

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Matamata Racing Club	Date:	Saturday 22 February 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Good(3)		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	J Oatham (Chairman), A Coles, M Williamson, P Kinsey		
Typist:	P Laboyrie		

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	SHE'S SAMASHING, READY STEADY, VON KRUMM, PRINCE MAMBO, ROCKFAST, LA VALETA, LADY ROYALE, STEEL ROSE, ANTONIO LOMBARDO, PRINCESS KYOTO, BREAKING DAWN, FLYING ORCA
Suspensions:	Nil
Protests:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Horse Actions:	Nil
Medical Certificates:	Nil
Rider Changes:	Nil
Late Scratchings:	Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	TONEZONE 1600
<p>WAZUNGU (D Johnson) was a little slow to begin. DIORELLA (T Thornton) began awkwardly. BACHELOR'S DREAM (S Spratt) raced keenly through the middle stages. ESKABAR (L Innes) was held up rounding the final turn behind the weakening MEIR (M Cameron), and when shifting out to obtain clear running made contact with DIORELLA near the 300 metres. LESLIE'S LEGACY (K Myers) shifted out under pressure near the 100 metres dictating COOL ONE (B R Jones) outwards briefly crowding SING FOR THE SUN (R Smyth). LESLIE'S LEGACY returned to the enclosure with blood present in the right nostril which following a post-race veterinary examination was found to be from a laceration in the nostril.</p>	
Race 2	NEW WORLD MATAMATA 1600
<p>The start of this race was officially put back 3 minutes at the request of TAB Raceday Control due to a delay at the Wyndham Harness meeting. DAME MARGOT (L Innes) and CARLOTTA (T Wenn) both began awkwardly losing ground. TAAXMAN (B R Jones) shifted outwards leaving the barriers making heavy contact with MRS NEAT (B Grylls). IRISH ENCORE (B Hutton) raced keenly outside the leader in the middle stages. DAME MARGOT shifted inwards near the 300 metres inconveniencing PERFECT START (N Harris) which then shifted away from that runner hampering the weakening MRS NEAT. When questioned regarding the performance of SPEECH CRAFT rider V Colgan advised that the gelding had every chance in the running, but had been unable to quicken when placed under pressure and could offer no excuses. L Innes reported that his mount DAME MARGOT felt a little indifferent in its action and been disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormality.</p>	
Race 3	RICH HILL STUD 1200
<p>ROUGH COPY (M McNab) was slow to begin. VON KRUMM (V Colgan) knuckled shortly after leaving the barriers.</p>	

SECRET POWER (K Myers) began awkwardly shifting outwards abruptly when jumping away.

FRAAJILISTIC (D Johnson) lay out leaving the barriers hampering **FUNHOUSE** (M Du Plessis) which was forced out on to **TRUE SPIRIT** (M Cameron). **TRUE SPIRIT** and **FUNHOUSE** were then further hampered when **COSMIC CUBE** (R Hutchings) lay in.

SIMBAAH (S Spratt) and **VON KRUMM** which were disputing the lead both raced keenly when being restrained near the 1000 metres.

COSMIC CUBE hung outwards during the running making the bend near the 800 metres awkwardly and running wide hampering **TRUE SPIRIT**. **COSMIC CUBE** then raced three wide without cover around the bend.

FUNHOUSE got its head up and over-raced when being restrained passing the 800 metres having to be firmly restrained for a distance and shifting outwards to avoid the heels of **FRAAJILISTIC** near the 700 metres. **ROUGH COPY** then had to be steadied off the heels of **FUNHOUSE** near the 600 metres and shifted wider on the track forcing **TRUE SPIRIT** over extra ground.

FRAAJILISTIC had some difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight.

FUNHOUSE had to be steadied and shift out across the heels of **VON KRUMM** to obtain clear running near the 200 metres. When questioned regarding the performance of **COSMIC CUBE** R Hutchings advised that the colt had hung throughout the race and proved a difficult ride.

