



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS	
Club:	Matamata Racing Club
Date:	Saturday, 15 February 2025
Weather:	Overcast
Track:	Soft 5, upgraded to Good 4 following Race 2
Rail:	True
Stewards:	A Dooley (Chair), J Oatham, G Stewart, D Morris (Assistant)
Vet:	R McQuillan MVB, R Kerr BVS
Op Support:	K Verner

SUMMARY	
Suspensions:	Race 3 W Kennedy DAYLIGHT ROBBERY Careless riding 900 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 24/2 - 7/3, 7 days
Fines:	Race 4 M Lerner KING OF THE NORTH Unable to make weight [Rule 346(3)] \$100 (Minor Infringement)
Warnings:	Race 1 C Barnes MID OCEAN Whip use on a runner out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)]
	4 T Moodley SOLIDIFY Whip use on a runner out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)]
	8 T Newman DODDLE Whip use on a runner out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)]
	8 H Grace SASSY LASS Whip use on a runner out of contention [Rule 638(3)(f)(iii)]
Protests:	Nil
Request for Ruling:	Nil
Horse Actions:	Race 1 LET IT BEGIN Epistaxis. 3 month stand down from racing or trialling, 2 month stand down from exercise. Veterinary clearance required
	5 PHELAN THE POWER Humanely euthanised
	7 INTENTION Required to barrier trial
Follow Up:	Race 1 CYPHER
	9 RAVELLO
Rider Changes:	Race 4 SOLIDIFY T Moodley replaced N Hailey (injured)
	4 KING OF THE NORTH K Stott replaced M Lerner (overweight)
	9 MOSINVADER A Lawson-Carroll replaced N Hailey
Late Scratchings:	Nil
Medical Certificates:	Received from R Elliot Received from T Mitchell Required from N Hailey
Swabbing:	MOSCHINO, BEAST OF BURDEN, RETURN TO CONQUER, HE WHO DARES, BALANCE OF POWER, NICCONI COUNTY, LEGARTO, ACQUARELLO, LA DORADA, TO CAP IT ALL, WHAT YOU WISH FOR, WOLFGANG, DESERT MYSTIC, MOSINVADER

GENERAL

Due to injury yesterday at Taranaki, N Hailey will no longer be riding at today's meeting. N Hailey is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.

SUPPLEMENTARY**Racing Tauranga @ Tauranga – Friday, 7 February 2025****Race 4 J.A. RUSSELL LTD MAIDEN 2100m**

SONORAN (L Satherley) – Trainer V Prendergast advised Stewards SONORAN had blood tests taken on Saturday 8 February with no abnormalities being detected. V Prendergast further advised SONORAN has now been sent for a spell.

Race 6 EMAC ELECTRICAL 1200m

NOT IDEAL (N Yuen) - Trainer K Harrison reported to Stewards he was satisfied with the post-race condition of the gelding, however, has now been retired as a racing proposition from his stable.

Waikato Thoroughbred Racing @ Te Rapa – Saturday, 8 February 2025**Race 8 BCD GROUP SPRINT WFA 1400m (G1)**

LUBERON (W Kennedy) – Trainer L Noble reported to Stewards he was satisfied with the post-race condition of LUBERON, and at this stage will carry on with the mare's preparation.

Race 9 DR JOHN SOUTHWORTH MEMORIAL VASE

WHISKEY 'N' ROSES (S Spratt) – Trainer J Surgenor reported to Stewards that on Tuesday 11 February, WHISKEY 'N' ROSES underwent a veterinary examination with no abnormalities being detected and on Thursday 13 February was examined and treated by the chiropractor for general soreness. J Surgenor further advised WHISKEY 'N' ROSES has not partaken in any exercise this week, however, will look to resume the gelding with light trackwork next week.

RACE COMMENTS**Race 1****ANCROFT DEVELOPMENTS 1400**

THE SKY ABOVE (M Cartwright) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Over-raced through the middle stages. Had to be steadied passing the 900 metres. Had to be steadied when AMYER STAR (K Stott) shifted inwards, and CYPHER (C Grylls) shifted outwards approaching the 200 metres. Riders K Stott and C Grylls were advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances.

