



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS	
Club:	Matamata Racing Club
Date:	Wednesday, 10 January 2024
Weather:	Fine
Track:	Soft 5, upgraded to Good 4 following Race 2
Rail:	Out 3.5 metres
Stewards:	L Selvakumaran (Chair), A Dooley, G Stewart, C Lomey (Trainee)
Vet:	R McQuillan MVB
Op Support:	K Verner

SUMMARY	
Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 2 T Moodley BEAU ONDAGO Late arrival on-course [Rule 605(1)]
Protests:	Nil
Request for Ruling:	Nil
Horse Actions:	Race 3 CU CHULAINN Veterinary clearance required
Follow Up:	Nil
Rider Changes:	Race 1 LITTLE MISS WONDER S Spratt replaced T Abel (transport difficulties) 5 BOLSTER J Fawcett replaced R Elliot (miscommunication)
Late Scratchings:	Nil
Medical Certificates:	Nil
Swabbing:	ASCEND THE THRONE, CENTENARIO, DRAGON BISCUIT, EL VIENTO, FOXGLOVE, FAREWELL TO EIRE, PAX MUNDI, AWATERE

GENERAL
Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	KARAKA 2024 : 28 JAN – 2 FEB MAIDEN 2000
LITTLE MISS WONDER (S Spratt) - Slow to begin. Improved onto heels approaching the 1100 metres having to be steadied. Raced in restricted room to the inside of NORTHERN RAIDER which was laying in passing the 200 metres.	
BELLA NOCHE (M Hashizume) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier.	
NORTHERN RAIDER (D Cooper) – Raced three wide without cover from the 1200 metres. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight. Apprentice rider D Cooper was shown the replay in the presence of the riding mentor for educational purposes.	

GEETEE FORTY (W Kennedy) - Raced keenly through the middle stages.

Race 2 | **BLANDFORD LODGE MAIDEN 2000**

CENTENARIO (M McNab) – Began awkwardly losing ground briefly unbalancing its rider.

PRIMO VINO (O Bosson) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

THE STORYTELLER (W Kennedy) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

SHE WROTE MORE (S Spratt) – Raced keenly in the early stages having to be steadied off heels rounding the first bend. When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the mare was not suited by today's track conditions. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

T Moodley (BEAU ONDAGO) – Issued with a warning for presenting late on-course.

Following this race, the track was upgraded to Good 4.

Race 3 | **PRIMA PARK 1050**

CU CHULAINN (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin. Over-raced through the early and middle stages having to be restrained off heels near the 600 metres. When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the gelding's racing manners proved detrimental to its chances. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the gelding to be 1/5 lame in both hind legs. Connections were advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

HANALEI (M Cameron) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced three wide without cover for a majority of the race.

WEY TOO COOL (A Goindasamy) – Raced keenly through the early stages. Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 400 metres.

DISCOVERY BAY (S Weatherley) - Held up entering the final straight having to shift outwards across heels near the 200 metres.

SHAMPAGNE DANCER (E Nicholas) – Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

Race 4 | **MAPPERLEY STUD MAIDEN 1400**

SALUTO (N Parmar) - Slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear running throughout the final straight.

BELLA SCALA (N Hailey) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

GASGAL (J Fawcett) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced keenly through the middle stages.

AKENEHI (O Bosson) – Held up rounding the final bend.

ALCARAZ (M McNab) - Lay outwards rounding the final bend.

Race 5 | **WAIKATO STUD MAIDEN 1200**

THERAPEUTIC (C Grylls) - Crowded leaving the barriers. Had difficulty obtaining clear running throughout the final straight.

SILKDEGREES (B Grylls) - Jumped outwards at the start crowding THERAPEUTIC. Held up for clear running until passing the 200 metres.

NOT STRAIGHT LACED (O Bosson) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Improved onto heels having to be steadied approaching the 800 metres.

BOLSTER (J Fawcett) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to be suffering from mild colic symptoms and has since responded to treatment.

SWEET AND SASSY (E Nicholas) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Raced three wide without cover throughout. Raced in restricted room to the outside of SILKDEGREES and inside of BOLSTER over the concluding stages.

KING OF THE NORTH (N Parmar) – Made the bend near the 800 metres awkwardly shifting outwards.

LI LI (S Spratt) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running throughout the final straight.

ITHASSTOBE GIN (S Weatherley) - Briefly steadied passing the 200 metres when SILKDEGREES shifted out.

SUITED AND BOOTED (M Cameron) - When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the gelding was not suited by today's track conditions.

Race 6 | **RICH HILL STUD AT KARAKA 2024 MAIDEN 1400**

PILE DRIVER (M Cameron) - Slow to begin.

CLAIRIERE (M Hashizume) - Slow to begin. Held up for clear running until near the 200 metres.

NOHASSLE (V Colgan) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

PERUGIA (S Spratt) - Improved onto heels having to shift ground outwards hampering DARCI'S ANGEL near the 900 metres.

DARCI'S ANGEL (B Jacobson) - Hampered near the 900 metres, then raced three wide without cover. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

FULL MOON FEVER (M McNab) - Held up for clear running rounding the final bend. When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the gelding had failed to respond when placed under pressure.

QALI AL FARRASHA (W Kennedy) - Held up for clear running until approaching the 200 metres.

CAMACHO (T Newman) - Raced in restricted room to the inside of DARCI'S ANGEL which was laying inwards under pressure near the 150 metres.

Race 7 | **ENTAIN – NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES MAIDEN 1600**

TOKO ONO (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

GAYLIA (N Parmar) - Slow to begin.

XRATED (V Colgan) - Ducked away from the running rail unbalancing its rider near the 1100 metres.

MATAKANA GIRL (O Bosson) - Held up rounding the final bend.

SPARKLES (M McNab) - Lay outwards rounding the final bend.

Race 8

ELSDON PARK MAIDEN 1600

RULER OF EGYPT (W Kennedy) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from an outside barrier. Had difficulty obtaining clear running until shifting across heels passing the 100 metres.

GOLDEN (S Weatherley) – Improved onto heels having to be steadied passing the 1400 metres. Held up for clear running rounding the final bend and early in the straight.

PLEASE SIR (O Bosson) – Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to sit outside the leader near the 1000 metres.

KHAMASEEN (K Asano) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

PIERRO'S DREAM (S Spratt) – Raced wide without cover from the 900 metres.

SPRING QUEEN (M Hashizume) – Held up rounding the final bend and early in the straight. Ducked away from the rail near the 150 metres and continued to race greenly for the remainder of the straight.

WHY NOT ME (B Jacobson) - Contacted near the 100 metres when **SPRING QUEEN** was racing greenly to its inside.

EL AMOR (C Barnes) - When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the filly had failed to respond when placed under pressure.

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