



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Te Rapa
Date: Friday, 25 September 2026
Weather: Overcast
Track: Soft 5, upgraded to Good 4 following Race 4
Rail: Out 8 metres
Stewards: B Jones (Chair), A Dooley, G Stewart, R Butt
Vet: B O'Shea BVSc, K Rooney BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race 6	E Leighton ROYAL ASSETT Careless riding 150 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 4/10 - 11/10, 5 days
Fines:	Race 1	S Ralph PERFECTMANZ Late declaration of rider [Rule 537(a)] \$50 (Minor Infringement)
	1	M Cartwright SKYMAX Breaking riding engagement [Rule 346(1)] \$200 (Minor Infringement)
Warnings:	Race 6	C Grylls WITH A VENGEANCE Shifting ground 1000 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Protests:	Nil	
Request for Ruling:	Nil	
Horse Actions:	Race 5	ILLUMINATED MISS Cardiac arrhythmia. Veterinary clearance required
Follow Up:	Race 8	JAEGER
Rider Changes:	Race 1	SKYMAX G Rooke replaced M Cartwright
Late Scratchings:	Race 8	JOSHUA BROWN At 1.57 pm due to track upgrade
Medical Certificates:	Nil	
Swabbing:		GATE CRASHERS, BUNKER HILL, ELLENDALE, UPTOWN, COSMIC PURSUIT, PARTY TIME, ROSE AYE REIGN, CHATELLE ROSE, THE ODYSSEY, GIGI, ROC ALL NIGHT

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Auckland Thoroughbred Racing @ Ellerslie, Saturday 5 September 2026

Race 10 HORIZON BY SKYCITY 1600m

HIGH COUNTRY (S McNab) – Trainer T Pike reported to Steward that he was satisfied with the gelding's post-race condition, and it is his intention to continue with HIGH COUNTRY'S current preparation. T Pike further advised he may look to nominate the gelding for the Matamata Racing Club meeting on Saturday 3 October.

Matamata Racing Club, Wednesday 16 September 2026

Race 5 WAHAROA HEAVY DIESEL MAIDEN 1200m

TRIPLE THREAT (W Pinn) – Trainer K Pertab advised Stewards that he was satisfied with the gelding's post-race condition, however, TRIPLE THREAT will no longer be considered a racing prospect from his stable.

Racing Te Aroha, Friday 18 September 2026

Race 1 DUNSTAN MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE 3600m

STAR WARRIOR (B Marshall) – Trainer D Wiles advised Stewards he was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding, however, STAR WARRIOR has now been sent for a spell.

Race 2 AJRA MAIDEN HURDLE 3100m

KEEN ON BUBBLES (B Holliday) – Trainer J Wheeler reported to Stewards that he was satisfied with the mare's post-race condition, however, KEEN ON BUBBLES will no longer be considered a racing prospect from his stable.

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 WENTWOOD GRANGE 2100

VITO (C Berge) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

SKYMAX (G Rooke) - Began awkwardly. Raced keenly for a distance when being steadied passing the 1800 metres.

PERFECTMANZ (H Hassman) – Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

SUBIACO (K Wilson-Taylor) – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

EL SPEEDY MAN (E Nicholas) - Rider reported that the gelding hung inwards from the 800 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

BILLY BLINX (W Pinn) - Lay in when placed under pressure in the final straight placing the rider at a disadvantage.

ALLACES (L Satherley) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had not been disappointing considering it was stepping up in distance from its previous start and in her opinion would derive benefit from today's race.

S Ralph (PERFECTMANZ) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$50 for failing to declare a rider for PERFECTMANZ by the required time.

M Cartwright (SKYMAX) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$200 for breaking his riding engagement on SKYMAX.

Race 2 CAMBRIDGE STUD MAIDEN 1400

SCRITTORE (G Rooke) - Slow to begin.

JUST GO BOOM (J Doyle) – Contacted shortly after the start becoming unbalanced.

ADLERIAN (L Satherley) - Over-raced through the early stages.

MASTER JAMES (H Oh) - Raced three wide without cover from near the 900 metres.

BUNKER HILL (S McNab) – Had difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 200 metres.

LOFTY MANUEL (C Barnes) - Improved onto heels approaching the 100 metres having to shift outwards to improve.

CHIZARA (M Cameron) – Steadied when placed in restricted room approaching the 100 metres.

DIRTY BORIS (H Hassman) - Shifted out making contact with **ICON** which was shifting inwards just prior to the winning post.

ICON (M Alam) - Shifted inwards making contact with **DIRTY BORIS** just prior to the winning post.

RUSSIAN PRIME (K Wilson-Taylor) – Rider reported that in his opinion the filly would benefit from the application of blinkers.

UNMISTAKABLE (J Taplin) – Rider reported that the mare had hung inwards throughout the running.

Race 3	LODGE REAL ESTATE MAIDEN 1400
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RIP (M Alam) – Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination prior to the start and was cleared to race. Jumped outwards at the start making contact with **THE EXPLORER**.

TOP MARKS (G Rooke) - Slow to begin.

THE EXPLORER (J Doyle) - Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied.