DRAMATIC MISS (S Spratt) - Raced wide without cover through the early and middle stages.

CYPHER (C Grylls) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to have a laceration to the left hind leg and was transferred to a local veterinary clinic for further treatment. Stewards will follow up with connections on the post-race condition of the filly in the coming days.

LET IT BEGIN (T Mitchell) - Returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to have experienced an episode of Epistaxis. LET IT BEGIN shall not be ridden in exercise for a period of two months or start in any race or trial for a period of three months and then only after a satisfactory gallop of at least 1000 metres in the presence of a Veterinarian.

C Barnes (MID OCEAN) - Issued with a warning for using her whip on a runner that was out of contention.

Authorisation of dividends was withheld by Stewards who requested the Judge to review his decision for second and third placings. After reviewing all available evidence, the Judge amended placings with the official result then being declared as 1st MOSCHINO, 2nd AMYER STAR, 3rd CYPHER with dividends to be paid accordingly.

Race 2 | **RICH HILL STUD 1200**

KERETI (W Kennedy) - Jumped away awkwardly. Over-raced through the early and middle stages. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight. When questioned regarding the performance rider confirmed that the gelding over-raced through the early and middle stages which had impacted on its finishing effort.

FLAMING PASSION (J Fawcett) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages.

FOXGLOVE (G Rooke) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

DELOREAN (J Nishizuka) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

HAPPY MISSION (J Doyle) - Held up for clear running throughout the final straight.

COLONEL WARDEN (M McNab) - Held up for clear running until near the 100 metres.

HUZZAH (V Colgan) - Lost the left front plate during the running.

Following this race the track was upgraded to Good 4.

Race 3 | **FAIRVIEW MATAMATA SLIPPER 2YO C&G 1200 (G3)**

AMMIRATI (R Hutchings) – Checked when crowded near the 900 metres.

W Kennedy (DAYLIGHT ROBBERY) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of AMMIRATI which was checked near the 900 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of W Kennedy's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Sunday 23 February up to and including racing on Friday 7 March, 7 national riding days.

Race 4 | **GAVELHOUSE 2000**

SOLIDIFY (T Moodley) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground. Came together for a distance with TAVI ANN early in the final straight.

UNEQUIVOCAL (M McNab) – Jumped away awkwardly making contact with SOLIDIFY, losing ground.

KING OF THE NORTH (K Stott) - Slow away.

TREATY OF PARIS (M Cartwright) - Slow away.

CORUBA JAK (J Nishizuka) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

TAVI ANN (C Grylls) - Came together for a distance with SOLIDIFY early in the final straight.

G Rooke (HASSTOBEPERFECT) - Spoken to advisedly regarding his whip use in the final straight.

T Moodley (SOLIDIFY) - Issued with a warning for using his whip on a runner that was out of contention.

M Lerner (KING OF THE NORTH) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$100 after failing to make the weight on KING OF THE NORTH. M Lerner was replaced by K Stott.

Race 5	PRICE RACING 1400
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KIVA HAN (U Holmquist) – Blundered leaving the barriers. Raced three wide without cover through the early and middle stages.

SUPER SCHEME (J Doyle) - Blundered leaving the barriers losing ground. Hung outwards for a distance from the 800 metres placing its rider at a disadvantage.

LIVID SKY (C Grylls) - Slow away. Hampered rounding the final bend.

FIRST DANCE (W Kennedy) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground. Hampered and forced wider near the 400 metres. Lay inwards when placed under pressure over the final 100 metres.

BUTTERFIELD (S Spratt) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Forced wider on the track entering the final straight.

HARD ROCA (R Elliot) - Checked off the heels of PHELAN THE POWER losing ground rounding the final bend.

PHELAN THE POWER (T Mitchell) - Faltered and went amiss when racing free of interference near the 400 metres. Was eased down by its rider and retired from the race. PHELAN THE POWER was immediately attended to by the oncourse Veterinarian with the Horse Ambulance being deployed. The gelding was found to have suffered a ruptured suspensory apparatus to the left fore leg with PHELAN THE POWER being humanely euthanised. Rider T Mitchell was uninjured.

