



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club:	Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Ellerslie
Date:	Saturday, 17 October 2026
Weather:	Fine
Track:	Soft 5
Rail:	Out 5 metres
Stewards:	B Jones (Chair), A Dooley, J Laking, G Stewart, O Westerlund
Vet:	J Bullock BVSc, O Glen BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil	
Fines:	Race	3 B Kennedy TE RINA AURORA Late declaration of rider [Rule 537(a)] \$50
		4 W Kennedy SWEET ICE Whip use forward of the saddle in forehand position [Rule 638(3)(f)(xi)] \$300
Warnings:	Race	2 W Kennedy STATE OF VALOUR Whip use forward of the saddle in forehand position [Rule 638(3)(f)(xi)]
		3 A Strawbridge MATEARA Shifting ground 1100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
		4 T Pike HIGH COUNTRY Presented runner with incorrect gear [Rule 616(4)]
		6 C Grylls TRUST IN YOU Weighed in in excess of weigh out weight [Rule 648(5)]
		9 J Doyle DASHING DIXIE Shifting ground 150 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
		9 W Pinn HAWEA Misconduct prior to the race [Rule 800(1)]
		9 D Satherley (Barrier Attendant) Misconduct prior to the race [Rule 800(1)]
Protests:	Nil	
Request for Ruling:	Nil	
Horse Actions:	Race	1 LOS SANTOS Epistaxis. 3 month stand down from racing or trialling, 2 month stand down from exercise. Veterinary clearance required
		3 SHOWGIRL Warning, barrier manners
		9 HAWEA Required to barrier trial
Follow Up:	Race	9 HAWEA
		9 SHALABIYA
Rider Changes:	Nil	
Late Scratchings:	Race	2 BE WATER

At 9.01 am on veterinary advice	
Medical	Received from M Cameron
Certificates:	
Swabbing:	CENTURIAL, CONVINCED, WITHALLMYSTRENGTH, KUMARA STRAIGHT, SWEET ICE, WAIMEA BAY, ONE BOLD GIGOLO, SOLIDIFY, PLATINUM ATTACK, REWARD SMILE, SWEET SMILE, ASTURIA, LIGURIA, FREE BIRD
	Pre-race TCO2 blood testing was carried out at today's meeting

GENERAL
Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY
Racing Taupo, Friday 9 October 2026 Race 5 PLACEMAKERS ROTORUA 1000m EGYPTIAN QUEEN (H Hassman) - Te Akau Racing Manager R Trumper advised Steward the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the mare, however, EQYPTIAN QUEEN has now been sent for short break.

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	TRACKSIDE.CO.NZ 1100
KARYON (R Goyaram) – Knuckled shortly after the start. RISING WIND (A Strawbridge) – Raced wide in the early stages. LOS SANTOS (C Grylls) - Raced keenly when being restrained in the early stages. Held up until near the 350 metres. Returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to have experienced an episode of Epistaxis. LOS SANTOS shall not be ridden in exercise for a period of two months or start in any race or trial for a period of three months, and then only after a satisfactory gallop of at least 1000 metres in the presence of a Veterinarian. SHOCKATILLATAP (C Barnes) - Commenced to race ungenerously passing the 800 metres shifting outwards making contact with SISTA SUGAR for a distance. SISTA SUGAR (T Wigram) – Contacted for a distance passing the 800 metres. MARIE ANTOINETTE (W Kennedy) – Held up until near the 350 metres. Inconvenienced when placed in restricted room passing the 75 metres when racing to the inside of RISING WIND which had shifted inwards. A Strawbridge was advised to exercise care in similar circumstances.	
Race 2	RACE IMAGES MAIDEN 1200
I AM FANTASY (T Wigram) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Had difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 100 metres. CADA ESTRELLA (C Barnes) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Raced keenly through the middle stages. BORDEAUX BELLE (J Taplin) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.	

BOLD AND BRAVE (C Grylls) – Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Raced keenly for a distance when being restrained approaching the 800 metres.

MIESHA (A Strawbridge) - Contacted shortly after the start becoming unbalanced. Raced keenly through the middle stages.

WATER CATCHER (O Bosson) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

W Kennedy (STATE OF VALOUR) – Issued with a warning in that he struck his mount on one occasion forward of the saddle whilst the whip is held in the forehand position near the 150 metres.

Race 3	YOURRIDE MAIDEN 1400
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SHOWGIRL (W Kennedy) – Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the filly's barrier manners after being fractious in the barriers.

PROTEUS (M Cartwright) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

CRIMSON SKY (S Collett) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Had to be steadied after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of PROTEUS near the 1100 metres. Held up for the majority of the final straight. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare would appreciate a step up in distance.

KAKASISISI (E Nicholas) - Slow to begin.

MAZZY STAR (J Fawcett) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

MATEARA (A Strawbridge) – Raced four wide without cover from near the 800 metres.

LETSWISHUPONASTAR (M Hashizume) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight.

SIR DARCY (W Pinn) - Steadied when placed in restricted room passing the 150 metres.

A Strawbridge (MATEARA) - Issued with a warning for permitting her mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of LETSWISHUPONASTAR which had improved quickly to her inside dictating that runner inwards forcing PROTEUS into the line of CRIMSON SKY which had to be steadied near the 1100 metres.

Race 4	WINDSOR PARK STUD 2100
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HIGH COUNTRY (S McNab) – Raced three wide until near the 1600 metres.

T Pike (HIGH COUNTRY) – Issued with a warning for presenting HIGH COUNTRY to race without the notified side winkers.