Race 4 | **REID & HARRISON (1980) LIMITED SLIPPER**

ROCKFAST (M Cameron) shifted in abruptly leaving the barriers hampering **LENIN THE BROWN** (D Johnson) which was forced on to the hind quarters of **HERO I AM** (K Myers) with **LENIN THE BROWN** losing ground.

RIDING SHOTGUN (L Innes) lay out shortly after jumping away briefly crowding **MACKLEMORE** (R Hutchings).

PRINCE MAMBO (S Spratt) began awkwardly and shifted outwards inconveniencing **HIGHLAND PARK** (M Du Plessis), **TORNADO ALLEY** (V Colgan) and **DRAGON LAIR** (P Turner).

HERO I AM shifted in passing the 1000 metres placing **MACKLEMORE** in restricted room. When being corrected by its rider **HERO I AM** ducked outwards hampering **DRAGON LAIR**.

TORNADO ALLEY over-raced when being restrained going into the bend near the 800 metres.

HERO I AM had to be firmly restrained when awkwardly placed on the heels of **PRINCE MAMBO** near the 800 metres hampering **MACKLEMORE**.

DRAGON LAIR raced three wide without cover throughout.

TORNADO ALLEY lay in early in the final straight and bumped **RIDING SHOTGUN** near the 250 metres. **RIDING SHOTGUN** then made contact with **TORNADO ALLEY** when shifting out to obtain clear running passing the 200 metres.

Race 5 | **RICHARDSON RACING STABLES 1400**

GISELA (K Myers) and **FIFTYSHADESOFGREY** (R Hutchings) were both slow to begin.

DREAMS MAKER (S Spratt) got its head up when being restrained off the heels of **RUSSIANOV** (T Wenn) which shifted out passing the 1200 metres.

VIBRANT (L Innes) and **KALEIDOSCOPE** (B Hutton) both raced keenly for a distance when being steadied off heels passing the 1000 metres.

RUSSIANOV raced three wide without cover throughout.

VIBRANT hung out rounding the final turn.

DREAMS MAKER was briefly held up entering the final straight near the 300 metres.

FIFTYSHADESOFGREY had to be steadied when disappointed for a run entering the final straight near the 300 metres when a tight gap it was attempting between **RUSSIANOV** and **KALEIDOSCOPE** closed with **RUSSAIANOV** shifting outwards when weakening away from **TIGER MOSS** (V Colgan) and **KALEIDOSCOPE** shifting in slightly.

GISELA shifted out to obtain clear running making contact with **TIGER MOSS** near the 50 metres. K Myers was advised to exercise more care.

MATIMBA (D Johnson) lost the left hind plate during the running. Following the race **MATIMBA** was showing signs of lameness. A post-race veterinary examination found the gelding may have punctured its foot when losing the plate during the running requiring treatment. **MATIMBA** also underwent an endoscopic examination which was clear.

TIGER MOSS (V Colgan) returned to the enclosure with a small laceration to the right hind leg.

Race 6 | **J SWAP CONTRACTORS MATAMATA BREEDERS' STAKES**

FLAMING (M Cameron) began awkwardly with its head making contact with the front gate of its barrier stall.

PLATINUM BALOS (V Colgan) began a little awkwardly.

Passing the 1000 metres **FLAMING** and **BUFFALO LASS** (D Johnson) both had to steady when crowded between **THRILL** (M Du Plessis) and **PLATINUM BALOS** which both shifted ground.

FLAMING raced ungenerously in the early stages and made the bend awkwardly passing the 800 metres running wide and commencing to hang out continuing to do so around the bend.

THRILL raced three wide without cover throughout and was inclined to over-race.

PLATINUM BALOS clipped a heel of **EYESONYOU** (K Myers) and blundered near the 300 metres. **PLATINUM BALOS** then had a tendency to lay in with rider V Colgan dropping his right rein approaching the 200 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of **FLAMING** rider M Cameron advised that the filly had become unusually

restless before the start, had never travelled comfortably during the running and proved a difficult ride. A post-race veterinary examination found **FLAMING** to be sore in the left foreleg. Trainer Mr J Bridgman advised that they would have the filly fully vetted on Monday and advise any findings.