CAV'S BOY (C Barnes) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

THE MULLIGAN (W Kennedy) - Improved into restricted room having to be steadied passing the 200 metres.

COMPULSORY (J Nishizuka) – Held up until near the 200 metres.

Race 4	CAMBRIDGE SYNTHETIC SEASON FINALE 30 SEPTEMBER MILE 1600
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LAGISQUET (M Cartwright) - Slow to begin.

FAULTLESS (M Cameron) - Began awkwardly.

SWEET ICE (W Kennedy) – Over-raced through the early stages.

CHEERFUL SMILE (G Rooke) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Over-raced through the middle stages.

YOKOZUNA (T Wigram) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight before improving into a marginal run passing the 200 metres.

FASTDEELDUN (M McNab) – Made contact with UPTOWN near the 350 metres becoming unbalanced.

UPTOWN (H Hassman) - Contacted near the 350 metres.

PURE BARS (W Pinn) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 100 metres.

Following this race the track was upgraded to Good 4.

Race 5

TAB 1200

ILLUMINATED MISS (J Nishizuka) – Began awkwardly losing ground. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had been outpaced in the early stages and would benefit from some easing in the ground. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to have suffered cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer K McQuade was advised that ILLUMINATED MISS will not be permitted to start in any race or trial until a veterinary clearance declaring the horse free of any cardiac arrhythmia following a gallop of at least 1000 metres.

NAVY ENSIGN (G Rooke) - Began awkwardly. Raced three wide without cover throughout. Steadied when placed in restricted room near the 1100 metres.

WISE CHOICE (A Lawson-Carroll) – Over-raced through the early stages.

OBERON (J Taplin) – Raced in restricted room for a distance approaching the 200 metres.

RIOJA (W Kennedy) - When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination including an endoscopic examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

RIMA RUA TORU (J Doyle) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 6

HENLEY PARK 3YO 1200

STROMLINIEN (W Pinn) - Began awkwardly making contact with BELLE REBELLE, losing ground.

BELLE REBELLE (T Wigram) - Contacted at the start.

ROSE AYE REIGN (J Doyle) - Began awkwardly.

THE SWEETEST SONG (M Cartwright) – Raced keenly in the early stages when being restrained before shifting outwards abruptly to avoid heels approaching the 1000 metres being obliged to race three wide without cover when racing greenly for the majority of the race. Checked near the 150 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a small laceration on the left nostril.

TIP TOP (K Wilson-Taylor) - Held up throughout the final straight.

ROYAL ASSETT (E Leighton) - Held up until near the 200 metres.

C Grylls (WITH A VENGEANCE) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of THE SWEETEST SONG which was steadied before shifting outwards abruptly approaching the 1000 metres. When assessing the incident Stewards took into account the racing manners of THE SWEETEST SONG.

E Leighton (ROYAL ASSETT) - Defended a charge of careless riding in that she permitted her mount ROYAL ASSETT to shift outwards when insufficiently clear of THE SWEETEST SONG which was checked near the 150 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee found the charge proven and imposed a suspension of E Leighton's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 3 October up to and including racing on Sunday 11 October, 5 national riding days.

Race 7	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT WAIKATO 1200
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I'M ALL IN (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly.

MA TE WA (C Grylls) - Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied. Raced keenly through the middle stages.

TWAIN (T Wigram) - Attempted to improve into a marginal run before having to be steadied passing the 200 metres when in restricted room then shifted outwards approaching the 100 metres to improve.

SWEET SMILE (M Cartwright) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that in his opinion the gelding had been unsuited to racing left-handed. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 8	CRAIGS INVESTMENT PARTNERS 1500
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WILLYDOIT (G Rooke) - Slow to begin. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that in his opinion the gelding would benefit from a step up in distance.

SON OF SUN (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

TISSE (J Doyle) - Slow to begin. Held up until near the 350 metres.

GIGI (R Goyaram) – Raced keenly when being steadied in the early stages.

JAEGER (C Grylls) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had travelled comfortably but had failed to respond once placed under pressure. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to have a delayed recovery. Stewards will follow up with connections on the post-race condition of the gelding in the coming days.

Race 9	CURRAGHMORE STUD 1400
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BOLLI BELLE (H Hassman) - Slow to begin. Improved onto the heels of OPPENHEIMER passing the 50 metres before shifting inwards to continue to improve.

ZANTABULOUS (W Pinn) – Knuckled leaving the barriers then crowded shortly after.

CIRCUS TRIX (M Cartwright) – Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied. Held up for clear running near the 250 metres.

AMAZONIA (J Taplin) - Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

MISS ANNA LEE (G Rooke) - Badly hampered having to be firmly restrained shortly after the start when runners either side shifted ground.

ROC ALL NIGHT (C Grylls) – Raced wide without cover through the early stages.

PULSATILLA (K Wilson-Taylor) – Held up for clear running near the 300 metres.

ORIGIN OF LOVE (M McNab) - Held up until near the 200 metres.

PADDY THE FARMER (M Cameron) - Raced in restricted room approaching the 100 metres.

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