



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club:	Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Cambridge Synthetic
Date:	Wednesday, 30 September 2026
Weather:	Fine
Track:	Synthetic
Rail:	True
Stewards:	B Jones (Chair), A Dooley, J Laking, G Stewart
Vet:	K Huxford BVSc, E Kearney BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Protests:	Nil
Request for Ruling:	Nil
Horse Actions:	Race 3 WAHINE TOA Required to barrier trial
	3 CLICQUOT GIRL Warning, racing manners
	7 SHE NO OPILLIO Warning, racing performance
Follow Up:	Nil
Rider Changes:	Race 1 ROZEZINA M McNab replaced C Grylls (unwell)
	2 LUCKY FERRANDO E Jones replaced C Grylls
	6 TARZADOR G Rooke replaced C Grylls
	7 IRON THRONE L Sutherland replaced C Grylls
	8 SAVINA J Doyle replaced C Grylls
Late Scratchings:	Nil
Medical	Required from C Grylls
Certificates:	Received from C Barnes
Swabbing:	ITCHY HEART, CONFECTIONIST, CENTURIAL, O'VALERIE, O'SWEET DARLING, ZIVOU, NIAGARA SKY, ABOVE THE CLOUDS, PLAY, ALEZANDO Pre-race TCO2 blood testing was carried out at today's meeting

GENERAL

C Grylls advised Stewards he was unwell and would not be attending today's race meeting with a medical clearance required prior to riding next.

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SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	CAMBRIDGE EQUINE HOSPITAL MAIDEN 1300
LASSIE (L Sutherland) - Began awkwardly losing ground.	
Race 2	TAB 1300
FRENCH DOLL (M Cartwright) – Bounded at the start, losing ground. When questioned regarding the performance the rider could offer no excuse. PERFECT HABIT (G Rooke) – Began awkwardly making contact with KING OF THE AIR. Raced three wide without cover throughout. Contacted for a distance passing the 100 metres. KING OF THE AIR (C Barnes) - Began awkwardly losing ground. ANTON (T Wigram) – Began awkwardly losing ground. IT'S AMELIA (L Sutherland) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. LUCKY FERRANDO (E Jones) – Held up rounding the final bend. TRACK TESTER (L Satherley) - Held up rounding the final bend. Shifted out and away from CONFECTIONIST which had shifted out slightly passing the 100 metres making contact with PERFECT HABIT for a distance. L Satherley (TRACK TESTER) - Spoken to regarding her whip use in the final straight. Following this race connections of the 4th placed runner PERFECT HABIT viewed Stewards video footage before electing not to proceed with a protest against the 3rd placed runner TRACK TESTER.	
Race 3	SADDLERY WAREHOUSE MAIDEN 970
WAHINE TOA (A Lawson-Carroll) – Bounded at the start losing ground. Hampered passing the 800 metres. Ran off rounding the final bend forcing APOTHEOSIS wider and was not persevered with for the remainder of the race. Connections were advised that the filly would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found a laceration in the left corner of the mouth and superficial grazes to the left front forelock and left thorax. CENTURIAL (M McNab) - Slow to begin. CLICQUOT GIRL (T Wigram) - Commenced to race ungenerously shortly after the start shifting out abruptly passing the 800 metres hampering WAHINE TOA. Trainer P Gerard was advised a warning would be placed against the mare's racing manners. Held up entering the final straight. APOTHEOSIS (M Hashizume) - Forced wider approaching the 500 metres having to be steadied.	

O'VALERIE (G Rooke) - Held up rounding the final bend before shifting outwards making contact with **ZAC GARY** near the 300 metres.

ZAC GARY (S McNab) - Contacted and unbalanced near the 300 metres and again near the 200 metres onto O'VALERIE.

Race 4	NEMS MEDICAL 970
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ZIVOU (A Simon) - Began awkwardly. Shifted inwards when making the junction shortly after the start with ZIVOU shifting outwards abruptly to avoid contact with the running rail when joining the course proper. Had difficulty obtaining clear running for a majority of the final straight.

O'SWEET DARLING (H Oh) - Began awkwardly.

LEGALLY BINDING (C Stumbles) – Rider dropped his whip passing the 150 metres.

