



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Matamata Racing Club
Date: Saturday, 3 October 2026
Weather: Cloudy
Track: Soft 5
Rail: True
Stewards: B Jones (Chair), K Jillings, G Stewart, J Laking
Vet: L de Clifford BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Nil
Fines: Nil
Warnings:

Race	1	T Powell CALL ME A CAB Presented runner late to the birdcage [Rule 625(1)]
	3	C Grylls CARNELIAN Shifting ground 900 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
	4	C Berge PUROSANGUE Whip use, arm above shoulder height [Rule 638(3)(f)(ii)]
	6	H Hassman DANCIN IN THE DARK Shifting ground 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil
Horse Actions:

Race	2	JOHNNY FITZ Warning, barrier manners
	6	WHAT A CHARMA Warning, racing performance
	9	VICTOR TANGO Warning, barrier manners

Follow Up: Race 9 **KYGO STAR**
Rider Changes: Nil
Late Scratchings: Nil
Medical Certificates: Received from C Grylls
Swabbing: CHICA DE ORO, SHAMBO JACK, PILATES, MAGICE, AVANTAGGIA, BORN TO BE ROYAL, THE PRECURSOR, AFTERGLO, ASTORIA BROOKE, WHAT YOU WISH FOR, VANITYGIRL

GENERAL

Stewards accepted the explanation from Trainer P Gerard for the late declaration of rider for GIN 'N' TONIC in Race 1.

SUPPLEMENTARY

Racing Te Aroha, Sunday 20 September 2026

Race 4 BEN & RYAN FOOTE RACING GREAT NEW ZEALAND STEEPLECHASE 6200m

LORD SPENCER (L Douglas) – Trainer J Rayner reported to Stewards that the gelding underwent a veterinary examination on Monday 28 September, with no abnormalities detected. J Rayner further advised that LORD SPENCER has now been sent for a spell.

Waikato Thoroughbred Racing @ Te Rapa, Friday 25 September 2026

Race 8 CRAIGS INVESTMENT PARTNERS 1500m

JAEGER (C Grylls) – Trainer R Patterson advised Stewards he was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding, however, JAEGER has now been sent for a spell.

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1	COLLIERS WAIKATO RURAL REALESTATE MAIDEN 1600
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CALL ME A CAB (E Jones) – Jumped in at the start making contact with LA DANZA.

LA DANZA (C Grylls) - Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied. Shifted outwards passing the 300 metres making contact with ARRAZOLA and again near the 200 metres.

ABLE DANCER (E Leighton) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Shifted inwards making contact with ARRAZOLA approaching the 100 metres.

CASA RUBICK (O Bosson) – Steadied when placed in restricted room passing the 300 metres.

ARRAZOLA (M McNab) - Contacted passing the 300 metres and again near the 200 metres. Shifted outwards simultaneously as ABLE DANCER shifted inwards making contact with that runner approaching the 100 metres. Contacted just prior to the winning post.

PAPPARAZZI (G Rooke) - Shifted inwards just prior to the winning post making contact with ARRAZOLA. G Rooke was advised to exercise care in similar circumstances.

T Powell (CALL ME A CAB) - Issued with a warning for presenting the mare late to the birdcage.

Race 2	COLCHESTER ENGINEERING LTD MAIDEN 3YO 1400
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JOHNNY FITZ (A Lawson-Carroll) - Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the gelding's barrier manners.

MIDNIGHT MELODY (M Hashizume) – Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

NO CURFEW (H Hassman) – Over-raced through the early and middle stages. Rider reported that the gelding had raced greenly throughout.

SAMURAI SWORD (E Leighton) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

VAN BLANCO (G Rooke) - Raced keenly through the middle stages.

AVENTUS (C Grylls) – Made the bend awkwardly when racing keenly near the 800 metres.

HELLO ANGEL (M Cartwright) – Shifted inwards approaching the 150 metres making contact with the hindquarters of **BULLDOZER BETTY**.

BULLDOZER BETTY (C Berge) – Contacted and unbalanced approaching the 150 metres.

JOYEUSE (W Kennedy) - Shifted outwards passing the 50 metres making contact with **SHAMBO JACK**.

SHAMBO JACK (M McNab) – Contacted and unbalanced passing the 50 metres.

Race 3	NOBLE & LEE XMAS TWILIGHT 18TH DECEMBER – TICKETS ON SALE NOW MAIDEN 1200
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LOCH FINLAGGAN (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin.

ETUPIRKA (G Rooke) - Slow to begin then crowded shortly after having to be steadied. Shifted out and away from the heels of **PARFAIT DIMANCHE** which had shifted outwards when clear passing the 150 metres resulting in **ROYAL RIBBLE** having to be steadied when awkwardly placed on heels.

ROYAL RIBBLE (A Lawson-Carroll) - Slow to begin. Steadied when awkwardly placed on heels passing the 150 metres.

PARFAIT DIMANCHE (M Cartwright) - Lay out shortly after the start crowding **EL AYE**, also contributing was inward movement from **THRILL OF FLIGHT**. Had to shift ground outwards passing the 150 metres to obtain clear running.

