



# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Otaki-Maori Racing Club  
**Date:** Monday, 6 January 2025  
**Weather:** Overcast  
**Track:** Soft 5  
**Rail:** True  
**Stewards:** N Goodwin (Chair), K Coppins, K Jillings (Trainee)  
**Vet:** E Simpson BVSc  
**Op Support:** S Shirriffs

## SUMMARY

**Suspensions:** Nil  
**Fines:** Nil  
**Warnings:** Race 1 **L Hemi IT'S AMELIA**  
Shifting ground 250 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]  
2 **M Lerner (I PARK)**  
Shifting ground 350 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]  
7 **L Hemi KNICKERLESS**  
Shifting ground 250 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]  
**Protests:** Nil  
**Request for Ruling:** Nil  
**Horse Actions:** Nil  
**Follow Up:** Race 6 **VESPACIAN**  
8 **STONE THE CROWS**  
**Rider Changes:** Race 5 **PREDECESSOR**  
L Sutherland replaced C Barnes (unwell)  
6 **THE BELVOIR**  
J Fawcett replaced C Barnes  
8 **STIPULATOR**  
M Lerner replaced C Barnes  
**Late Scratchings:**  
**Medical Certificates:** Required from C Barnes  
**Swabbing:** KING INCANTO, PICCOLINO, ALBAROSSA, MAD MAX, SKIPPERS CANYON, MANZOR BLUE, ELECTRON, STIPULATOR.

## GENERAL

Nothing to report

## SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

## RACE COMMENTS

**Race 1** | **THE TELE OTAKI MAIDEN 1400m**

**OUR ALI** (M Singh) - Slow to begin.

**WHOOSHKA** (L Sutherland) - Raced keenly in the early stages, getting its head up near the 1200 metres. Held up early in the home straight.

**PATRIOT** (N Parmar) - Raced keenly through the early stages. Improved onto heels passing the 400 metres and was steadied. Steadied near the 250 metres when IT'S AMELIA was angled inwards.

**QUIET ACCLAIM** (J Fawcett) - Raced wide throughout. J Fawcett reported the mare hung throughout.

**IT'S AMELIA** (L Hemi) - Awkwardly placed on heels passing the 300 metres. Held up until near the 200 metres.

**GEE FORCE** (L Allpress) - Lay outwards under pressure over the concluding stages.

**NOBLE LEE** (M Hudson) - Finished towards the rear. When questioned, rider could offer no excuse.

**TIMMY** (T Davies) - Lost the near hind plate during the running.

**L Hemi** (IT'S AMELIA) - Issued with a warning after angling her mount inwards near the 250 metres, with PATRIOT having to be steadied.

**Race 2 HARCOURTS OTAKI THREE YEAR OLD MAIDEN 1600m**

**VANRIO** (L Allpress) - Began awkwardly, hampering GOLDEN LINING. Raced wide throughout. When questioned, rider was of the opinion the gelding, which was having its first race-day start, would derive benefit from the race.

**GOLDEN LINING** (A Riddell) - Hampered at the start, losing ground.

**PICCOLINO** (M Singh) - Restrained to the rear from its wide draw.

**DIAMONDSANDPEARLS** (T Davies) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Hampered near the 350 metres when I PARK shifted outwards.

**RITHIM** (L Hemi) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**I PARK** (M Lerner) - Angled outwards near the 350 metres, briefly hampering DIAMONDSANDPEARLS. Lay outwards under pressure over the concluding stages.

**M Lerner** (I PARK) - Issued with a warning after angling his mount outwards near the 350 metres when not clear of DIAMONDSANDPEARLS, which was briefly hampered.

