



## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

### MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Otaki-Māori Racing Club  
**Date:** Wednesday, 8 November 2023  
**Weather:** Fine  
**Track:** Good 3  
**Rail:** Out 5 metres  
**Stewards:** N Goodwin, J Oatham, B Bateup, K Jillings (Trainee)  
**Vet:** R Lenaghan MVB NUI  
**Op Support:** S Shirriffs

### SUMMARY

**Suspensions:** Nil  
**Fines:** Nil  
**Warnings:** Nil  
**Protests:** Race 8 **LOVE NESST 1<sup>st</sup>= vs ALL IN BLACKBERRY 1<sup>st</sup>=**  
Upheld  
**Request for Ruling:** Nil  
**Horse Actions:** Race 6 **BELLESGIRL**  
Warning – barrier manners  
7 **MOCHATINI**  
Humanely euthanised  
**Follow Up:** Nil  
**Rider Changes:** Race 2 **BRUSSET**  
J Doyle replaced M Hudson (unwell)  
3 **JUST BEN**  
J Doyle replaced M Hudson  
4 **EXTORTIONIST**  
L Sutherland replaced M Hudson  
7 **MY ZOI**  
L Sutherland replaced M Hudson  
8 **MALFURION**  
J Riddell replaced M Cameron (transport issue)  
8 **MCDREAMY**  
T Taiaroa replaced C Grylls (transport issue)  
**Late Scratchings:** Race 6 **EL NOIR**  
1.39pm - veterinary advice  
7 **MOCHATINI**  
4.46pm - veterinary advice  
**Medical Certificates:** Required by M Hudson  
**Swabbing:** UNUSUAL LEGACY, ROYAL DESTROYER, ARDROE, FANCY LIKE LASS, KHANSHE, REGAL  
REWARD, PITKIN COUNTY, LOVE NESST.

### GENERAL

**M Hudson** advised Stewards on race morning that she was unwell and was replaced as above. M Hudson is required to provide a medical certificate prior to riding next.

**SUPPLEMENTARY**

Nothing to report

**RACE COMMENTS****Race 1 RIVERSTONE CAFE MAIDEN 1600m**

**LA ROJA** (J Riddell) - Held up rounding the final turn and into the straight until near the 300 metres.

**UNUSAL LEGACY** (M Singh) - Lay inwards under pressure in the straight.

**MIDASWELLBJACK** (C Grylls) - When questioned into the disappointing run of MIDASWELLBJACK rider advised that despite laying inwards in the run home the gelding had no excuse and was disappointing.

**PEGAU** (J Doyle) - Failed to respond when placed under pressure in the straight, dropping out to finish last. When questioned regarding performance rider was unable to offer any excuse.

**Race 2 FIRST CLASS BUILDING 3YO MAIDEN 1200m**

**ROYAL DESTROYER** (S O'Malley) - Slow away.

**SHABURA SAMA** (K Hercock) - Raced three-wide without cover.

**ELAPSE** (J Chung) - Hampered just short of the finish when LOHNAGAN lay inwards with LINCOLN TOWERS also having to be steadied as a result.

**LINCOLN TOWERS** (C Dell) - Steadied when crowded just short of the finish.

**Race 3 MCMILLAN EQUINE MAIDEN 1200m**

**DURBAN WAY** (T Allan) - Blundered leaving the barriers.

**CAME SAW CONQUERED** (C Dell) - Blundered leaving the barriers. Briefly steadied shortly after the start to avoid the heels of DURBAN WAY, which shifted inwards when not fully clear. T Allan was advised to exercise care. When questioned regarding performance rider advised the gelding had been disappointing for its first run up for a new stable and had recommended the application of a tongue tie for its next start. C Dell was further of the opinion the gelding would be better suited over more ground and ridden in a more prominent position.

**SHE'S PATSY** (K Hercock) - Steadied when crowded shortly after the start. Restrained when improving on to heels passing the 600 metres, then being held up rounding the final turn and into the straight behind the weakening DURBAN WAY.

**ARDROE** (L Sutherland) - Began awkwardly.

**KAI MOANA** (M Cameron) - Raced three-wide without cover. When questioned regarding performance, rider reported that after being caught wide the gelding had little left at the finish and was also of the opinion KAI MOANA would appreciate more rain-affected footing.

**JOHNNY RONDO** (J Parkes) - Lay outwards rounding the final turn.

**Race 4 HARCOURTS OTAKI HANDICAP 1200m**

**OBADIAH** (C Grylls) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from its wide draw.

**PRINCESSA GOLD** (M Cameron) - Jumped away awkwardly then made contact with MAN EXPRESS.

**MAN EXPRESS** (L Allpress) - Contacted shortly after leaving the barriers. When questioned regarding performance rider advised she was unable to take up a prominent position in the early stages which was the preferred option, also adding that in her opinion the gelding is better suited to a track with more give in it.

