



## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS	
<b>Club:</b>	Hawke's Bay Racing Inc
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday, 31 December 2023
<b>Weather:</b>	Cloudy
<b>Track:</b>	Soft 5, Upgraded to Good 4 following Race 2
<b>Rail:</b>	Out 7.5 metres 900-400, Remainder Out 5 metres
<b>Stewards:</b>	N Goodwin (Chair), K Coppins, B Bateup, K Jillings (Trainee)
<b>Vet:</b>	M Newall BVSc
<b>Op Support:</b>	S Shirriffs

SUMMARY	
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 2 <b>J Chung</b> SHE'S SO RELIABLE Shifting ground 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] 3 <b>J Riddell</b> LOHNAGAN Shifting ground 1100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] 4 <b>J Doyle</b> GRAEME JOHN Shifted ground 150 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
<b>Protests:</b>	Race 4 <b>WIND OF CHANGE 3<sup>rd</sup> vs GRAEME JOHN 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Dismissed
<b>Request for Ruling:</b>	Race 4 <b>AVAYA</b> See explanation under Race 4
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	Nil
<b>Follow Up:</b>	Nil
<b>Rider Changes:</b>	Nil
<b>Late Scratchings:</b>	
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	
<b>Swabbing:</b>	URBAN MYTH, NEREUS, LOHNAGAN, HICKORY JACK, WITZ END, NEPHETI, DIMAGGIO, HIGH COUNTRY.

GENERAL
Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
<b>Race 1</b>	<b>LIVAMOL-INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH PRODUCTS HANDICAP 1400m</b>
<b>COOPER</b> (L Allpress) - Began awkwardly. Rider L Allpress was advised that she must ride her mount out fully to the finish after briefly relaxing her ride over the final stages. Stewards were satisfied her finishing position was not compromised on this occasion.	
<b>ILLUSION OF PARIS</b> (K Hercock) - Began awkwardly.	

**URBAN MYTH** (M Hashizume) - Over-raced in the middle stages.

**SHEZZACATCH** (S Weatherley) - Over-raced in the early stages when in front. Finished last. When questioned rider advised the mare was very disappointing and had no excuse. Following the race, Co-Trainer L Zydenbos advised Stewards the mare's racing future would be re-assessed.

<b>Race 2</b>	<b>BUILDPRO HOMES – PATTO'S FAREWELL HANDICAP 2100m</b>
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**NEREUS** (McNab) - Began awkwardly, bumping **SHE'S SO RELIABLE**.

**SHE'S SO RELIABLE** (J Chung) - Bumped at the start. Lay inwards under pressure near the 200 metres, dictating **BATTLE SECRET** inwards, which in turn placed **ZAPPA JAK** in restricted room. J Chung was issued with a warning.

**ZAPPA JAK** (K Herccock) - Placed in restricted room near the 200 metres.

**OPAWA JACK** (L Sutherland) - Restrained to the rear shortly after the start.

**BATTLE SECRET** (L Allpress) - Hung outwards rounding the final bend. Hampered near the 200 metres. L Allpress reported the gelding hung from near the 800 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer B Thurlow advised Stewards the gelding would be freshened.

**J Chung** (**SHE'S SO RELIABLE**) - Shown footage of his ride and issued with a warning after allowing his mount to shift inwards when struck with the whip passing the 200 metres, dictating **BATTLE SECRET** inwards into the line of **ZAPPA JAK**, which was crowded then not persevered with. J Chung was advised that he is expected to maintain greater control and straighten his mount sooner than he did on this occasion.

Track upgraded to Good 4 following Race 2.

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>THREE WISE BIRDS 3YO MAIDEN 1200m</b>
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**JUNGLE JANE** (M Hudson) - Began awkwardly. Over-reacted when making contact with the running rail near the 700 metres.

**SOL DE OTONO** (L Sutherland) - **SOL DE OTONO**, which was having its first start, raced greenly and over-reacted when in restricted room shortly after the start, shifting outwards abruptly when becoming unbalanced after appearing to shy at the running rail.

**J Riddell** (**LOHNAGAN**) - Shown footage of his ride and issued with a warning after angling his mount inwards shortly after the start when not fully clear of **JUNGLE JANE**.

