



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Matamata Racing Club
Date: Thursday, 29 February 2024
Weather: Fine
Track: Soft 7, upgraded to Soft 6 following Race 1
Rail: Out 3 metres
Stewards: L Selvakumaran (Chair), B Jones, G Stewart, A Dooley (Remote)
Vet: R McQuillan MVB
Op Support: K Verner

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Race 8 **U Holmquist** NORTHERN RAIDER
Careless riding 600 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 10/3 - 20/3, 6 days

Fines: Race 8 **P Graberg** SLEDGE HAMMER
Broke riding engagement [Rule 346(1)] \$200 (Minor Infringement)

Warnings: Race 4 **R Elliot** LITTLE THIEF
Whip use in consecutive strides [Rule 638(3)(g)(ii)]

Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 7 **MOTUMAN**
Required to barrier trial

8 **ZLATNA**
Veterinary clearance required

2 **CORBATIN**
Bled, 2nd occasion. Ineligible to race in NZ

MR BIG
Required to barrier trial (uncompetitive)

Follow Up: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 8 **SLEDGE HAMMER**
B Jacobson replaced P Graberg (indisposed)

Late Scratchings: Race 5 **WROTE WITH LOVE**
At 12.20 pm on veterinary advice

Medical Certificates: Nil

Swabbing: MANAWA, THE MASTER, KING OF THE NORTH, ALTARI, IMPERIAL EMPRESS,
SHE TURNS HEADS, GRACE 'N' GLORY, NORTHERN RAIDER

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Ellerslie - Saturday, 17 February 2024

Race 8 AUCKLAND CO-OP TAXIS 2100

REBECCHI (M McNab) – Trainer A Forsman reported to Stewards REBECCHI underwent a veterinary examination on Thursday 22 February which included an exercising ECG with results showing no abnormalities. A Forsman further reported the gelding has now been sent for a spell and will trial prior to its next race day start.

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	MATAMATA FUNCTION CENTRE MAIDEN 1600
<p>MINOIL (P Graberg) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.</p> <p>DEMBE (C Barnes) - Slow to begin. Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.</p> <p>SOUL QUEEN (T Abel) - Raced greenly in the early stages and when making the junction onto the course proper, lay out running wider on the track. Rider T Abel reported that her saddle had slipped after SOUL QUEEN shifted abruptly placing her at a disadvantage.</p> <p>VARALLO (M Hashizume) – Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight inconveniencing BENNETON approaching the 200 metres.</p> <p>BENNETON (R Elliot) - Inconvenienced approaching the 200 metres.</p> <p>Following this race the track was upgraded to Soft 6.</p>	
Race 2	MATAMATA RACING CLUB MEMBERS 1400
<p>CORBATIN (M Cameron) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils. Following a veterinary examination CORBATIN was confirmed to have bled. Trainer J Collett was advised that CORBATIN is now ineligible to race in New Zealand as this was its second attack of nasal bleeding.</p> <p>FIRRIATO (O Bosson) - Slow to begin. Briefly steadied near the 200 metres when EVE'S SONG lay inwards. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had over-raced through the early stages which had been detrimental to its chances.</p> <p>CHANTARI BAY (T Mitchell) – Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.</p> <p>MR BIG (N Hailey) - Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 1100 metres. Commenced to give ground passing the 800 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormality. Connections were advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.</p> <p>EVE'S SONG (W Kennedy) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.</p>	
Race 3	FAREWELL DAVE BRADFORD MAIDEN 1400
<p>LIGHTNING DREAM (O Bosson) – Began awkwardly then knuckled shortly after the start, losing ground. Shifted outwards to obtain clear running near the 100 metres.</p> <p>UP WITH CHARM (L Satherley) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Held up for a distance passing the 350 metres.</p> <p>ROSIE'S DREAM (J Doyle) - Began awkwardly then hampered shortly after.</p> <p>PENSAMOI (W Kennedy) - Over-raced through the early stages.</p> <p>LEMON CURD (U Holmquist) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Inconvenienced near the 100 metres.</p> <p>TOA TUAHINE (N Hailey) - Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.</p>	

FULL MOON FEVER (P Graberg) – Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

ALATION (C Barnes) - Shifted out and away from **LIGHTNING DREAM** inconveniencing **LEMON CURD** and **LOVELY FRIENDS** near the 100 metres.

TROUT (M Cameron) - Hampered passing the 100 metres when **LOVELY FRIENDS** was forced outwards.

