



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Whangarei Racing Club at Ruakaka
Date: Tuesday, 7 January 2025
Weather: Fine
Track: Good 4, upgraded to Good 3 following Race 2
Rail: Out 2 metres 800m to 400m, remainder True
Stewards: A Dooley (Chair), B Jones, G Stewart
Vet: V Beck BVSc, A Parkinson
Op Support: K Verner

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Race 6 **J Nishizuka** PLEASE SIR
Careless riding 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 11/1 - 16/1, 4 days

Fines: Nil
Warnings: Nil
Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 3 **FALCONS STAR**
Required to barrier trial (uncompetitive)
3 **PREFER YOU**
Warning, racing manners
5 **BENJI**
Required to barrier trial (racing manners)

Follow Up: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 1 **TURNMEON**
N Hailey replaced R Goyaram (injured)
3 **HARD ATTACK**
B Rogerson replaced R Goyaram
4 **MOOD CHANGER**
G Rooke replaced R Goyaram
7 **LET IT BEGIN**
B Rogerson replaced R Goyaram

Late Scratchings: Nil
Medical Certificates: Received from C Barnes
Swabbing: CARISBROOKE CASTLE, GRAPHIC, PERFECT DIVIDENDS, SAKO, MIRABELLA, PURE DELIGHT, LET IT BEGIN

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 RUAKAKA RACES WHERE THE TURF MEETS THE SURF 1600

There was a 2 minute delay to the start of this race due to MATETSI having to be resaddled at the barriers.

HEART OF ALLADIN (J Fawcett) - Slow to begin. Raced keenly through the middle stages. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that she was disappointed with the gelding's effort and could offer no explanation.

DON'S LEGACY (T Newman) - Got its head up for a distance when being restrained near the 1300 metres.

CARISBROOKE CASTLE (G Rooke) - Raced keenly through the middle stages.

Race 2	NORTHLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS MAIDEN 1200
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PATSY'S DREAM (J Fawcett) – Steadied after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of EVA MAGICAL which shifted in passing the 700 metres. G Rooke was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

GO EASY (T Mitchell) - Had to be steadied near the 700 metres when racing to the inside of PATSY'S DREAM.

MISS SETH (T Newman) - Shifted widest on the track to obtain clear running entering the final straight.

TRANSATLANTIC (U Holmquist) – Raced greenly when placed under pressure in the final straight having to be straightened by its rider on several occasions.

LIKAVA (R Hutchings) - Not persevered with over the final 200 metres when out of contention. When questioned, rider advised that the mare was unsuited by today's good track conditions, and he had recommended to connections to remove the ear covers prior to racing next. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

Following this race the track was upgraded to Good 3.

Race 3	FIRECO MAIDEN 1200
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HARD ATTACK (B Rogerson) - Slow to begin.

SKIDDLYDOO (R Hutchings) – Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

SHAVASANA (M Hashizume) – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

FALCONS STAR (R Elliot) - Hung outwards throughout. Raced greenly in the final straight and was not persevered with when a distant last. Connections were advised the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

SELF ESTEEM (N Yuen) - Raced greenly passing the 200 metres when placed under pressure.

VENT DIVIN (G Rooke) - Rider reported that the mare hung outwards during the running.

PREFER YOU (C Barnes) - Rider reported that the filly hung inwards throughout causing her difficulty. Eased down by its rider when out of contention over the final 200 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed superficial abrasions to the nostril. Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the filly's racing manners.

Race 4	HIREPOOL 1400
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MOOD CHANGER (G Rooke) – Slow to begin. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

KISZKAH (K Myers) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

PERSIFLAGE (J Doyle) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare may be feeling the effects of recent racing. Trainer S Mynott advised that it is her intention that the mare will now be sent for a spell.

Race 5

WHANGARIPO VALLEY FREE RANGE EGG CUP RACE MAIDEN 3YO 1400

BENJI (L Satherley) - Shifted outwards shortly after the start forcing GUIPAGO wider on the track. Ran wide when making the bend near the 950 metres and continued to hang outwards for a distance. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding hung outwards placing her at a disadvantage. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. Connections were advised the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

GUIPAGO (M Hashizume) – Hampered and forced wider shortly after the start losing ground. Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 700 metres. Held up for clear running until passing the 300 metres.

STAR SMILE (G Rooke) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

APPROACHING (U Holmquist) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend before shifting across heels to obtain clear running early in the straight.

THE PEN IS MIGHTY (M Sanson) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

MARANELLO (R Elliot) - Raced greenly and shied away from the running rail near the 700 metres. Held up rounding the final bend.

Race 6

TRIGG CONSTRUCTION NORTHLAND CUP 2100

There was a 5 minute delay to the start of this race due to a mechanical issue with the tractor.

BELLA LUCE (M Hashizume) - Stewards accepted the Trainer's explanation for the late declaration of rider on this occasion.

ALL SHOOK UP (N Hailey) - Slow to begin. Came together with SUNSET BOULEVARD for a distance early in the final straight. Had difficulty obtaining clear running for the majority of the final straight.

PURE DELIGHT (G Rooke) - Slow to begin. Held up until near the 200 metres.

PLEASE SIR (J Nishizuka) - Raced three wide without cover from near the 1400 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a laceration to the right hind leg.

SUNSET BOULEVARD (R Elliot) - Came together with ALL SHOOK UP for a distance early in the final straight.

SPRING QUEEN (T Newman) - Came together with NO PLAN BE for a distance in the final straight. Checked near the 200 metres.

NO PLAN BE (K Myers) - Came together with SPRING QUEEN for a distance in the final straight. Had difficulty obtaining clear running for the majority of the final straight.

BECAUSE (R Hutchings) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running for the majority of the final straight.

J Nishizuka (PLEASE SIR) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of SPRING QUEEN which was checked near the 200 metres. After considering submissions the

Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of J Nishizuka's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Friday 10 January up to and including racing on Thursday 16 January, 4 national riding days.

Race 7

LION RED MAIDEN 1400

The start of this race was delayed due to Race 6 starting late.

SCREAMINGFORAWIN (C Barnes) - Slow to begin.

KATHLEEN MARY (M Sanson) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

WHITE MASK (K Myers) - Began awkwardly.

LORD COMMANDER (N Hailey) - Hung outwards throughout. Shied away from the running rail near the 1000 metres. Rider reported that his saddle slipped forward near the 1000 metres placing him at a disadvantage. When questioned regarding his perceived lack of vigour in the final straight N Hailey confirmed that due to his saddle slipping forward, he was unable to fully test his mount.

LOVELY FRIENDS (R Hutchings) - Had to be steadied when racing keenly near the 1000 metres.

FOREVER YOUNG (M Hashizume) - Rider dropped his whip approaching the 200 metres.

There was a delay to the announcement of the official placings due a camera malfunction.

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