



# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Levin Racing Club @ Otaki Racecourse  
**Date:** Thursday, 19 December 2024  
**Weather:** Fine  
**Track:** Soft 5, Upgraded to Good 4 following Race 3.  
**Rail:** Out 5 metres  
**Stewards:** N Goodwin, K Jillings (Trainee), R Greig (Trainee)  
**Vet:** E Simpson BVSc  
**Op Support:** S Shirriffs

## SUMMARY

**Suspensions:** Race 2 **C Dell** SPECIAL SAKURA  
Careless riding 150 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 22-30/12, 6 days  
5 **L Hemi** FASHION SAVVY  
Excessive use of whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] Suspended 30/12-4/1, 5 days

**Fines:** Race 2 **M Lerner** ALBAROSSA  
Arm above shoulder [Rule 638(3)(f)(ii)] \$250

**Warnings:** Race 1 **L Douglas** STONE THE CROWS  
Weighed in 0.6kg overweight [Rule 648(5)] (Minor Infringement Schedule)  
4 **R Elliot** UNCLE ARCH  
Shifting ground 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

**Protests:** Race 2 **ALBAROSSA** 2<sup>nd</sup> vs **SPECIAL SAKURA** 1<sup>st</sup>  
Dismissed

**Request for Ruling:** Nil

**Horse Actions:** Race 1 **CHISORA**  
Warning – racing manners

**Follow Up:** Nil

**Rider Changes:** Nil

**Late Scratchings:**

**Medical Certificates:**

**Swabbing:** STONE THE CROWS, SPECIAL SAKURA, MANZOR BLUE, LINARA, DEE VEE PEE, TITLED, LOHNAGAN, BLUE RATA BOLDNESS.

## GENERAL

Nothing to report

## SUPPLEMENTARY

### Wellington Racing Club @ Trentham, Saturday 7 December 2024

#### Race 8 TAB MUFHASA CLASSIC (G1) 1600m

**EL VENCEDOR (J Doyle)** – Stable representative Mr. R Mildon reported to Stewards, that on Monday 9 December, EL VENCEDOR, underwent a veterinary examination which included blood tests with no abnormalities being detected. R. Mildon further advised it is the stables intention to look to nominate EL VENCEDOR for the Otaki-Maori RC meeting on Thursday 26 December.

**TOWN CRYER (L Currie)** – Trainer Mr. R Bergerson reported to Stewards, he was satisfied with the post-race condition of TOWN CRYER, and it is his intention to carry on with the mare’s current preparation. R. Bergerson further advised it is his intention to nominate TOWN CRYER for the Manawatu RC meeting on Saturday 21 December.

**Wairarapa Racing Club @ Tauherenikau, Wednesday 11 December 2024**

**Race 4 STRAIGHT FLUSH PLUMBING 1600m**

**ZIGGY KHAN (L Allpress)** – Stable representative Mr. S O’Malley advised Stewards, the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of ZIGGY KHAN, and it is the stables intention to carry on with the mare’s current preparation.

**Race 8 WAIRARAPA MUSIC IN THE COUNTRY 10-12 JANUARY 2025 2200m**

**SONGWRITER (M Hashizume)** – Trainer Mr. F Auret reported to Stewards, he was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding, however, SONGWRITER has now been sent for a spell.

**Manawatu Racing Club @ Trentham, Sunday 15 December 2024**

**Race 2 ROTHLEY MAIDEN 1300m**

**SOL DE OTONO (L Allpress)** – Co-trainer Ms. L Zydenbos advised Stewards, the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of SOL DE OTONO, and it is their intention to carry on with the mare’s current preparation.

**RACE COMMENTS**

**Race 1 UZABUS MAIDEN 1200m**

**STONE THE CROWS (L Douglas)** - Began awkwardly, contacting BERNARDO.

**BERNARDO (M Hudson)** - Contacted at the start.

**SUNSHINE ALE (L Sutherland)** - Raced keenly when three-wide. Made the bend near the 800 metres and 400 metres awkwardly. Rider reported the filly raced greenly throughout. Lost the off-fore plate during the running.

**JUST BEN (A Mudhoo)** - Slow to begin.

**CHISORA (H Grace)** - Slow to begin. Raced greenly in the home straight, laying outwards over the final 200 metres and finished near the outside fence, losing considerable ground. Connections were advised a warning has been placed against the gelding’s racing manners.

**SELAPHANE (M Singh)** - Restrained off heels passing the 900 metres.

**A Mudhoo (JUST BEN)** - Spoken to regarding his whip use in the home straight (arm above shoulder).

**L Douglas (STONE THE CROWS)** - Issued with a warning under the Minor Infringement Schedule in that he weighed in 0.6kg over the weight at which he weighed out.

**Race 2 HAPPY HIRE 3YO MAIDEN 1200m**

**ALBAROSSA (M Lerner)** - Began awkwardly, contacting CASTA SHADOW. Dictated outwards inside the final 150 metres when SPECIAL SAKURA shifted outwards under hard riding.

**CASTA SHADOW (A Lawson-Carroll)** - Contacted at the start.

**KAPALUA (H Grace)** - Jumped away awkwardly

**MICKEY’S TURN (M Hudson)** - Raced keenly in the early stages.

**CRUNCHY BABE** (T Allan) - Raced three-wide without cover.

**GIRL TALK** (K Hercock) - Lay outwards rounding the final bend and continued to lay outwards throughout the home straight.

**SPECIAL SAKURA** (C Dell) - Lay outwards under pressure in the home straight.

**ROYAL SOVEREIGNS** (L Sutherland) - Held up briefly near the 400 metres and finished the race off only fairly. L Sutherland was of the opinion the filly would benefit from a longer distance at this stage of its preparation. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

Following the running of the race the rider of the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed horse ALBAROSSA, M Lerner, lodged a protest with the Adjudicative Committee alleging interference in the final straight by the 1<sup>st</sup> placed horse SPECIAL SAKURA. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee dismissed the protest with the placings standing, 1<sup>st</sup> SPECIAL SAKURA, 2<sup>nd</sup> ALBAROSSA.

**C Dell** (SPECIAL SAKURA) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted SPECIAL SAKURA to shift outwards near the 150 metres dictating ALBAROSSA outwards. After hearing submissions, the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of his licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 21 December, until the conclusion of racing on Monday, 30 December, 6 national riding days.

**M Lerner** (ALBAROSSA) - Admitted a charge in that he used his whip with an action which raised the Rider's arm above shoulder height. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$250.

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>KELLY &amp; CO OTAKI MAIDEN 2100m</b>
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**SCAMANDER** (L Douglas) - Slow to begin.

**SOUND TRACK** (L Sutherland) - Restrained to obtain cover after jumping from a wide draw.

**MANZOR BLUE** (K Hercock) - Restrained to obtain cover after jumping from the outside barrier.

**ACORN** (J Mudhoo) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

**MADAM PELE** (E Sole) - Began awkwardly. Jostled with SKIPPERS CANYON near the 1900 metres.

**SKIPPERS CANYON** (R Elliot) - Improved on to heels near the 900 metres. R Elliot was spoken to regarding his contacting with MADAM PELE when shifting in leaving the straight on the first occasion.

**SIDE PIECE** (M Hudson) - Lost the near hind plate during the running.

Track Upgraded to Good 4 following Race 3.

<b>Race 4</b>	<b>PAINT IT COLOURSMART MAIDEN 1400m</b>
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**SHOCKIFF** (U Holmquist) - Slow to begin.

**GOOD CRAIC** (A Lawson-Carroll) - Began awkwardly, losing ground. Lay inwards passing the 200 metres, having to be straightened by its rider.

**DARK AND DUSTY** (J Riddell) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

**UNCLE ARCH** (R Elliot) - Slow to begin. Angled outwards approaching the 200 metres, contacting RITHIM which became unbalanced. R Elliot was shown footage of his ride and issued with a warning.

**PATRIOT** (C Dell) - Raced keenly in the early stages. Held up in the home straight when attempting a marginal run near the 250 metres and was further hampered approaching the 100 metres when DARK AND DUSTY shifted inwards marginally, simultaneously as MASAKO shifted outwards. PATRIOT went to the line without being fully tested.

**RITHIM** (H Grace) - Contacted and became unbalanced approaching the 200 metres.

**LINARA** (K Hercock) - Improved on to heels passing the 600 metres.

**R Elliot** (UNCLE ARCH) - Issued with a warning after angling his mount outwards approaching the 200 metres, contacting RITHIM, which became unbalanced.

**Race 5** | **RIVERSIDE CONSTRUCTION MAIDEN 1600m**

**RUNAWAY PRINCESS** (C Barnes) - Restrained to obtain cover after jumping from a wide draw.

**LITTLE WIZARD** (A Mudhoo) - Slow to begin.

**HIGH HEAVEN** (K Hercock) - Slow to begin.

**I PARK** (A Lawson-Carroll) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

**JUSTIFY THAT** (L Sutherland) - Improved on to heels near the 1000 metres, having to be restrained.

**L Hemi** (FASHION SAVVY) - Admitted a charge in that she struck her mount FASHION SAVVY excessively in the home straight. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of her licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Sunday, 29 December, until the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 4 January 2025, 5 national riding days.

**Race 6** | **WHEELHOUSE SPORTS BAR HOROWHENUA CHRISTMAS CUP 2100m**

**LOVE NESST** (L Hemi) - Slow to begin.

**WENEEDASHOCK** (L Douglas) - Raced keenly in the early stages.

**Race 7** | **ONTRACK HANDICAP 1300m**

**BIKINDY** (J Chung) - Restrained from a wide draw to obtain cover.

**SHARE POWER** (C Barnes) - Raced keenly in the early stages when wide prior to being taken forward.

**GET FLUNKY** (A Lawson-Carroll) - Restrained off heels passing the 800 metres.

**HEMI RIDAPEST** (L Hemi) - Raced keen in the early stages. Continuously over-raced rounding the final turn.

**ASAHI** (R Elliot) - Finished well back. R Elliot advised the gelding struggled under 60kg but in his opinion would improve with the run.

**Race 8** | **RACING THIS TIME TV ON FACEBOOK HANDICAP 1600m**

**TAKE ON** (A Riddell) - Slow to begin. Steadied when improving on to heels approaching the 600 metres.

**THE JAKKAL** (M Hudson) - Slow to begin.

**TRIGGER HAPPY** (M Singh) - Restrained to obtain cover at the start.

**RIP WHEELER** (C Barnes) - Restrained to obtain cover after jumping from a wide draw.

**UNUSUALLY PETITE** (J Chung) - Raced keenly in the early stages. Raced three-wide throughout. Dictated wider entering the home straight. J Chung reported that after racing wide throughout the mare had little left at the finish.

**FLYING CELEBRATION** (L Sutherland) - Raced keenly approaching the 1000 metres. Made the bend entering the home straight awkwardly dictating UNUSUALLY PETITE over extra ground. Lay outwards under pressure in the home straight.

**LEMAITRE** (R Elliot) - Lay outwards passing the 100 metres, having to be straightened.

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