**FANCY LIKE LASS** (K Hercock) - Had a tendency to hang outwards in the final straight.

**Race 5** | **AQUASHIELD ROOFING MAIDEN 1400m**

**PLATINUM CRUISER** (J Riddell) - Raced three-wide without cover.

**HIGH LANE PRINCESS** (J Chung) - Lay outwards rounding the bend. Rider reported that in his opinion the filly would be better suited by some easing of the ground.

**KHANSHE** (J Doyle) - Inclined to shift ground under pressure in the straight.

**LA BELLA GRANDE** (L Allpress) - When questioned regarding performance rider advised the mare pulled up in a normal post-race conditions and she was unable to offer any excuse.

**Race 6** | **THE TELE OTAKI HANDICAP 1400m**

**EL NOIR** - Declared a late scratching at 1.39pm after sustaining superficial abrasions in transit to the course.

**BELLESGIRL** (K Hercock) - Connections were advised a barrier warning has been placed against the mare for its barrier manners.

**MISS BELLE** (J Chung) - Jumped away awkwardly. When questioned regarding performance

**SHOW D'OR** (L Kauri) - Slow away. Made contact with the running rail near the 150 metres. Apprentice Kaur was shown footage of the incident and advise to exercise more care.

**MOMOSA** (C Grylls) - Raced three-wide without cover. Hampered near the 300 metres when MAKETAWA MISS shifted away from KAREHANA BAY.

**PLATINUM ASSAULT** (J Riddell) - Held up early in the straight, continuing to have some difficulty obtaining clear running until improving into a tight run between REGAL REWARD and BAILEYS ON ROCKS near the 100 metres, which had both shifted ground marginally with BAILEYS ON ROCKS then being inclined to shift outwards away from PLATINUM ASSAULT.

**Race 7** | **CAVALLO FARM & CHRIS RUTTEN BLOODSTOCK HANDICAP 1400m**

**MOCHATINI** (M Singh) - Reared in its barrier becoming cast and was declared a late scratching at 4.46pm. After being freed from its barrier MOCHATINI got away from the start and escaped from the course, making its way back to the visiting stable area where it was recaptured. MOCHATINI was immediately attended to by the course veterinarian, having to be humanely euthanised having suffered a large laceration to the front of the left hind fetlock which then progressed to a full dislocation of the joint.

**THE UNDERBELLY** (L Douglas) - Whilst MOCHATINI was being freed, briefly escaped from the start being quickly recaptured.

Due to the veterinarian having to leave the start area to attend to MOCHATINI along with St Johns ambulance personnel having to attend to the clerk of the course who had been injured while attempting to secure MOCHATINI, all runners, which had already been removed from the barriers, returned to the parade ring. As a result the programme was put back one race.

**THE UNDERBELLY** (L Douglas) - Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination being passed fit to run.

**MY ZOI** (L Sutherland) - Slow away.

**FREE BEE** (B Rogerson) - Jumped away awkwardly, losing its footing behind. Tailed the field throughout, finishing a distant last. When questioned regarding performance rider advised the mare had felt disinterested. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**Race 8**

**VETS ON RIVERBANK HANDICAP 2100m**

**MCDREAMY** – T Taiaroa replaced C Grylls due to a flight commitment affected by the programme going back a race.

**MALFURION** (J Riddell) - Began awkwardly and got back.

**ALBUFEIRA** (L Allpress) - Slow away.

**NEVER FEAR** (C Dell) - Raced keenly in the early stages.

**IZZIE'S BEAU** (B Rogerson) - Raced three-wide without cover prior to being taken forward to lead towards the end of the back straight.

**HELLUVAH RETURN** (C Butler) - Raced in restricted room in the early part of the home straight prior to gaining clear running near the 200 metres.

**ALL IN BLACKBERRY** (L Sutherland) - Shifted in abruptly when struck with the whip near the 250 metres. Stewards were satisfied the inward movement was beyond the control of L Sutherland.

Following the running of the race the rider of the 1<sup>st</sup>= placed LOVE NESST, J Doyle, lodged a protest with the Adjudicator alleging interference near the 250 metres by ALL IN BLACKBERRY also placed 1<sup>st</sup>=. After considering submissions the Adjudicator upheld the protest relegating ALL IN BLACKBERRY to 2<sup>nd</sup> placing. Final placings now read 1<sup>st</sup> LOVE NESST, 2<sup>nd</sup> ALL IN BLACKBERRY 3<sup>rd</sup> ALBUFEIRA.

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