LIVING IN HOPE (T Mitchell) - Inconvenienced near the 50 metres when **FULL MOON FEVER** lay outwards.

LOVELY FRIENDS (M McNab) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that being caught wide had been detrimental to the gelding's chances. Inconvenienced near the 100 metres.

Race 4

CONGRATS CAPTURED BY LOVE & TE AKAU RACING MAIDEN 1200

ENDUED (M McNab) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

I'M ALL IN (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced keenly in the early stages when being restrained.

ALTARI (O Bosson) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

STONE STREET (M Hashizume) - Improved onto heels near the 150 metres when racing greenly.

LITTLE THIEF (R Elliot) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running until the 100 metres. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

R Elliot (**LITTLE THIEF**) - Issued with a warning after using his whip in two consecutive strides on his mount near the 50 metres.

Race 5

MATAMATA RACING CLUB – LIFE MEMBERS MAIDEN 1200

IMPERIAL EMPRESS (M McNab) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

FINNT (K Myers) - Slow to begin. Briefly steadied when placed in restricted room to the inside of **KING'S MOUNT** which was laying inwards and outside of **FASCINATION** near the 100 metres. N Hailey (**KING'S MOUNT**) was advised exercise greater care in similar circumstances.

KING'S MOUNT (N Hailey) - Raced keenly through the early stages when being restrained.

SPACE LAB (J Fawcett) - Raced keenly through the early stages. Steadied to avoid heels near the 900 metres then raced three wide without cover.

CINTIVEE (W Kennedy) - Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight. Had to be briefly steadied when lay inwards across heels approaching the 200 metres.

YOUNG DIVA (L Satherely) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running for the majority of the straight.

FASCINATION (O Bosson) - Raced in restricted room to the outside of **CINTIVEE** having to briefly steady near the 50 metres.

CHLOE'S COMET (M Cameron) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare was unable to find the lead today which was detrimental to its chances. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormality.

Race 6	CONGRATS SAVAGLEE & BALLYMORE STABLES MAIDEN 1200
<p>BAMBI (J Fawcett) - Contacted and crowded at the start losing ground. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the filly would be better suited to a rain affected track. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the filly to have an abrasion to the right hind fetlock.</p> <p>BERNIE'S EGO (N Hailey) – Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.</p> <p>SURF QUEEN (S Weatherley) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier.</p> <p>BALLS OF FIRE (B Jacobson) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.</p> <p>EMMY DAZZLER (A Lawson-Carroll) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running throughout the final straight.</p>	
Race 7	REMEMBERING DAVID BENJAMIN 2000
<p>MOTUMAN (B Jacobson) - Slow to begin (5L). Connections were advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.</p> <p>ORSOME DUDE (N Hailey) – Raced keenly through the early stages. Lay outwards rounding the final bend. Inconvenienced approaching the 100 metres.</p> <p>YOU KNOW (J Fawcett) - Raced three wide without cover until improving to race outside the leader near the 1400 metres.</p> <p>HOARD THE BOURBON (M McNab) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Lay outwards rounding the final bend.</p> <p>DEVOTED (J Allen) – Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight inconveniencing ORSOME DUDE approaching the 100 metres.</p>	
Race 8	SOUTH WAIKATO RC RACING @ MATAMATA 13TH MARCH 2024 MAIDEN 2000
<p>ZLATNA (M Cameron) - Slow to begin. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination including an endoscopic examination which revealed the filly to be 2/5 lame in the left hind leg. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.</p> <p>UPLIFTING (S Weatherley) - Slow to begin.</p> <p>SLEDGE HAMMER (B Jacobson) - Had to be steadied to avoid heels passing the 1900 metres then commenced to over-race in the early and middle stages.</p> <p>MAGICAL ROAD (N Hailey) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.</p> <p>ROCKY BALBOA (C Grylls) - Firmly contacted and unbalanced being forced wider near the 600 metres.</p> <p>KARASAWA (J Fawcett) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormality.</p> <p>P Graberg (SLEDGE HAMMER) - Issued with a minor infringement and fined \$200 after he broke a riding engagement. B Jacobson replaced P Graberg.</p> <p>U Holmquist (NORTHERN RAIDER) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that she directed her mount NORTHERN RAIDER outwards when not sufficiently clear of ROCKY BALBOA which was firmly contacted and unbalanced being</p>	

forced wider near the 600 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of U Holmquist's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 9 March up to and including racing on Wednesday 20 March, 6 national riding days.

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