



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club:	Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Ellerslie
Date:	Friday, 26 December 2025
Weather:	Fine becoming showery
Track:	Soft 5
Rail:	True
Stewards:	J Oatham (Chair), B Jones, A Dooley, P Kinsey
Vet:	B Vosloo BVSc, O Glen BVSc, A Scott BVM

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	6	O Bosson HE WHO DARES Careless riding concluding stages [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 4/1 - 11/1, 7 days and fined as below
Fines:	Race	2	A Sharrock LOCH IN ORA Presented runner with incorrect gear [Rule 616(2)] \$100 (Minor Infringement)
		3	M Hashizume REGAL WINGS Whip use out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)] \$300
		6	O Bosson HE WHO DARES Careless riding concluding stages [Rule 638(1)(d)] \$600
		7	M Dee FAIRY DREAM Whip use in consecutive strides [Rule 638(3)(g)(ii)] \$300
Warnings:	Race	4	S Marsh HIGH EMOTION Presented runner with worn plates [Rule 613(c)]
Protests:	Race	6	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION 3rd vs HE WHO DARES 2nd Protest dismissed
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	3	REGAL WINGS Epistaxis. 3 month stand down from racing of trialling, 2 month stand down from exercise. Veterinary clearance required
		5	DAME LILIBIC Epistaxis. 3 month stand down from racing of trialling, 2 month stand down from exercise. Veterinary clearance required
		7	CIRCUS TRIX Required to barrier trial right-handed
		8	CASEMIRO Veterinary clearance required
Follow Up:	Race	7	STELLA MA BELLA
		9	EL VENCEDOR
Rider Changes:	Race	1	HAWEA R Goyaram replaced W Pinn (unwell)
Late Scratchings:	Race	4	ESPADAS At 2.36 pm at the barriers

Medical Certificates:	Required from W Pinn
Swabbing:	Received from S Weatherley
	TE ENCUESTRO, VEGAS QUEEN, RELIABLE SQUEEZE, MID OCEAN, POWER OF THREE, WELL WRITTEN, HE WHO DARES, TELLUM, LOLLAPALOOZA, MALDINI, KINGSWOOD, JAARFFI, LEGARTO, RISE COMPANIONS

GENERAL
W Pinn advised he was unwell and would not be attending the meeting with a medical clearance required prior to riding next.
Other than Race 1, all races today were hand timed.

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	SKYCITY 2YO 1100
<p>HAWEA (R Goyaram) - R Goyaram was permitted to replace W Pinn due to no suitable senior rider being available. Had difficulty obtaining clear running throughout the final straight.</p> <p>KA RON (M Hashizume) - Contacted leaving the barriers losing ground. Raced keenly through the middle stages.</p> <p>SONG OF VALOR (S McNab) – Began awkwardly making contact with KA RON. Raced wide in the early stages. Steadied when crowded just short of the finish after O’VALERIE lay outwards and POUNCE shifted inwards slightly.</p> <p>BALLERINA (J Fawcett) - Unbalanced when contacted shortly after leaving the barriers.</p> <p>SHE’S NO SAINT (S Collett) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.</p> <p>POUNCE (M Cartwright) - Held up rounding the final bend and early in the straight.</p> <p>O’VALERIE (J Doyle) - Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.</p>	
Race 2	ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES F&M 1400
<p>BAK DA ANGEL (J Doyle) - Began awkwardly losing ground.</p> <p>LOCH IN ORA (C Grylls) - Raced keenly in the early stages on a moderate tempo. Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.</p> <p>A Sharrock (LOCH IN ORA) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$100 after presenting LOCH IN ORA to race with a noseband which had not been notified.</p>	
Race 3	MYRACEHORSE 2100

DEL INQUENT (S Weatherley) – Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Held up for clear running early in the final straight.

REGAL WINGS (M Hashizume) – Began awkwardly. Returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils undergoing a veterinary examination which found the gelding to have experienced an episode of Epistaxis. REGAL WINGS 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.

ROCKY BALBOA (J Fawcett) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Over-raced in the middle stages.

KHANDO (H Hassman) - Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to settle outside the leader near the 1500 metres.

WHY DADDY (J Doyle) – Over-raced in the early stages.

ORSON STONE (C Grylls) - Made the final bend awkwardly. When questioned regarding the performance rider was unable to offer any excuse.

