



# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Otaki-Maori Racing Club @ Otaki  
**Date:** Thursday, 26 December 2024  
**Weather:** Showery  
**Track:** Soft 5, Downgraded to Soft 6 following Race 4, Track further Downgraded to Soft 7 following Race 5  
**Rail:** Out 5 metres  
**Stewards:** N Goodwin (Chair), K Coppins, K Jillings (Trainee), R Greig (Trainee)  
**Vet:** R Lenaghan MVB NUI  
**Op Support:** S Shirriffs

## SUMMARY

**Suspensions:** Nil  
**Fines:** Race 1 **L Sutherland** NORTHEASTERLY  
Whip use consecutive strides [Rule 638(3)(g)(ii)] \$450  
Race 5 **M Lerner** GOHUGO  
Arm above shoulder height (Rule 638(3)(f)(ii)) \$250  
**Warnings:** Race 8 **S Collett** OUR MILLY BEE  
Whip use in the home straight [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)]  
**Protests:** Nil  
**Request for Ruling:** Nil  
**Horse Actions:** Nil  
**Follow Up:** Nil  
**Rider Changes:** Nil  
**Late Scratchings:** Race 2 **LAZY**  
@ 12.20pm - veterinary advice  
Race 6 **FIELD OF GOLD**  
@ 3.12pm - due to track downgrade  
Race 7 **DUNEAGLE**  
3.02pm - due to track downgrade  
Race 8 **ZACKERY**  
@ 3.32pm - due to track downgrade  
**Medical Certificates:**  
**Swabbing:** NORTHEASTERLY, UTOPIAN WINE, ONLY THE LONELY, TRUCE, DISCOVERY BAY, SWORD IN STONE, BEDTIME STORY, WALKINTHEPARK.

## GENERAL

Nothing to report

## SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

## RACE COMMENTS

**Race 1** | **MCMILLAN EQUINE FEEDS MAIDEN 1600m**

**EL TAJIN** (J Mudhoo) - Underwent and passed a pre-race veterinary examination behind the barrier. Raced wide throughout.

**THRILLING** (S Collett) - Slow to begin.

**TU TANGATA** (M Hudson) - Slow to begin.

**CHELSEA ROSE** (M Lerner) - Raced four-wide without cover through the early stages. Held up for a short distance passing the 150 metres.

**PREDECESSOR** (K Chowdhury) - Steadied off heels approaching the 1400 metres. Tightened when attempting a marginal run which did not fully develop to the outside of EL TAJIN near the 150 metres and had to shift ground inwards to improve. J Mudhoo was shown footage of his ride in the presence of the Apprentice Mentor and advised that he is expected to straighten his mount sooner than he did on this occasion.

**ALMALANE** (T Davies) - When questioned into the disappointing run of ALMALANE, T Davies reported the gelding raced greenly in the home straight.

**L Sutherland** (NORTHEASTERLY) - Admitted a charge of using the whip in consecutive strides on her mount near the 50 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$450.

**Race 2** | **AR PAINTERS HANDICAP 2100m**

**OUR DAYMO** (M Singh) - Jumped awkwardly crowding TRAV. Contacted near the 350 metres.

**TRAV** (J Chung) - Crowded at the start losing ground.

**YELLOW JERSEY** (L Sutherland) - Made the final turn awkwardly, shifting outwards contacting OUR DAYMO prior to being straightened.

**THE PROPHET** (S Collett) - Shifted inwards under pressure near the 200 metres.

**Race 3** | **RIVERSTONE CAFE THREE YEAR OLD MAIDEN 1400m**

**BY HER RULES** (S Collett) - Slow to begin.

**ONLY THE LONELY** (J Chung) - Raced keenly having to be steadied off heels near the 1100 metres. Shifted inwards, having to be straightened, near the 100 metres.

**ROGUE ROMANCE** (A Riddell) - Raced keenly in the early stages. Lay inwards under pressure in the home straight.

**DAMIANO** (J Riddell) - Raced three-wide without cover prior to being taken forward near the 600 metres.

**Race 4** | **VETS ON RIVERBANK MAIDEN 1200m**

**TOLSTOY** (M Hudson) - Slow to begin. Raced greenly throughout, shifting inwards near the 800 metres hampering SHACKTIME.

