



# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Ashburton Racing Club at Ashburton Raceway  
**Date:** Thursday, 4 April 2024  
**Weather:** Overcast/Drizzling  
**Track:** Good 4, downgraded to Soft 5 following Race 4  
**Rail:** True  
**Stewards:** V Algar (Chair), J Oatham, M Davidson, D Wadley  
**Vet:** A Corser BVSc  
**Op Support:** C McMullan

## SUMMARY

**Suspensions:** Nil  
**Fines:** Nil  
**Warnings:** Race 3 **T Jonker ESHAY**  
Whip use arm above shoulder height [Rule 638(3)(f)(ii)]  
Race 4 **A Goindasamy WRITTEN OFF**  
Excessive use of whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)]  
Race 6 **B Murray JUSTNEEDA HOLIDAY**  
Whip use arm above shoulder height [Rule 5638(3)(f)(ii)]

**Protests:** Nil  
**Request for Ruling:** Nil  
**Horse Actions:** Race 1 **MUSKETEER**  
Warning - barrier manners  
Race 5 **PERPIGNAN**  
Bled. 3 months stand down from racing or trialling, 2 months stand down from exercise. Veterinary certificate required  
Race 6 **JUSTNEEDA HOLIDAY**  
Warning - uncompetitiveness

**Follow Up:** Nil  
**Rider Changes:** Race 2 **IT'S NOT UNUSUAL**  
K Kwo replaced L Douglas (unwell)  
Race 5 **LEAR JET**  
L Callaway replaced L Douglas

**Late Scratchings:** Nil  
**Medical Certificates:** Required from **L Douglas**  
**Swabbing:** SACRED DIOR, EPILOGUE, CLAIRIERE, NUNCIO, ANNIA AURELIA, CAN'T KACH ME, DEMAND RESPECT, VICTOR ROUGE, THIRD DECREE, FOREVER BABE, SASSY MERLOT

## GENERAL

Lemmy Douglas advised Stewards on race day morning that he was unwell and would not be attending today's meeting. Lemmy Douglas is now required to provide a medical certificate prior to riding next.

## SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

## RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 **AGRAFORUM COMCAT MAIDEN 1600m**

**MUSKETEER** (D Cooper) - Stood flat footed as the start was effected losing considerable ground (8L). Connections were advised a barrier manners warning would be placed against the gelding's racing record. Connections advised MUSKETEER will now be sent for a spell.

**SACAMBAYA** (T Moseley) - Slow to begin.

**TETBURY** (S Wynne) - Slow to begin. Steadied when placed in restricted room passing the 800 metres.

**NOW OR NEVER** (B Murray) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced wide without cover throughout.

**TRIKSTA** (L Allpress) - Slow to begin. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality. Trainer R Beckett advised TRIKSTA will now be sent for a spell.

**IRISH MOSS** (J Doyle) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

**GIANNIS** (C Barnes) - Over raced through the early and middle stages.

**ALADDINS CAVE** (J Fawcett) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**SOUL DESTROYER** (K Bakker) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Steadied off heels when held up near the 350 metres.

**CHANNA** (T Comignaghi) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Held up rounding the final bend and through the early stages of the final straight. Hung outwards throughout the final straight.

<b>Race 2</b>	<b>MCINTOSH CATERING MAIDEN 1600m</b>
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**MAIRE AN LASA** (T Jonker) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**FRANNI CACCINI** (A Balloo) - Slow to begin.

**RAGHALLAIGH** (B May) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**THUNDEROUS** (B Rogerson) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

**ARCHIE BUNKER** (C Campbell) - Over raced through the early stages when being restrained to obtain cover.

**ENTRENCH** (L Hemi) - When racing keenly improved onto heels having to shift outwards and was then obliged to race three wide without cover from the 900 metres.

**CAPTAIN UPHAM** (Y Atchamah) - Raced wide without cover from the 900 metres.

**EPILOGUE** (U Holmquist) - Held up rounding the final bend and through the early stages of the final straight.

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>ASHBURTON RC YOUR GATEWAY TO ENTERTAINMENT MAIDEN 1400m</b>
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**TUMEKE** (B Murray) - Underwent a veterinary inspection upon arrival at the racecourse and cleared to race. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**SORAYA** (B May) - Slow to begin. Unable to obtain clear running until passing the 300 metres.

**ESHAY** (T Jonker) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend and through the early stages of the final straight.