Race 5	TCL EARTHWORKS 2000
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SILKDEGREES (J Doyle) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Held up rounding the final bend and early in the straight before improving into a marginal run having to be steadied passing the 100 metres when **AWAKEN** shifted out and away from **SO BE IT** which shifted out and away from **NIAGARA SKY**.

NIAGARA SKY (G Rooke) - Began awkwardly shifting out hampering **BASILTHEGREEK**.

BASILTHEGREEK (M McNab) - Slow to begin then hampered shortly after. Improved onto heels passing the 150 metres before attempting to improve into a marginal run inside of **NIAGARA SKY** which shifted inwards slightly having to be firmly restrained near the 50 metres. After viewing video footage and interviewing riders, it was established that **NIAGARA SKY** had shifted outwards slightly passing the 100 metres briefly presenting a marginal run to its inside which **BASILTHEGREEK** had attempted to improve into however it had not established itself fully inside of **NIAGARA SKY** which had shifted back inwards near the 50 metres resulting in **BASILTHEGREEK** having to be firmly restrained. As a result, Stewards took no further action.

SO BE IT (M Hashizume) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend.

ROCKY BALBOA (M Cartwright) - Raced keenly in the early stages before shifting outwards passing the 1300 metres to improve forward to race outside the leader near the 1000 metres.

ARKADUS (L Satherley) – Raced three wide without cover from near the 1000 metres.

Following this race rider M McNab rider of the 4th placed runner **BASILTHEGREEK** viewed Stewards video footage of the final straight before electing not to proceed with a protest against the winner **NIAGARA SKY**.

Race 6	SASTRATECH NZ LTD 2000
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The start of this race was delayed by 3 minutes after barrier attendants attempted to adjust the tongue tie on **ROEDERER**.

ROEDERER (C Barnes) - Stewards granted permission for the gelding to race without the notified tongue tie as it was unable to be adjusted at the start. Jumped outwards at the start making contact with **KEEPER'S HEART** which in turn hampered **CYBER PATCH**.

KEEPER'S HEART (J Doyle) – Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Raced keenly through the middle stages. Held up until near the 250 metres.

CYBER PATCH (E Jones) - Hampered shortly after the start having to be steadied.

ABOVE THE CLOUDS (R Goyaram) – Raced keenly in the early stages. Ducked outwards over the concluding stages.

TARZADOR (G Rooke) - Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to lead near the 1500 metres.

MULAN ARDECHE (M McNab) - Inconvenienced passing the 250 metres after **KEEPER'S HEART** (J Doyle) improved into a marginal run outside of **BRIGHT THOUGHTS** (M Cartwright) which shifted outwards. J Doyle and M Cartwright were both advised to exercise care. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that in his opinion the mare had failed to back up after racing on Friday 25 September and that the impost of 59.5 kgs had also been detrimental to its chances. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 7	ONYX CAFE CAMBRIDGE MAIDEN 1550
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ICE LASS (H Oh) - Stood in the barriers as the start was effected losing ground (3L).

MESSI MAN (M Cartwright) - Slow to begin.

IRON THRONE (L Sutherland) – Commenced to race keenly passing the 1200 metres shifting outwards racing three wide without cover for the remainder of the race. Stewards questioned L Sutherland regarding the tactics she adopted during the race. L Sutherland explained that her instructions had been to ride the gelding in a forward position but after the pace had steadied passing the 1400 metres, her mount had commenced to over-race so she attempted to improve forward three wide around **DARE YOU** to a position outside the leader, however that runner had improved to her inside so she elected to steady her mount, being obliged to race three wide without cover for the remainder of the race. Stewards noted L Sutherland's explanation. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to be coughing.

SHE NO OPILLIO (A Lawson-Carroll) – Raced keenly in the early stages when being restrained. Hung outwards from the 800 metres and was not persevered with in the final straight. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the mare's racing performance.

Race 8	CELEBRATING WARWICK ROBINSON – A LIFETIME OF INVOLVEMENT IN RACING 1550
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LERADO (T Wigram) - Slow to begin.

PERFECT POUR (M Cartwright) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

SAVINA (J Doyle) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

ALTIPLANO (L Sutherland) – Raced keenly in the early stages.

SHAMWARI (R Goyaram) – Dislodged its rider returning to scale. R Goyaram was attended to by oncourse Paramedics and found to be uninjured.

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