**SHACKTIME** (L Allpress) - Jumped awkwardly, losing ground. Hampered near the 800 metres.

**TRUCE** (L Sutherland) - Shifted outwards at the start, contacting AVETA.

**AVETA** (T Davies) - Contacted at the start.

**CUT LOOSE** (K Hercock) - Lots its footing when jumping away. Raced wide without cover throughout.

**M Lerner** (JAMAICA BAY) - Shown footage and spoken to regarding his whip action in the home straight (arm above shoulder height).

Track Downgraded to Soft 6 following Race 4.

**Race 5** | **HARCOURTS OTAKI HANDICAP 1200m**

**STEAL MY THUNDER** (M Hudson) - Jumped outwards at the start contacting ARDROE. Bumped with DISCOVERY BAY near the 150 metres when both runners shifted ground under pressure.

**ARDROE** (J Riddell) - Contacted at the start. Raced keenly in the early stages. Rider advised that after racing keenly throughout the gelding had little left at the finish and was of the opinion was unsuited to today's Soft 6 conditions.

**GOHUGO** (M Lerner) - Slow to begin.

**MARACATU** (S Collett) - Crowded at the start. Rider advised that after being crowded at the start losing ground, the gelding was unable to make up any discernible ground in the home straight in the Soft track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination was clear.

**COVERMEINSUNSHINE** (M Singh) - Raced keenly going into the first bend.

**SUMOSAURUS** (K Herccock) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

**DISCOVERY BAY** (J Chung) - Held up entering the home straight. Bumped with STEAL MY THUNDER near the 150 metres when both runners shifted ground under pressure.

**CLICKETY CLICK** (T Davies) - Held up near the 150 metres until near the 100 metres.

**M Lerner** (GOHUGO) -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.

Track further Downgraded to Soft 7 following Race 5.

**Race 6** | **NEW WORLD OTAKI HANDICAP 1600m**

**HE'S A DOOZY** (A Riddell) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend and throughout the straight.

**TAVATTACK** (S Mxothwa) - Slow to begin. Steadied off heels approaching the 1200 metres, then raced keenly for a distance.

**TIMES TICKING** (J Chung) - Slipped shortly after the winning post when being eased down wide out on the track, dislodging rider J Chung who was examined and cleared to ride by St John ambulance personnel. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which was clear.

**BEAVERTOWN BOY** (L Sutherland) - Slow to begin. Shied at the dislodged rider, unbalancing rider L Sutherland, who was also dislodged. L Sutherland was examined by St John ambulance personnel and clear to ride. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which was clear.

Following the running of Race 6, Stewards and track staff inspected the area of concern shortly after the winning post, with a meeting being convened with Stewards, track staff and riders. Riders conducted a meeting after which their representative advised Stewards it was a unanimous decision to continue with the meeting.

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

**BELLES FATE** (L Allpress) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from its wide draw. Finished towards the rear. Rider was of the opinion there may be something amiss with the mare. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

**BRIDAL TRAIN** (T Davies) - Fractious in the barriers prior to the start.

**POPSAGOOSEY** (K Chowdhooory) - Raced keenly throughout.

**SEVENAYES** (J Chung) - Held up entering the home straight, having to angle inwards to gain clear racing room passing the 250 metres.

**THE SCUNNER** (J Riddell) - Finished last. When questioned regarding performance, rider was of the opinion the gelding may not have been suited to the Soft 7 track conditions. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which was clear.

**Race 8**

**THE TELE OTAKI HANDICAP 2300m**

**LADY'S SECRET** (M Singh) - Slow to begin. Raced wide from the 1400 metres.

**ROULADE** (E Sole) - Contacted the gates as the start was made, losing ground.

**LOVEHELEN** (T Davies) - Raced keenly in the early stages.

**RISCHIO** (L Douglas) - Improved on to heels near the 800 metres, having to be steadied.

**DANJURO** (K Chowdhooory) - Raced keenly in the early stages. Lay outwards in the home straight.

**S Collett** (OUR MILLY BEE) - Issued with warning regarding her whip use in the home straight.

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