TORUK MAKTO (S McNab) – Lay outwards when placed under pressure near the 300 metres having to be corrected by its rider.

VENDABELLE (M Cameron) - When questioned regarding the performance rider was unable to offer any excuse.

M Hashizume (REGAL WINGS) - Admitted a charge in that he used his whip on a runner when out of contention of finishing in the first five placings. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$300.

Race 4	HORIZON BY SKYCITY 1400
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ESPADAS (M Hashizume) - Lost a hind plate behind the barriers subsequently being declared a late scratching at 2.36 pm after being unable to be re-plated with this race starting four minutes late as a result.

REINSTATEMENT (E Nicholas) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

AWATERE (C Grylls) - Slow to begin.

JURISPRUDENCE (R Hutchings) – Clipped a heel and blundered shortly after the start. Raced keenly through the middle stages getting its head up on several occasions.

THE EXPONENT (J Doyle) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

EMMY DAZZLER (S Brown) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

SHE'S UNTOUCHABLE (M Cartwright) - Raced keenly in the early stages.

RIDGEVIEW VICKY (H Hassman) - Raced wide in the early stages.

IS THAT ALL (S McNab) - Had to be steadied and shift outwards across the heels of WIND RUSH near the 200 metres.

S Marsh (HIGH EMOTION) - Issued with a warning after presenting HIGH EMOTION to race with plates requiring attention.

Race 5 | **BARFOOT & THOMPSON 1200**

BEAST OF BURDEN (T Mitchell) – Jumped away awkwardly hampering DAME LILIBIC and BRITANNIA GOLD.

DAME LILIBIC (J Fawcett) - Hampered leaving the barriers. Returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils undergoing a veterinary examination which found the mare to have experienced an episode of Epistaxis. DAME LILIBIC 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.

BRITANNIA GOLD (R Goyaram) - Hampered leaving the barriers. Over-raced when being restrained in the early stages. Raced wide without cover throughout.

NICCONI COUNTY (H Hassman) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Got its head up when being restrained approaching the 1050 metres

HANKEE ALPHA (M Hashizume) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

POWER OF THREE (W Kennedy) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

FOREVERINTIME (V Colgan) - Got its head up when being restrained approaching the 1050 metres. Steadied off heels near the 800 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had not been suited by the tempo of the race when after getting back, it had been difficult to make ground.

DREAM OF THE MOON (O Bosson) - Steadied off heels near the 800 metres.

BUTTERFIELD (S Brown) – Lost the right hind plate during the running.

Race 6 | **JIMMY SCHICK SHAW'S AUCKLAND GUINEAS 3YO 1400 (G2)**

I MOVE QUICKLY (E Nicholas) - Contacted leaving the barriers when runners either side shifted ground.

SCARLETT SPELL (T Mitchell) - Jumped outwards at the start contacting I MOVE QUICKLY.

THAT'S GOLD (S Collett) – Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

HE WHO DARES (O Bosson) - Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to lead near the 1000 metres.

WELL WRITTEN (M Cartwright) – Was inclined to lay inwards when placed under pressure in the straight. Made contact with AFFIRMATIVE ACTION when both runners shifted ground passing the 200 metres. Shifted inwards abruptly near the 100 metres becoming unbalanced when making contact with AFFIRMATIVE ACTION. Stewards found this movement to be sudden and beyond the control of its rider.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (M Dee) – Made contact with WELL WRITTEN when both runners shifted ground passing the 200 metres. Contacted and forced inwards near the 100 metres. Had to be checked off heels over the concluding stages as a result of HE WHO DARES shifting ground outwards.

O Bosson (HE WHO DARES) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he allowed his mount to shift outwards when not sufficiently clear of AFFIRMATIVE ACTION which was checked over the concluding stages. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of O Bosson’s licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 3 January up to and including racing on Sunday 11 January, 7 national riding days and in addition imposed a fine of \$600.

Following this race connections of the third placed runner AFFIRMATIVE ACTION lodged a protest against the second placed runner HE WHO DARES alleging interference over the concluding stages. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee dismissed the protest with placings standing 1st WELL WRITTEN, 2nd HE WHO DARES, 3rd AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, 4th BULGARI.

Race 7	HALLMARK STUD EIGHT CARAT CLASSIC 3YO 1600 (G2)
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ORATIA BEAUTY (M Cartwright) - Slow to begin.