<b>Race 4</b>	<b>GARTH BEST – BEST TRAVEL MEMORIAL 1200m</b>
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**AVAYA** (K Asano) - Had its head sideways as the gates opened resulting in it being very slow away, losing all chance.

Following the running of the race Stewards ordered a request for a ruling under Rule 632(1) as to whether **AVAYA** was found to have obtained a fair start. The Adjudicative Committee determined **AVAYA** to be slow away of its own accord so was declared a runner finishing in fifth placing. Subsequently, due to a miscommunication between the RIB and the TAB, **AVAYA** was inadvertently declared a non-runner with all bets on **AVAYA** being refunded.

**HICKORY JACK** (L Allpress) - Held up early in the home straight.

**GRAEME JOHN** (J Doyle) - Shifted outwards under hard riding, bumping **WIND OF CHANGE** near the 150 metres.

**WIND OF CHANGE** (M McNab) - Bumped near the 150 metres.

**J Doyle** (GRAEME JOHN) - Was shown footage of his ride and issued with a warning after allowing his mount to shift outwards under hard riding, bumping **WIND OF CHANGE** near the 150 metres and advised that he is expected to straighten his mount sooner than he did on this occasion.

Following the running of the race the Trainer of the third placed **WIND OF CHANGE**, Mr T Pike lodged a protest with the Adjudicative Committee alleging interference in the final straight by the second placed **GRAEME JOHN**. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee dismissed the protest with the placings standing: 1<sup>st</sup> **HICKORY JACK**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **GRAEME JOHN**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **WIND OF CHANGE**.

<b>Race 5</b>	<b>HAPPY HIRE MAIDEN 1400m</b>
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**SORAYA** (K Asano) - Slow away.

**TIVACI'S AFFAIR** (L Allpress) - Held up for the majority of the home straight.

**MOOD CHANGER** (U Holmquist) - Improved on to heels, having to be steadied passing the 550 metres. Rider advised the filly had raced greenly throughout. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

<b>Race 6</b>	<b>ENTAIN – NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES RACE MAIDEN 1600m</b>
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**FULL HOUSE** (M Singh) - Began awkwardly, crowding **BRUSSET**.

**BRUSSET** (J Doyle) - Crowded at the start.

**AM I BLUE** (L Allpress) - Steadied entering the back straight when racing keenly.

**ZARAVELA** (K Hercock) - Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

**NEPHETI** (M McNab) - Raced greenly, ducking inwards near the 150 metres, having to be straightened by its rider.

<b>Race 7</b>	<b>EAST PIER HOTEL HANDICAP 1600m</b>
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**SWING THE TIDE** (M Singh) - Hampered at the start when runners either side shifted ground. Over-raced through the middle stages having to be steadied.

**MR BULLY TEE** (J Riddell) - Raced wide throughout. J Riddell advised after racing wide throughout the gelding had little left at the finish.

**MAKKALDEE** (K Hercock) - Over-raced in the middle stages.

<b>Race 8</b>	<b>WATERFORCE 3YO MAIDEN 1600m</b>
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**SLEIGHT OF HAND** (J Riddell) - Restrained to the rear from its wide draw.

**ANAROA** (K Asano) -Placed in restricted room shortly after the start between **HOT LINE BLING** positioned to its inside, and **NAKAJIMA** racing to its outside, having to check and lose ground. After questioning riders, it was established that **NAKAJIMA** shifted inwards away from **HASSTOBEREEL** simultaneously as **HOT LINE BLING** maintained a straight line into the first bend. After questioning riders Stewards did not attribute blame to any individual rider.

**NAKAJIMA** (L Hemi) - Shifted inwards shortly after the start contacting **ANAROA**.

**HOT LINE BLING** (S Weatherley) - Over-raced in the middle stages. Unable to take advantage of a narrow run which did not fully develop near the 250 metres then raced in restricted room over the concluding stages.

**HIGH COUNTRY** (M McNab) - Shifted in and bumped with HASSTOBEREEL near the 250 metres.

**HASSTOBEREEL** (M Hashizume) - Bumped near the 250 metres.

**LINCOLN TOWERS** (K Hercock) - Raced wide throughout.

*Stipendiary Stewards report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment*