



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Matamata Racing Club
Date: Saturday, 24 February 2024
Weather: Fine
Track: Soft 5, upgraded to Good 4 following Race 5
Rail: True
Stewards: B Jones (Chair), L Selvakumaran, G Stewart
Vet: R McQuillan MVB, R Kerr BVS
Op Support: K Verner

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	2	S Spratt TO CATCH A THIEF Careless riding 50 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 25/2 - 8/3, 7 days
Fines:	Race	5	G Opie OPAEA JOE Presented runner late to the saddling enclosure [Rule 625(1)] \$50 (Minor Infringement)
		7	B Jacobson LAVENDER HAZE Whip use in consecutive strides [Rule 638(3)(g)(ii)] \$500
Warnings:	Race	2	K Myers MAFIA MAMMA Shifting ground 850 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
		8	D Danis LANGKAWI Whip use, arm above shoulder height [Rule 638(3)(f)(ii)]
		9	C Dell FINAL RETURN Shifting ground 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Protests:	Race	2	3rd SMOKESHOW vs 2nd TO CATCH A THIEF Protest upheld
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	2	PROVENCE Warning, barrier manners
		3	SHAMPAGNE DANCER Bled, 3 month stand down from racing or trialling, 2 month stand down from exercise. Veterinary clearance required
Follow Up:	Race	4	MOVE TO STRIKE
		6	CHURCHILLIAN
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratchings:	Race	9	MADAME LE FAY At 3.07 pm on veterinary advice TESTIFY ME At 4.32 pm by order of Stewards
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Swabbing:	JAFFIRA, EL VIENTO, YOU SAY D'ORSAY, SAVAGLEE, POETIC CHAMPION, FREEZE FRAME, KARMAN LINE, CAPTURED BY LOVE, ALABAMA LASS, SAINT ALICE, LANGKAWI, SNAZZYTAVI		

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Ellerslie - Saturday, 17 February 2024

Race 7 EAGLE TECHNOLOGY AVONDALE CUP 2400 (G2)

MARY LOUISE (C Butler) – Trainer R Patterson advised Stewards MARY LOUISE pulled up sore in both front heels which has now been treated with an anti-inflammatory. R Patterson further advised it is his intention to carry on with the mare's current preparation.

Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Cambridge – Friday, 23 February 2024

N Downs – Admitted a charge in that he failed to wear a body protector when riding at the Cambridge jump outs on Friday, 23 February. After hearing submissions, the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$500.

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 PRICE RACING 1600

COMPLICATE (J Fawcett) - Knuckled at the start. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

GRACE 'N' GLORY (M Hashizume) – Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Held up until near the 150 metres. Inconvenienced near the 50 metres. Knuckled a short distance past the post when easing up. Stewards inspected this section of the track and could not identify any area of concern.

COMPOSURE (S Weatherley) - Briefly steadied approaching the 1400 metres when placed in restricted room to the outside of TREATY OF PARIS and inside of COMPLICATE.

THATSALLSHEWROTE (M McNab) - Held up until near the 150 metres.

RULE OF LAW (O Bosson) - Lay out over the concluding stages having to be straightened by its rider inconveniencing GRACE 'N' GLORY. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had lay out throughout the running. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 2 ANCROFT DEVELOPMENTS 1400

PROVENCE (M McNab) – Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the mare after being fractious in its barrier stall. Began awkwardly then crowded shortly after. Checked passing the 50 metres. Returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed abrasions inside of the nostril.

SMOKESHOW (M Hashizume) - Crowded at the start losing ground. Lay in throughout the running. Raced greenly when placed under pressure in the final straight. Hampered and forced wider passing the 50 metres.

BOLSTER (J Fawcett) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Steadied when placed in restricted room near the 900 metres. Steadied to avoid heels near the 850 metres.

DARCI'S ANGEL (W Kennedy) - Checked passing the 50 metres.

K Myers (MAFIA MAMMA) - Issued with a warning after permitting her mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of BOLSTER which had to be steadied to avoid heels near the 850 metres.

S Spratt (TO CATCH A THIEF) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that she permitted her mount to shift outwards when not sufficiently clear of SMOKESHOW which was hampered and forced outwards crowding PROVENCE and DARCI'S ANGEL which were checked near the 50 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee

imposed a suspension of S Spratt's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 24 February up to and including racing on Friday 8 March, 7 national riding days.

Following the running of this race the co-trainer of the third placed horse SMOKESHOW, Mr A Scott lodged a protest alleging interference over the concluding stages by the second placed horse TO CATCH A THIEF. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee upheld the protest with amended placings 1st EL VIENTO, 2nd SMOKESHOW, 3rd TO CATCH A THIEF, 4th MAFIA MAMMA.

Race 3	RICH HILL STUD 1200
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HANALEI (W Kennedy) – Slow to begin.

SHAMPAGNE DANCER (D Danis) - Began awkwardly. Returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils. Following a veterinary examination SHAMPAGNE DANCER was confirmed to have bled. SHAMPAGNE DANCER 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.

FAMILY TIES (J Allen) – Crowded at the start losing ground.

MISS SOLITAIRE (L Satherley) - Contacted then crowded at the start losing ground. Improved onto heels having to be steadied approaching the 800 metres.

MISS ROCKETTE (S Weatherley) - Began awkwardly.

MY ANNIE BELLE (S Spratt) - Over-raced through the early and middle stages when being restrained.

BRAVE SPIRIT (M McNab) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

ALMINETTE (O Bosson) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

LITTLE BIT OF LOVE (M Hashizume) - Contacted and unbalanced near the 300 metres.

Race 4	FAIRVIEW MATAMATA SLIPPER 1200 (G3)
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UNBRIDLED JOY (S Weatherley) - Crowded at the start.

FULL FORCE (M McNab) - Slow to begin. Had some difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight.

SAVAGLEE (S Spratt) - Briefly steadied passing the 1100 metres when POETIC CHAMPION shifted inwards.

POETIC CHAMPION (P Graberg) - Raced keenly through the early stages.

RED SEA (W Kennedy) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

MOVE TO STRIKE (O Bosson) - When questioned regarding performance the rider could not offer any excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a delayed recovery.

Race 5	WESTBURY STUD 1400
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SOPHISTICARDO (B Jacobson) - Slow to begin.

ZANTABULOUS (W Kennedy) – Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

CHEVAL D'OR (M McNab) - Slow to begin. Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

WET 'N' WILD (M Hashizume) – Over-raced through the early stages when being restrained.

CASINO PRINCESS (T Mitchell) - Raced three wide without cover from near the 800 metres.

BEA A ROCA (S Weatherley) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that in his opinion the mare would be better suited to a drop back in distance.

PENNSYLVANIA (K Myers) - When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to have blood present in the right nostril as the result of a minor laceration.

G Opie (OPAEA JOE) - Stable representative for G Opie was Issued with a minor infringement and fined \$50 for presenting OPAEA JOE late into the saddling enclosure.

Following this race the track was upgraded to Good 4.

Race 6

LISA CHITTICK PLATE 1400

FASHION SHOOT (O Bosson) - Slow to begin. Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

POLYGON (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had been outpaced throughout and in his opinion would benefit from a step up in distance.

IMPRESA (T Mitchell) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages when leading.

ACADEMY AWARD (S Spratt) – Held up early in the final straight.

ZECORA (L Satherley) - Raced greenly becoming unbalanced when being straightened by its rider approaching the 300 metres.

KARMAN LINE (M Hashizume) - Contacted near the 250 metres. Rider dropped his whip near the 50 metres.

CHURCHILLIAN (M McNab) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that he had been disappointed however could offer no excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to be mildly lame in the left hind leg along with lacerations to the left hind pastern and left hock.

Race 7

J SWAP CONTRACTORS LTD MATAMATA BREEDERS' STAKES 1200 (G2)

THE TATTLER (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly.

LOTUS (P Graberg) - Began awkwardly then crowded shortly after, losing ground.

RENOVATIONS (K Myers) - Over-raced through the early stages when being restrained. Had to be straightened by its rider after laying in and away from LAVENDER HAZE (B Jacobson) near the 300 metres. B Jacobson was advised to exercise care in similar circumstances.

ARCHAIC SMILE (M McNab) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

ALABAMA LASS (S Spratt) – Lay outwards rounding the final bend and continued to do so when placed under pressure in the final straight.

SUNRISE (M Hashizume) - Attempted to improve into a marginal run near the 300 metres before having to be steadied when RENOVATIONS lay in and away from LAVENDER HAZE which shifted inwards.

LAVENDER HAZE (B Jacobson) - Improved into restricted room just prior to the winning post.

B Jacobson (LAVENDER HAZE) – Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount LAVENDER HAZE in two consecutive strides near the 100 metres with the Adjudicative Committee imposing a fine of \$500.

Race 8

MATAMATA VETERINARY SERVICES EQUINE KAIMAI STAKES 2000 (Listed Race)

CONTRIBUTE (C Butler) – Shifted outwards passing the 1900 metres making contact with the hindquarters of MANIFIQUE on several occasions with CONTRIBUTE then being steadied when placed in restricted room near the 1750 metres resulting in that runner clipping a heel of MANIFIQUE and blundering, losing ground. Hampered as a result was OUR JUMALA. When assessing the incident Stewards took into account that MANIFIQUE had had its hindquarters contacted for some distance becoming unbalanced prior to CONTRIBUTE clipping a heel of that runner. Had difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 100 metres. Raced in restricted room just prior to the winning post.

MANIFIQUE (M McNab) - Contacted and unbalanced on several occasions approaching the 1750 metres.

OUR JUMALA (C Barnes) - Hampered near the 1750 metres.

OCEAN BILLY (J Fawcett) - Improved onto heels passing the 200 metres.

ARBY (S Weatherley) - Held up until near the 200 metres.

D Danis (LANGKAWI) – Issued with a warning for raising his arm above shoulder height on one occasion just prior to the winning post.

Race 9

GAVELHOUSE.COM 2000

TESTIFY ME (S Weatherley) – Declared a late scratching at 4.32 pm by order of the Stewards after the gelding escaped from the tip-up stalls and galloped some distance before being recaptured.

HAMMER TIME (N Hailey) - Slow to begin. Improved onto heels passing the 900 metres having to be firmly restrained.

JOLTED (S Spratt) - Raced keenly in the early and middle stages before improving forward to race three wide without cover from near the 1000 metres.

JACK THE LASS (K Myers) - Had to shift ground outwards passing the 250 metres to obtain clear running.

MY MAEBELLINE GIRL (D Danis) - Had to be steadied to avoid heels passing the 200 metres.

VAL DI ZOLDO (O Bosson) - Raced in restricted room passing the 200 metres.

C Dell (FINAL RETURN) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of VAL DI ZOLDO which was forced into the line of MY MAEBELLINE GIRL which had to be steadied to avoid heels passing the 200 metres.