EL AYE (J Fawcett) – Crowded shortly after the start having to be steadied. Had to be steadied when placed in restricted room for a distance passing the 900 metres.

CARNELIAN (C Grylls) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

JUDY'S SMARTIES (M Hashizume) – Held up early in the final straight before attempting to improve into a marginal run inside of **CAPITAL EXPRESS** (H Hassman) having to be steadied after that runner shifted back inwards when being corrected by its rider. H Hassman was advised to exercise care in similar circumstances.

C Grylls (**CARNELIAN**) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of **EL AYE** which was placed in restricted room for a distance having to be steadied passing the 900 metres.

Race 4	ANCROFT DEVELOPMENTS 1200
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PUROSANGUE (C Berge) - Began awkwardly. Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

ACAPELAGO (M Hashizume) - Slow to begin.

L'AIGLE NOIR (W Kennedy) - Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

ROTTEN TOMMY (E Leighton) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding over-raced throughout which had been detrimental to its performance. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

C Berge (**PUROSANGUE**) - Issued with a warning for using his whip with an action which raised the rider's arm above shoulder height.

Race 5	COMAG 2000
GUIPAGO (J Fawcett) - Slow to begin. Raced three wide without cover throughout. Steadied passing the 275 metres after SCAREDOHEIGHTS (M Hashizume) lay inwards. M Hashizume was advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances. HISTORY MAKER (E Jones) – Began awkwardly losing ground. Made contact with the running rail near the 1700 metres. BORN TO BE ROYAL (C Grylls) – Held up for a distance passing the 400 metres. EMPRESSIVE (H Hassman) – Lay out rounding the final bend. CHARLEMAGNE (A Lawson-Carroll) - Steadied when placed in restricted room passing the 350 metres.	
Race 6	RUSSELL & YVONNE GREEN MEMORIAL 2000
WHAT A CHARMA (S Brown) - Began awkwardly. Trailed the field throughout and was not persevered with from near the 500 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had been unsuited by today's track conditions and would appreciate more rain affected footing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the gelding's racing performance. FINAL REASON (M Cameron) - Slow to begin. HIGH COUNTRY (C Berge) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. TENFOOT TALL (M McNab) - Held up rounding the final bend before attempting to improve into a marginal run passing the 250 metres then crowded having to be steadied when DANCIN IN THE DARK crowded LOCH KATRINE inwards and HIGH COUNTRY (C Berge) shifted outwards. C Berge was advised to exercise greater care along with H Hassman being warned for this incident. LOCH KATRINE (C Grylls) - Crowded having to be steadied passing the 250 metres. DANCIN IN THE DARK (H Hassman) - Shifted inwards passing the 200 metres making contact with LOCH KATRINE having to be straightened by its rider. H Hassman (DANCIN IN THE DARK) - Issued with a warning after permitting her mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of LOCH KATRINE which was crowded onto TENFOOT TALL near the 200 metres. When assessing the incident Stewards took into account slight outwards movement from HIGH COUNTRY.	
Race 7	MITRE 10 MATAMATA 1600
CROWN PRINCESS (H Hassman) - Slow to begin. FREE BIRD (M Cartwright) - Began awkwardly. DIOMEDES (A Simon) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Stewards questioned rider A Simon in the presence of trainer R James regarding the reasons why he did not take up a position outside the leader when there was the opportunity to do so racing down the back straight. A Simon explained that he had misjudged the distance that he thought he had been away from the leader MISS UNDERSTOOD and when the rider of BELLA'S	

BOY had taken the position inside him, he had allowed his mount to race wide off that runner. Stewards noted A Simon's explanation and advised him that he would be expected to show far better judgement in the future.

LOLLAPALOOZA (R Goyaram) – Inconvenienced passing the 100 metres when placed in restricted room when AFTERGLO shifted into its line when clear.

Race 8	FAIRVIEW MATAMATA KAIMAI STAKES 1600 (Listed Race)
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BOXMOSS (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin.

ASTORIA BROOKE (M McNab) - Slow to begin.

MOSINVADER (M Hashizume) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages. Held up throughout the final straight.

TOLSTOY (G Rooke) – Raced four wide without cover throughout. Steadied when weakening when placed in restricted room passing the 100 metres after WHAT YOU WISH FOR (C Grylls) shifted in slightly. C Grylls was advised to exercise greater care.

TOP SHELF (H Hassman) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

TRUST IN YOU (E Leighton) – Held up for the majority of the final straight.

ENRICO (M Singh) - Held up for a distance passing the 200 metres.

Race 9	MATAMATA FUNCTION CENTRE 1400
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VICTOR TANGO (W Kennedy) - Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the gelding's barrier manners after proving difficult to load. Slow to begin.

EL ARISH (E Leighton) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

FLASHBACK (M McNab) – Raced keenly through the early to middle stages.

BRAMITO (M Hashizume) – Raced keenly through the early stages. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

LEVELS UP (E Jones) - Held up entering the final straight.

KYGO STAR (O Bosson) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had made abnormal breathing noises on pulling up. Stewards will follow up with connections on the post-race condition of the gelding in the coming days.

O Bosson (KYGO STAR) - Spoken to for his whip use on a runner when the gelding was out of contention of finishing in the first five placings.

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