**Race 3 AR PAINTERS THREE YEAR OLD MAIDEN 1200m**

**BULLFER GROVE** (M Hudson) - Began awkwardly, coming together with MELTEMI and losing ground.

**MELTEMI** (K Hercock) - Began awkwardly, coming together with BULLFER GROVE

**TURN IT UP** (L Sutherland) - Began awkwardly, losing ground. Raced greenly through the middle stages.

**Race 4 McMILLAN EQUINE FEEDS MAIDEN 1200m**

**PIKO BISQUIT** (C Dell) - Slow to begin.

**ROSEMARY FIZZ** (U Holmquist) - Slow to begin.

**FLIGHT JAZZ** (L Allpress) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**TOLSTOY** (M Singh) - Lay inwards under pressure over the concluding stages.

**JAMAICA BAY** (M Lerner) - Rider advised the gelding could not be ridden out fully due to its tendency to hang.

**Race 5** | **NEW WORLD OTAKI MAIDEN 2100m**

**SKIPPERS CANYON** (K HercocK) - Slow to begin.

**TAUPO DANCER** (M Lerner) - Raced wide through the early and middle stages. Lost its footing near the 1500 metres.

**COLIN THE FOX** (E Sole) - Raced wide through the early and middle stages.

**DUBAI'S POTIKI** (C Dell) - Raced keenly when leading. Lay outwards passing the 150 metres, having to be straightened.

**SIDE PIECE** (M Hudson) - Improved on to heels passing the 1200 metres and again near the 800 metres, having to be steadied on both occasions.

Following the running of Race 5, Rider M Lerner reported that his mount had lost its footing near the 1500 metres but was unsure if it was track related. A subsequent track inspection by Stewards, Track Staff and Riders was conducted with no evidence of movement being found with the decision being made to continue the meeting.

**Race 6** | **CAVALLO FARMS CHRIS RUTTEN BLOODSTOCK HANDICAP 2100m**

**VESPACIAN** (L Allpress) - Slow to begin. Finished towards the rear. When questioned, rider was of the opinion there may be something amiss with the mare. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

**MOSSRAAJ** (M Hudson) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**THE BELVOIR** (J Fawcett) - Raced wide throughout.

**MANZOR BLUE** (K HercocK) - Held up early in the home straight.

**SABOTS D'OR** (L Sutherland) - Lay inwards near the 400 metres. Finished towards the rear. Rider could offer no excuse.

**Race 7** | **VETS ON RIVERBANK HANDICAP 1600m**

**TITICACA** (M Hudson) - Slow to begin.

**KNICKERLESS** (L Hemi) - Slow to begin.

**TRANZED** (E Sole) - Slow to begin and then raced wide.

**STRINGLINE** (K HercocK) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**BETTERBEYOU** (L Sutherland) - Hampered near the 250 metres when KNICKERLESS was angled outwards. When questioned into the disappointing run, L Sutherland advised that although the mare raced mid-field, she was of the opinion BETTERBEYOU is better suited to being ridden further back. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the mare to be in season.

**KNICKERLESS** (L Hemi) - Angled outwards near the 250 metres, hampering BETTERBEYOU. Held up until passing the 200 metres.

**L Hemi** (KNICKERLESS) - Issued with a warning after angling her mount outwards near the 250 metres, hampering BETTERBEYOU.

**Race 8**

**ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES 1400m**

**STIPULATOR** (M Lerner) - Began awkwardly, hampering DENDO and HAYATE. Lay outwards over the concluding stages.

**DENDO** (M Hudson) - Hampered at the start. Finished last. When questioned, M Hudson could not offer any tangible excuse other than the 59kg impost today. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which was clear.

**HAYATE** (L Allpress) - Hampered at the start. Contacted passing the 400 metres. Lay inwards under pressure over the concluding stages. Finished towards the rear. When questioned, L Allpress confirmed that after receiving contact passing the 400 metres, the mare had failed to respond.

**GET FUNKY** (C Dell) - Began awkwardly.

**FREYJA'S GODDESS** (E Sole) - Raced wide throughout.

**SAY I DO** (J Fawcett) - Lay outwards near the 400 metres, contacting HAYATE.

**STONE THE CROWS** (L Douglas) - Finished towards the rear. When questioned, L Douglas advised that in his opinion the filly was better suited to 1200 metres as this point in its preparation. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a slow recovery rate.

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