



# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Otaki-Maori Racing Club @ Otaki  
**Date:** Monday, 1 April 2024  
**Weather:** Fine  
**Track:** Soft 5, Upgraded to Good 4 following Race 1  
**Rail:** Out 7 metres  
**Stewards:** N Goodwin (Chair), K Coppins, K Jillings (Trainee)  
**Vet:** E Simpson BVSc  
**Op Support:** S Shirriffs

## SUMMARY

**Suspensions:** Nil  
**Fines:** Nil  
**Warnings:** Race 7 **Trainer A Meadows** MEGLIO DI FALCREST  
Late declaration of rider [Rule 537(a)]  
Race 8 **Trainer L Latta** REV IT UP RUSTY  
Late declaration of rider [Rule 537(a)]  
**Protests:** Nil  
**Request for Ruling:** Nil  
**Horse Actions:** Nil  
**Follow Up:** Nil  
**Rider Changes:** Nil  
**Late Scratchings:**  
**Medical Certificates:**  
**Swabbing:** ALATION, ENTHUSIASTIC, DOMAIN ACE, CARRINGTON, UPLIFTING, STRINGLINE, ISLINGTON LASS, IT'S DORIS.

## GENERAL

Nothing to report

## SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

## RACE COMMENTS

**Race 1** | **VETS ON RIVERBANK MAIDEN 1600m**

**KAHLUA** (K Asano) - Slow away.

**VERRY ROYAL** (A Lawson-Carroll) - Slow away. Improved onto the heels of AM I BLUE inside the final 100 metres prior to being angled outwards.

**DRESSE' PAR JOLI** (M McNab) - Slow to begin.

**JUST A NUDGE** (M Singh) - Over-raced in the early stages.

**TAVITA MISS** (J Chung) - Commenced to over-race when being restrained to take cover passing the 1000 metres and to be steadied for some distance off the heels of AM I BLUE.

**SONGWRITER** (J Doyle) - Held up rounding the final bend.

**Race 2** | **HARCOURTS OTAKI 3YO MAIDEN 1200m**

**TINY DIAMOND** (C Dell) - Slow away.

**PLATINUM PRIVILEGE** (J Doyle) - Began awkwardly.

**SERVICE BREAK** (C Barnes) - Slow away. Raced wide throughout. Raced greenly over the concluding stages.

**DOCTOR ASKAR** (C Butler) - Restrained to the rear from its wide draw.

**DAWN SHADOW** (K Asano) - Improved on to heels having to steady passing the 800 metres.

**WHOOSHKA** (L Sutherland) - WHOOSHKA, which was having its first start, raced greenly throughout and when being steadied passing the 800 metres skied its head for some distance and went back on to DAWN SHADOW, which had to be steadied off that runner's heels. L Sutherland was of the opinion the filly was unsuited to the tongue tie.

**ENTHUSIASTIC** (T Moodley) - Shifted out under pressure over the final stages. T Moodley was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

The rider of the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed TINY DIAMOND, C Dell, viewed footage of the concluding stages of the race but elected not to proceed with a protest against the 1<sup>st</sup> placed ENTHUSIASTIC (T Moodley), which shifted out under pressure over the final stages when only marginally clear.

**Race 3** | **FARMLANDS OTAKI 2YO MAIDEN 1200m**

**TRUTH OR DARE** (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly bumping with MINER. Held up rounding the final bend. W Kennedy reported the gelding may be better suited to a longer distance.

**MINER** (J Riddell) - Began awkwardly, bumping with TRUTH OR DARE.

**VITACI** (K Asano) - Slow to begin. Over-raced, having to be steadied passing the 850 metres.

**ELEANOR DUMONT** (L Hemi) - Raced keenly shortly after the start, bumping IVY LEE. Raced wide throughout.

**IVY LEE** (J Doyle) - Bumped shortly after the start. Rider lost the use of his reins for a short distance near the 200 metres.

**FIRST GEAR** (L Allpress) - Raced greenly in the home straight and lay inwards and away from the runner to its outside.