**TIARA ROSE** (C Barnes) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground.

**INFERNAPE** (J Fawcett) - Slow to begin.

**LADY FLOJO** (K Chowdhoooy) - Slow to begin and then ridden with urgency to recover. When questioned regarding performance, the rider advised he had difficulty obtaining clear running in the final straight. When asked by Stewards whether there had been sufficient room for him to attempt a run between KEEP IT LOOSE and TUMEKE near the 250 metres, K Chowdhoooy advised he had felt the run was only marginal and that both those runners were inclined to shift ground under pressure, adding his mount was still relatively inexperienced and had felt reluctant to improve between runners. K Chowdhoooy's comments were noted.

**CLAIRIERE** (J Doyle) - From its wide barrier draw restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

**KEEP IT LOOSE** (U Holmquist) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**ON FILE** (T Comignaghi) - Raced ungenerously when being steadied making the bend near the 1000 metres awkwardly losing ground and hampering GRASSHOPPER.

**GRASSHOPPER** (K Bakker) - Hampered near the 1000 metres.

**MONTERO** (L Allpress) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**COINNEACH** (K Williams) - When questioned regarding performance, the rider advised the gelding had raced greenly throughout the running and she has recommended to connections that they consider gear changes.

**T Jonker** (ESHAY) - Issued with a warning after she used her whip with an action which raised the rider's arm above shoulder height.

<b>Race 4</b>	<b>SUPPORTING KAI FOR KIDS MAIDEN 1200m</b>
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**WRITTEN OFF** (A Goindasamy) - Slow to begin.

**SNEAKY** (L Hemi) - Slow to begin. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**NUNCIO** (T Moseley) - When racing keenly made the bend near the 800 metres awkwardly.

**DOMPERION** (Y Atchamah) - Had to be angled outwards across heels to obtain clear running passing the 250 metres.

**A Goindasamy** (WRITTEN OFF) - Issued with a warning after he struck his mount 6 times prior to the 100 metre mark, with Stewards taking into account his clear recent record with regard to any breach of a whip rule.

Following this race the track was downgraded to Soft 5.

<b>Race 5</b>	<b>SUPPORTING DYNAMIC GYMNASTICS MAIDEN 1200m</b>
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**THE PEONY XPRESS** (K Bakker) - Slow to begin. Rider dropped her whip near the 350 metres.

**SNORKEL** (Y Atchamah) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**LEAR JET** (L Callaway) - Slow to begin.

**MUZZLE CAT** (L Allpress) - Slow to begin.

**ANNIA AURELIA** (K Chowdhoo) - Over raced through the early and middle stages.

**LOVE FIFTEEN** (A Balloo) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**WAR COURT** (S Wynne) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

**YAK SHA** (K Mudhoo) - Lay inwards under pressure throughout the final straight.

**PERPIGNAN** (B May) - Commenced to give ground early in the straight and was not persevered with passing the 250 metres, finishing a distant last. Returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils. Following a veterinary inspection PERPIGNAN was confirmed to have bled. PERPIGNAN 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.

<b>Race 6</b>	<b>HYGAIN MAIDEN STAYERS 2200m</b>
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**MISTER GOLDIE** (J Doyle) - Shifted outwards at the start hampering LOREN. When questioned regarding performance, the rider advised that when placed under pressure MISTER GOLDIE failed to respond and he thought something may have been amiss with the gelding. Underwent a post-race veterinary inspection which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

**LOREN** (K Chowdhoo) - Hampered at the start losing ground. Held up passing the 600 metres having to be shifted outwards to obtain clear running near the 400 metres.

**CAN'T KACH ME** (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Steadied when improving onto heels approaching the 600 metres. Held up rounding the final bend and through the early stages of the final straight.

**JUSTNEEDAHOLIDAY** (B Murray) - Slow to begin. Became under pressure passing the 900 metres and was not persevered with passing the 500 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no excuse. Connections were advised a warning would be placed on the gelding's uncompetitiveness.

**B Murray** (JUSTNEEDAHOLIDAY) - Issued with a warning after she used her whip with an action which raised the rider's arm above shoulder height.

<b>Race 7</b>	<b>GILBERT BUTTERICK MEMORIAL 2200m</b>
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**DAME COUNTY** (J Doyle) - Slow to begin.

**BLUEGRASS DIXIE** (B May) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**LITIGATOR** (L Allpress) - Slow to begin.

**ON THE RIVET** (C Campbell) - Slow to begin.

**MY DEGREE** (S Wynne) - Raced three wide without cover through the early stages before being allowed to improve forward to sit outside the leader near the 1500 metres. Crowded when weakening passing the 250 metres due to movement from runners to either side, with MISS INTERPRET laying out and PONTARDAWE being dictated inwards by DEMAND RESPECT which was laying in.

