORDEAUX BELLE (J Taplin) – Steadied when placed in restricted room to the inside of ZAHARIAS which shifted out marginally near the 900 metres. Held up entering the home straight shifting inwards near the 275 metres. Shifted outwards near the 100 metres to obtain clear running.

CARNELIAN (J Fawcett) - Lay outwards under pressure throughout the home straight.

ZAHARIAS (C Grylls) – Received veterinary attention post-race to treat a mild bout of colic.

Race 4	RBC RACING 1050
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BELLE DU MONDE (C Grylls) - Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the mare's barrier manners after proving difficult to load. Slow to begin. Made the bend near the 800 metres awkwardly dictating EMMA TWIGG wider on the track.

EMMA TWIGG (H Hassman) – Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Dictated wider on the track near the 800 metres.

POLLYISACRACKER (T Wigram) – Had to be steadied near the 800 metres when racing in restricted room.

Race 5	WAHAROA HEAVY DIESEL MAIDEN 1200
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SHOWDAMAGIC (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly then crowded shortly after losing ground.

NO CURFEW (K Wilson-Taylor) – Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from a wide barrier.

TYRUS (E Leighton) - Began awkwardly shifting outwards crowding SHOWDAMAGIC. Raced ungenerously in the early stages. Checked near the 800 metres when BALLS OF FIRE shifted in when not sufficiently clear.

TRIPLE THREAT (W Pinn) - Shifted outwards at the start contacting CAV'S BOY and BATU. Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 400 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no

excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the gelding to be coughing. Stewards will follow up with connections on the post-race condition of the gelding in the coming days.

CAV'S BOY (C Barnes) - Contacted at the start.

BATU (E Nicholas) - Contacted at the start.

SHE NO OPILLIO (B Grylls) - Raced wide without cover before being taken forward to sit outside the leader near the 700 metres.

J Taplin (BALLS OF FIRE) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount BALLS OF FIRE to shift in when not sufficiently clear of TYRUS which had to be checked near the 800 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of J Taplin's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 26 September up to and including racing on Sunday 4 October, 5 national riding days.

Race 6	ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES MAIDEN F&M 1400
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LOVEGROVE (J Fawcett) - Slow to begin. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

AFFAIRE D'AMOUR (G Rooke) - Began awkwardly shifting outwards making contact with ABLE DANCER and as a result became unbalanced, losing ground.

MILLIE GRAMS (C Grylls) - Slow to begin.

MAFIA WHISPERS (W Kennedy) - Raced keenly when being steadied in the early stages.

MUST BEE (E Nicholas) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

RAKONUI (R Goyaram) - Raced three wide without cover from near the 800 metres.

ROCCADONNA (A Simon) - Had to angle out across heels near the 150 metres to obtain clear running.

LA DANZA (T Wigram) - Stewards questioned T Wigram in the presence of senior rider C Grylls regarding the riding tactics and in particular his decision to angle his mount very wide on the home turn. T Wigram explained that the mare was racing fresh up over 1400 metres and is better suited to running over more ground so he elected to improve into the race wide to allow his mount to build into the race and not wait for runs to develop to the inside. T Wigram agreed with Stewards that he had erred in his judgement on this occasion.

Race 7	WAHAROA INDUSTRIAL PARK 1400
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TYPHOON LUCY (M McNab) - Slow to begin.

SMART TIP (J Nishizuka) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Held up until near the 200 metres. Came together with THE TRENDSETTER just prior to the winning post.

THE TRENDSETTER (C Barnes) - Came together with SMART TIP just prior to the winning post.

Race 8	ROBERT BRUCE CLOTHIER MEMORIAL 2000
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SWEET BUT PSYCHO (M McNab) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Held up rounding the home turn. Had to shift outwards to obtain clear running near the 150 metres. Came together with EMPRESSIVE just prior to the winning post when both runners shifted ground.

EAGLE ROCK (C Barnes) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

JACK IN THE BOX (T Wigram) – Slow to begin.

BOOGALOO (C Grylls) - Slow to begin. Shifted in near the 275 metres having to be straightened by its rider.

AFORE YE GO (J Taplin) - Raced three wide without cover from near the 1300 metres.

EMPRESSIVE (H Hassman) - Came together with SWEET BUT PSYCHO just prior to the winning post when both runners shifted ground.

ARJAY'S FLIGHT (E Nicholas) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding may be feeling the effects of recent racing.

C Barnes (EAGLE ROCK) - Issued with a warning for using her whip on a runner when out of contention of finishing in the first five placings.

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