FAIRY DREAM (M Dee) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

LOLLAPALOOZA (V Colgan) - Clipped a heel and blundered shortly after the start. Raced keenly in the early stages.

CIRCUS DANCER (S Collett) - Held up early in the straight continuing to have difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 150 metres.

CIRCUS TRIX (R Hutchings) - Hung outwards badly in the final straight and was unable to be ridden out. Rider R Hutchings advised that he had great difficulty attempting to steer the filly. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Connections were advised the filly would be required to barrier trial right-handed to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing right-handed again.

STELLA MA BELLA (C Grylls) - Weakened appreciably from near the 250 metres with the rider reporting he felt there may be something amiss. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

M Dee (FAIRY DREAM) – Admitted a charge in that he used his whip in two consecutive strides over the concluding stages. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$300.

Race 8	DUNSTAN HORSEFEEDS STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2400
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HE’S CLASSIC (E Nicholas) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final turn and early in the straight having to angle outwards across heels to obtain clear running near the 200 metres.

SANTA CATALINA (C Grylls) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

ORTEM LEGACY (M Cartwright) – Hung outwards throughout. Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to settle outside the leader near the 1500 metres. Checked to avoid the heels of ROCTAVE passing the 400 metres. Rider reported that the mare had proved a difficult ride. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

HIGH COUNTRY (S Collett) – Over-raced in the early stages. Made contact with CHARLBURY near the 200 metres becoming unbalanced then shifted outwards towards GILLIAN which shifted away from HIGH COUNTRY inconveniencing MOLLIFY.

ROCTAVE (O Bosson) - Over-raced in the early stages before being allowed to improve forward from near the 1600 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

MALDINI (S McNab) – Raced keenly through the middle stages.

JUST A KARIN (T Mitchell) - Raced three wide without cover from the 1200 metres.

SONORAN (D Danis) - Disappointed for a run passing the 400 metres having to be checked.

GILLIAN (J Doyle) – Held up entering the final straight. Inconvenienced passing the 200 metres.

MOLLIFY (W Kennedy) - Inconvenienced passing the 200 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider was unable to offer any excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

CHARLBURY (C Berge) – Contacted by HIGH COUNTRY near the 200 metres.

SNEAK PEEK (M Dee) – Returned to the enclosure with blood in its mouth as the result of a minor laceration receiving veterinary treatment.

CASEMIRO (R Hutchings) - When questioned regarding the performance rider was of the opinion that the gelding may not have stayed the distance of today's race. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to be 2/5 lame in the right hind leg. Connections were advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

Race 9	CAMBRIDGE STUD ZABEEL CLASSIC WFA 2000 (G1)
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WAITAK (C Grylls) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Rider advised that the gelding had not been suited by the slow tempo of the race but had found the line well and he was not disappointed with its performance.

EL VENCEDOR (M Dee) – Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to settle outside the leader near the 1600 metres. When questioned regarding the performance the rider was unable to offer any excuse advising that the gelding had been disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

JAARFFI (W Kennedy) - Raced keenly in the early stages getting its head up on several occasions. Crowded when attempting to improve into a tight run near the 300 metres.

DARK DESTROYER (S Weatherley) – Crowded when weakening near the 300 metres. After questioning riders involved it was established that JAARFFI which was attempting to improve into a tight run between QALI AL FARRASHA and DARK DESTROYER, was crowded when QALI AL FARRASHA shifted outwards marginally and EL VENCEDOR also shifted inwards marginally taking DARK DESTROYER inwards.

LA CRIQUE (M Hashizume) – Lost the right front plate during the running.

Race 10	STELLA ARTOIS 1500 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
<p>SUMMERSTON (M Cartwright) - Began awkwardly losing ground.</p> <p>BIG WAVE (S McNab) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.</p> <p>MOXIE (C Grylls) - Held up rounding the final turn and in the straight only obtaining clear running near the 150 metres.</p> <p>STAPHANOS QUEEN (T Mitchell) - Held up for the majority of the final straight.</p> <p>EL ARISH (V Colgan) - Crowded when weakening near the 200 metres then not being persevered with.</p> <p>FIRST DANCE (W Kennedy) - Held up for clear running until near the 100 metres.</p> <p>MAD MAX (R Hutchings) – Lost the right hind plate during the running.</p> <p>VIENI SU (S Collett) – When questioned, rider advised that the mare had to work hard in the early stages and was stepping up in distance being unable to finish the race of as a consequence.</p>	

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