**MISS INTERPRET** (T Moseley) - Raced three wide without cover from the 1500 metres before being allowed to improve to sit outside the leader near the 1100 metres.

**DEMAND RESPECT** (K Williams) - Lay inwards under pressure throughout the final straight.

**THE BOLD LIONESS** (K Chowdhury) - Held up until passing the 200 metres.

**LITIGATOR** (L Allpress) - Raced in restricted room and was then shifted outwards across heels to obtain clear running passing the 200 metres.

**OUR MILLY BEE** (W Kennedy) - Held up only obtaining clear running passing the 200 metres. Contacted and buffeted becoming briefly unbalanced when outside runners shifted ground inwards near the 100 metres.

**Race 8**

**WIDE SPAN SHEDS 1200m**

**BRANCASTER BOMBER** (T Comignaghi) - Began awkwardly shifting outwards making contact with UNLEASHED.

**UNLEASHED** (L Allpress) - Contacted at the start.

**FRENCH ROSE** (A Goindasamy) - Contacted at the start.

**VALORIOUS** (W Kennedy) - Contacted at the start. When questioned regarding performance, the rider could offer no excuse.

**ONCEACONNER** (L Callaway) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**WESTWOOD** (D Cooper) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**VICTOR ROUGE** (K Kwo) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. Had to be shift outwards throughout the final straight to obtain clear running.

**DELPHILLIUS** (J Fawcett) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

**Race 9**

**GREG JONES MEMORIAL 1300m**

**LADY TELENA** (K Bakker) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**MILLEFIORI** (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Held up through the early stages of the home straight and was then disappointed for a run between MISS NICO BELLE which was laying outwards and STREET FIGHTIN MAN which shifted inwards slightly under pressure near the 150 metres, and was then unable to obtain clear running over the concluding stages with the mare going to the line not fully tested by its rider.

**HARLECH** (N Parmar) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**PHELAN THE POWER** (L Allpress) - Slow to begin.

**NIGHT RAIDER** (B May) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**MORE THAN WORDS** (B Rogerson) - Over raced through the early and middle stages.

**THIRD DECREE** (K Williams) - Briefly held up early in the final straight.

**MISS NICO BELLE** (T Comignaghi) - Lay outwards rounding the final bend and throughout the final straight.

**Race 10**

**ENTAIN – NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES RACE 1400m**

**BLOOD DIAMOND** (C Campbell) - Slow to begin.

**LULO ROSE** (N Parmar) - Began awkwardly and was then contacted losing ground. Steadied when placed in restricted room when attempting a tight run between MIS SPEAKS and ELCHEIKHALI, then made contact with both of those runners becoming unbalanced for a distance passing the 100 metres.

**RAPTYLIGHT** (L Allpress) - Made contact with LULO ROSE at the start.

**CULLINAN** (C Barnes) - Slow to begin.

**CAITLYN JAY** (A Goindasamy) - Slow to begin.

**TELLME YOU LOVEME** (B May) - Slow to begin. Checked approaching the 100 metres when a gap that the rider had been about to attempt between MIS SPEAKS and ELCHEIKHALI did not eventuate, with TELLME YOU LOVEME then shifting inwards abruptly across the heels of MIS SPEAKS. After viewing footage and questioning riders involved, it was established that TELLME YOU LOVEME and LULO ROSE were simultaneously shifting ground and attempting to improve into a run between MIS SPEAKS and ELCHEIKHALI where there was only room for one horse, with LULO ROSE getting to the gap first.

**FOREVER BABE** (J Fawcett) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**AINGIE** (A Balloo) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**MIS SPEAKS** (T Moseley) - Underwent post-race veterinary treatment for minor abrasions to the near hind leg consistent with being galloped on.

<b>Race 11</b>	<b>AGRAFORUM GROWING INNOVATION 1600m</b>
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**LADYSWEY** (J Fawcett) - Jumped away very awkwardly unbalancing its rider and losing ground.

**LUSCIOUS LOVER** (S Wynne) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**POWERFUL MOSS** (U Holmquist) - Blundered at the start hampering ROYAL WINGS.

**ROYAL WINGS** (K Bakker) - Hampered at the start losing ground.

**TAKE THAT** (Y Atchamah) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

**ROYAL VALOUR** (L Allpress) - Commenced to over race for a distance passing the 1400 metres. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

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