W Kennedy (SWEET ICE) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount on one occasion forward of the saddle whilst the whip is held in the forehand position near the 150 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a fine of \$300.

Race 5	NZB READY TO RUN SALE TRAINERS SERIES 1400
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WEE NESSY (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin. Improved onto heels passing the 800 metres having to be steadied.

ANNIE OAKLEY (R Goyaram) – Slow to begin.	
TORUK MAKTO (S McNab) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.	
ELYSIAN FIELDS (W Pinn) - Raced four wide without cover throughout.	
SAVVY DONNA (L Satherley) – Over-raced through the middle stages.	
ESPADAS (J Doyle) – Held up for the majority of the final straight.	
FLASHBACK (M McNab) - Held up until near the 150 metres.	
RIMA RUA TORU (T Wigram) - Had to shift ground inwards approaching the 100 metres to avoid the heels of the weakening ELYSIAN FIELDS.	
Race 6	STAPHANOS CLASSIC 2100
DIAMOND JAK (J Taplin) – Slow to begin (4L).	
BOXMOSS (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly losing ground.	
OVERRATED (G Rooke) – Raced three wide without cover until near the 1200 metres.	
C Grylls (TRUST IN YOU) - Issued with a warning for weighing in 0.6 kgs over the weight at which he weighed out at.	
Race 7	SWEYNESSE STAKES WFA 1215 (G3)
PERFECT CHAOS (G Rooke) - Stewards granted permission for G Rooke to ride the filly 1 kg over the handicapped weight. Began awkwardly losing ground.	
ARDALIO (M Cartwright) - Began awkwardly losing ground.	
SPECIAL SAKURA (C Dell) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Contacted and unbalanced for a distance passing the 250 metres.	
LHASA (E Nicholas) - Shifted in and away from SPECIAL SAKURA passing the 250 metres when in restricted room with LHASA then making contact with the hindquarters of DREAM ROCA with that runner then shifting outwards crowding LHASA onto the hindquarters of SPECIAL SAKURA which was contacted and unbalanced shifting inwards forcing LHASA and DREAM ROCA inwards with DREAM ROCA making contact with the hindquarters of JAARFFI which had lay out resulting in JAARFFI shifting outwards crowding DREAM ROCA and LHASA further near the 200 metres. After interviewing riders and viewing replays, Stewards were unable to attribute blame to any one rider.	
DREAM ROCA (A Lawson-Carroll) - Contacted passing the 250 metres before being crowded passing the 200 metres.	
JAARFFI (W Kennedy) - Contacted near the 200 metres becoming unbalanced.	
Race 8	HORIZON BY SKYCITY 1400
EL VIENTO (C Grylls) - Slow to begin. Improved onto heels passing the 50 metres having to be steadied.	

SWEET SMILE (M Hashizume) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

MOLLIFY (W Kennedy) - Held up throughout the final straight.

QUEEN ZOU (M Cartwright) - Held up throughout the final straight.

LACHIE (E Nicholas) – Held up until shifting outwards passing the 150 metres to obtain clear running.

KIWI SKYHAWK (T Wigram) - Held up until near the 150 metres.

MEANINGFUL STAR (K Ramdhun) – Came together with TALISKER passing the 50 metres.

TALISKER (M McNab) – Came together with MEANINGFUL STAR passing the 50 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that he had not been disappointed with the run and in his opinion the gelding would benefit from today's race.

K Ramdhun (MEANINGFUL STAR) – Spoken to regarding his whip use in the final straight.

Race 9	WINDSOR PARK STUD SOLILOQUY STAKES 3YOF 1400 (G2)
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There was a 5 minute delay to the start of this race due to HAWEA proving difficult to load.

HAWEA (W Pinn) - Proved difficult to load. Connections were advised that the filly would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next. Raced four wide without cover until near the 800 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that he felt there may have been something amiss with the filly. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Stewards will follow up in the coming days.

SHALABIYA (O Bosson) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Had difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight. Had to be steadied when awkwardly placed inside the heels of DASHING DIXIE passing the 150 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that in his opinion the filly had failed to see out the distance. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Stewards will follow up in the coming days.

POUNCE (C Grylls) - Restrained shortly after the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Held up until near the 150 metres.

SILHOUETTE (S Collett) - Slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear running for the majority of the final straight.

MISS MAGNETICA (G Rooke) - Slow to begin.

LIGURIA (W Kennedy) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

PHILLYJEAN (S McNab) - Rider reported that the filly had lay out throughout the running and in his opinion, it may be better suited to racing left-handed.

J Doyle (DASHING DIXIE) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of SHALABIYA which had to be steadied passing the 150 metres.

W Pinn (HAWEA) - Issued with a warning for the manner in which he spoke to barrier attendant D Satherley prior to the start of the race. After interviewing both parties and hearing independent evidence, Stewards also issued a warning to barrier attendant D Satherley.

Race 10	GOLF WAREHOUSE 1600
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There was a 3 minute delay to the start of this race due to Race 9 running late.

CROWN PRINCESS (W Pinn) - Slow to begin. Held up until near the 100 metres.

THE PROPHET (G Rooke) - Slow to begin. Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 1100 metres.

MYAKKABELLE (R Goyaram) - Slow to begin.

MALDINI (S McNab) - Raced keenly through the middle stages. Contacted and forced wider passing the 350 metres.

TOWERING VISION (M McNab) – Held up for a distance passing the 400 metres.

PERLINO (C Grylls) - Shifted outwards passing the 350 metres making contact with MALDINI. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare failed to respond when placed under pressure.

LA DIEM (J Doyle) – Held up until near the 200 metres.

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