**Race 4** | **MCMILLAN EQUINE FEEDS MAIDEN 1100m**

**ACORN** (L Sutherland) - Slow away.

**WISEMEN'S DIVA** (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**JUST BEN** (M Singh) - Restrained to the rear from a wide draw.

**EMERALD ROSE** (K Hercock) - Raced keenly through the early stages. Raced wide throughout. Rider advised the mare hung outwards from the 600 metres.

**BLUE RATA WAREA** (J Doyle) - Held up over the concluding stages.

**Race 5** | **THE TELE OTAKI MAIDEN 2100m**

**PARADIS** (U Holmquist) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**FIRST EDITION** (J Riddell) - Slow to begin. Brushed with **TIMMY** rounding the final bend. Held up in the early stages of the home straight.

**ONE BAD PRINCESS** (M Singh) - Raced keenly through the early stages when being restrained to take cover.

**HAAST RULER** (J Doyle) - Over-raced in the middle stages. Raced wide from the 1000 metres.

**TIMMY** (T Davies) - Lay inwards rounding the final bend brushing with **FIRST EDITION** (J Riddell) for a short distance, briefly unbalancing J Riddell. Raced greenly in the home straight.

**ZEBADAYA** (J Chung) - Rider reported the gelding had hung throughout.

**UPLIFTING** (M McNab) - Raced greenly in the home straight.

**LUCKY BAY** (T Moodley) - Raced greenly in the home straight.

**MURPHY** (S O'Malley) - Held up and unable to improve, going to the line without being fully tested.

**Race 6** | **RIVERSTONE CAFE HANDICAP 2100m**

**KHAFEEF** (S O'Malley) - Restrained to the rear from a wide draw.

**ALL IN BLACKBERRY** (L Sutherland) - Restrained to the rear from a wide draw.

**NOTHING UNUSUAL** (L Hemi) - Slow away. Over-raced in the early and middle stages. Held up rounding the final bend.

**RISCHIO** (T Davies) - Raced keenly, getting its head up approaching the winning post on the first occasion. Held up early in the home straight.

**TRAMORE** (C Dell) - Improved wide from the 1000 metres. Contacted near the 150 metres.

**MASSO** (W Kennedy) - Lay inwards near the 150 metres, contacting **TRAMORE**. Rider advised the gelding had lugged inwards from the 600 metres.

**VESPACIAN** (J Doyle) - Weakened from near the 300 metres. When questioned, rider could offer no excuse. Underwent subsequent veterinary examination, including an endoscopy, which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

**L Hemi** (**NOTHING UNUSUAL**) - Stewards inquired into the manner in which L Hemi used her whip in the home straight and could not be conclusively satisfied that she had contravened the rule.

**Race 7** | **NEW WORLD OTAKI HANDICAP 1400m**

**ROYAL FLOWER** (L Hemi) - Blundered at the start losing ground.

**DIVINE SPIRIT** (K Asano) - Hampered at the start when runners either side shifted ground.

**PRIDE OF ASPEN** (M McNab) - Restrained to the rear from a wide draw.

**FREE BEE** (L Sutherland) - Raced wide throughout.

**TERRA PRETA** (K Hercock) - Hampered over the concluding stages when THE MISTRESS shifted outwards under pressure.

**THE MISTRESS** (C Barnes) - Shifted outwards under pressure over the concluding stages.

**Race 8**

**CAVALLO FARMS & CHRIS RUTTEN BLOODSTOCK HANDICAP 1400m**

**MAOLLA MISS** (C Barnes) - Slow away.

**KICK START** (J Doyle) - Restrained to the rear from a wide draw.

**SHARE POWER** (M Singh) - Slow away. Over-raced in the early stages. Raced wide throughout.

**REV IT UP RUSTY** (A Lawson-Carroll) - Lay inwards then was hampered when HORONUKU hung outwards under pressure over the concluding stages.

**HORONUKU** (M Hashizume) - Rider reported there may be something amiss after the gelding hung outwards in the home straight under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**BELLA CORNO** (W Kennedy) - Slow away. Finished a distant last. When questioned rider advised that the filly is better suited to racing in a more forward position but was unable to do so on this occasion due to being slow away. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

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