



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Otaki-Maori Racing Club @ Otaki
Date: Tuesday, 26 December 2023
Weather: Overcast
Track: Soft 6
Rail: Out 4 metres
Stewards: N Goodwin (Chair), V Algar, B Bateup, K Jillings (Trainee)
Vet: E Simpson BVSc
Op Support: S Shirriffs

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Race 3 **R Hurdle** EXPRESS YOURSELF
Easing pace back straight [Rule 638(4)] Suspended 6-12/1/2024, 5 days
Race 7 **L Douglas** RISCHIO
Careless riding 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 30/12/2023-3/1/2024,
5 days

Fines: Nil

Warnings: Race 1 **L Sutherland** MARIINSKY
Shifting ground 1400 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Protests: Nil

Request for Ruling: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 1 **MARIINSKY**
Warning – racing manners

Follow Up: Nil

Rider Changes: Nil

Late Scratchings:

Medical Certificates:

Swabbing: PRINCESS ELLY, LADY SASS, EXPRESS YOURSELF, MASSIVE PRINCE, RUSTY LANE, THE
UNDERBELLY, RISCHIO.

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 | **HARCOURTS OTAKI MAIDEN 1600m**

SPUD MURPHY (C Dell) - Slow to begin. Checked near the 1400 metres.

PRINCESS ELLY (T Taiaroa) - Slow to begin.

LOVEHELEN (L Hemi) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. Checked near the 1400 metres.

KAHLUA (L Douglas) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

SOUND TRACK (B Grylls) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

SWEET ENVY (M Singh) - Held up for some distance in the home straight prior to being angled outwards approaching the 200 metres. Lost the near front plate during the running.

CHARIVARI (K Hercock) - Dictated inwards near the 1400 metres.

ALWAYS DREAMING (M Hudson) - Dictated inwards and unbalanced 1400 metres.

MARIINSKY (L Sutherland) - Finished some distance back. L Sutherland reported the gelding hung throughout, placing her at a disadvantage. Connections were advised a warning will be placed on the racing manners of MARIINSKY. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Connections advised MARIINSKY would now be spelled.

BELLA NOCHE (D Bradley) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

MONGOLIAN JUBILEE (S O'Malley) - Held up for some distance in the home straight, gaining clear running near the 200 metres.

L Sutherland (MARIINSKY) - L Sutherland was issued with a warning after angling her mount inwards across the junction in the back straight dictating CHARIVARI (K Hercock) inwards on to ALWAYS DREAMING (M Hudson) which was unbalanced and when being corrected shifted into the line of LOVEHELEN (L Hemi) and SPUD MURPHY (C Dell), resulting in both those runners being checked. Stewards took into account evidence from M Hudson and K Hercock who both advised their mounts over-reacted when assessing the interference.

Race 2 | **THE TELE OTAKI HANDICAP 1200m**

MAROTIRI MARSTA (R Bishop) - Underwent a veterinary examination behind the barrier and was cleared to start. Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

SHOWBASTIAN COE (J Chung) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

ZA SPIRIT (K Hercock) - Lost the near hind plate during the running.

HAVARTI (S O'Malley) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

LADY SASS (L Hemi) - Had to be angled inwards near the 350 metres to obtain clear running.

GURTLYN (T Davies) - Outpaced throughout and finished back. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 3 | **CAVALLO FARM & CHRIS RUTTEN BLOODSTOCK HANDICAP 1200m**

DURHAM LAD (T Taiaroa) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Lost the off-front plate during the running.

NOD OF THE HEAD (L Sutherland) - Slow to begin. Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

GEE STRING (J Chung) - Improved on to heels of EXPRESS YOURSELF, having to be firmly strained near the 1000 metres, then going back on to BRADMAN, which also had to be restrained off heels

BRADMAN (L Douglas) - Had to shift outwards when improving onto the heels of GEE STRING, then having to be firmly restrained near the 1000 metres.

TANZANITE ROSE (T Davies) - Lost both front plates during the running.

R Hurdle (EXPRESS YOURSELF) - Defended a charge under Rule 638(4) in that he obtained the lead in the back straight then slowed the pace to a degree where GEE STRING (J Chung) and BRADMAN (L Douglas) were placed in difficulty having to be restrained. After deliberations the charge was found proven, and R Hurdle had his licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Friday, 5 January 2024, until the conclusion of racing on Friday, 12 January 2024, 5 national riding days.

Race 4 | **VETS ON RIVERBANK HANDICAP 1400m**

REGAL DICE (K Kalychurun) - Slow to begin.

FRANK THE TANK (B Grylls) - Restrained behind runners from its wide barrier draw to obtain cover shortly after the start.

AMEND (M Hudson) - Restrained behind runners from its wide barrier draw to obtain cover shortly after the start.

PITKIN COUNTY (L Sutherland) - Restrained behind runners shortly after the start. Passing the 200 metres was momentarily steadied when in restricted room.

MARGHERITA VELOCE (T Davies) - Lost the near fore plate during the running.

Race 5 | **NEW WORLD OTAKI HANDICAP 1600m**

TICKFORD (S O'Malley) - Slow to begin.

DEERFIELD (C Dell) - Shifted outwards on jumping, hampering and dictating CHASE wider.

CHASE (K Hercock) - Hampered at the start, then dictated wider, making contact with KICK ON.

KICK ON (M Hudson) - Contacted, becoming briefly unbalanced at the start, losing ground.

RUSTY LANE (L Sutherland) - Restrained behind runners from its wide barrier draw to obtain cover.

Race 6 | **MCMILLAN EQUINE FEEDS HANDICAP 2100m**

WINNIE ROSE (C Dell) - Stood flat-footed as the start was made, losing ground. Raced three-wide without cover from the 1300 metres.

LURID (M Hudson) - Slow to begin.

CHIKIRA LASS (L Sutherland) - Made the first bend awkwardly and lost ground near the 800 metres.

Race 7 | **RIVERSTONE CAFE HANDICAP 2300m**

RISCHIO (L Douglas) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

SMART ATTIRE (M Hudson) - Slow to begin. Unable to take advantage of a run which closed near the 250 metres.

LOSTCAUSE (L Hemi) - Lay outwards approaching the 200 metres and made contact with MASSO, resulting in both those runners becoming unbalanced.

SHEAF (L Sutherland) - Checked passing the 200 metres. Over-raced through the early stages.

MASSO (M Singh) - Contacted and unbalanced approaching 200 metres. Checked a short distance further.

VESPACIAN (K Hercock) - Faded over the concluding stages. K Hercock had not excuse. Trainer N Quinn advised the mare pulled up in a normal post-race condition and he was disappointed in the effort but advised he would monitor the progress of VESPACIAN over coming days and report any anomalies to Stewards.

L Douglas (RISCHIO) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount RISCHIO to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of SHEAF and MASSO which were checked passing the 200 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of his licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Friday, 29 December 2023 until the conclusion of racing on Wednesday, 3 January 2024, 5 national riding days.

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