Race 7 | **WAIKATO STUD 1200**

THE HOMBRE (K Leung) began awkwardly.

WHOSYOURMASTER (R Hutchings) was slow to begin.

SILVERDALE (K Myers) was crowded shortly after jumping away having to steady.

Passing the 1000 metres **THE HOMBRE** raced in restricted room between **AGENT ZIVA** (T Thornton) which lay out and **FLOWER BOMB** (D Johnson) which shifted in slightly.

BARBARIC (M Cameron) over-raced near the 900 metres, and when being restrained shifted out slightly hampering **ANTONIO LOMBARDO** (S Collett) which was also over-racing. **ANTONIO LOMBARDO** then shifted out across heels before racing wide for the remainder of the event.

ALVESTA (B Hutton) had to be steadied near the 800 metres when racing in restricted room to the inside of **FLOWER BOMB** which was shifting in when being steadied. D Johnson was advised to exercise more care. **SEA MAJOR** (M Sweeney) which was racing behind **ALVESTA** over-raced when being restrained at that point of the race.

EIGHT SCHILLINGS (V Colgan) raced wide without cover until improving forward to lead near the 600 metres.

WHOSYOURMASTER was held up approaching the 200 metres.

AGENT ZIVA shifted out under pressure near the 200 metres inconveniencing **SILVERDALE** which then shifted outwards across the heels of **IDIDIT** (B Grylls) to obtain clear running.

LITTLE WONDER (S Spratt) shifted out under pressure passing the 150 metres forcing **ANTONIO LOMBARDO** over extra ground. S Spratt was advised to exercise greater care.

Race 8 | **MARKS EWEN & ASSOCIATES KAIMAI STAKES**

Following the preliminaries it was reported to the Starter by a rider that there was an object lying on the track near the 800 metres. A member of the course staff attended the area and removed the object which was found to be a running rail peg. As a result the start of this race was delayed by approximately 4 minutes.

EL SOLDADO (C Dell) began a little awkwardly and shifted out over the initial stages taking **POWERPLAYA** (M Du Plessis) outwards with **POWERPLAYA** becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of **ESTRATO** (S Collett), having to steady and shift back in hampering **EL SOLDADO**.

DANCING ATTENDANCE (M Cameron) and **ROC DE CHINE** (D Johnson) were both slow away.

GURU GIRL (B R Jones) began awkwardly.

POWERPLAYA over-raced in the early to middle stages.

DANCING ATTENDANCE over-raced in the middle stages.

BACK IN BLACK (R Smyth) raced three wide without cover throughout.

L Innes the rider of **ON THE LEVEL** reported that the gelding had felt indifferent in its action with a subsequent veterinary examination revealing the gelding to have mild hind limb stiffness.

Race 9 | **MILLS REEF WINERY 2000**

DUQUESA (S Collett) which had been reluctant to load prior to being fractious in the barriers reared at the start losing considerable ground (5L).

CELTIC CHIEF (L Innes) began awkwardly.

IRA BEAN (V Colgan) was slow to begin.

IMAGINE (D Johnson) raced ungenerously when being steadied near the winning post on the first occasion.

SAVARHYS (B R Jones) raced three wide without cover until improving forward to sit outside the leader near the 1100 metres.

TRAVINO (R Hutchings) hung outwards rounding the final turn.

KENTUCKY SON (T Thornton) had to change ground to obtain clear running passing the 250 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of **DUQUESA** rider S Collett advised that the mare had presented in a very fresh state today in its first run for approximately eight weeks. Co-trainer Ms J Ritchie was advised that the mare's barrier manners would be expected to improve.

CELTIC CHIEF was under pressure when attempting to improve forward from the 800 metres but failed to respond and was not persevered with in the final straight when well beaten. L Innes was unable to offer any excuses. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.