Race 6	LISA CHITTICK CHAMPAGNE STAKES F&M 1400 (Listed Race)
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IRISH LEGACY (G Rooke) - Slow away. Made the bend awkwardly shifting outwards near the 800 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had failed to respond when placed under pressure in the final straight.

FROSTFAIR (W Kennedy) - Slow away. Raced keenly through the middle stages. Held up for clear running until passing the 150 metres.

PROVENCE (S Spratt) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages after jumping from a wide barrier. Made the bend awkwardly near the 800 metres having to be restrained. Had difficulty obtaining clear running for the majority of the final straight.

MY LIPS ARE SEALED (J Doyle) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages after jumping from a wide barrier.

ARDALIO (M McNab) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages after jumping from a wide barrier. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages getting its head up on several occasions. Lay inwards just short of the finish line.

BEDTIME STORY (L Sutherland) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

LUX LIBERTAS (H Grace) – Raced three wide without cover from the 800 metres.

IMPREVU (T Mitchell) - Briefly inconvenienced passing the 150 metres.

MOVING MELODY (M Cartwright) - Inconvenienced having to be steadied over the concluding stages.

SKEW WIFF (R Hutchings) - Had to be steadied off the heels of ARDALIO just short of the finish line.

KARMAN LINE (K Stott) - When questioned, rider advised that the mare felt indifferent in its action in the final straight. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

Connections of the fourth placed runner FROSTFAIR viewed Stewards video footage of the final straight before electing not to proceed with a protest.

Race 7 | J SWAP CONTRACTORS LTD MATAMATA BREEDER'S STAKES 2YOF 1200 (G2)

INTENTION (L Sutherland) - Very slow to begin losing several lengths. Trainer M Breslin was advised the filly would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

TALE OF THE GYPSY (M Cartwright) - Hampered leaving the barriers when LA DORADA jumped outwards losing ground as a result.

LA DORADA (M McNab) - Jumped away awkwardly shifting outwards abruptly. Lay out rounding the final bend.

BORN TO BE ROYAL (R Hutchings) - Slow away.

TO CAP IT ALL (S Spratt) - Over-raced when being restrained in the early stages. Forced wider rounding the final bend.

Race 8 | MATAMATA VETERINARY SERVICES KAIMAI STAKES 2000 (Listed Race)

LINGJUN XIONGFENG (G Rooke) – Jumped away awkwardly hampering TERRA MITICA. Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the final straight until inside the 100 metres.

TERRA MITICA (W Kennedy) - Hampered leaving the barriers losing ground.

DODDLE (T Newman) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages on a moderate tempo.

LOCH IN ORA (L Sutherland) – Over-raced through the early and middle stages on a moderate tempo.

SASSY LASS (H Grace) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare was unsuited by the moderate tempo of the race.

T Newman (DODDLE) - Issued with a warning for using her whip on a runner that was out of contention.

H Grace (SASSY LASS) - Issued with a warning for using his whip on a runner that was out of contention.

Race 9 | WESTBURY STUD 1600

MOSINVADER (A Lawson-Carroll) - Slow away. Held up rounding the final bend.

LEROY BROWN (U Holmquist) – Jumped away awkwardly.

DON PAULY (J Doyle) - Slow away.

DESERT MYSTIC (K Stott) - Slow away.

PAX MUNDI (G Rooke) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Contacted and forced wider when SORGHAGHTANI (K Myers) shifted ground outwards near the 600 metres. K Myers was advised to exercise greater when shifting ground. Eased down and not persevered with in the final straight when out of contention. When questioned regarding the performance rider could offer no explanation. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

SORGHAGHTANI (K Myers) - Shifted outwards contacting PAX MUNDI which was forced wider on the track near the 600 metres.

RAVELLO (R Hutchings) – Eased down and not persevered with in the final straight when out of contention. When questioned regarding the performance rider could offer no explanation. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. Stewards will follow up with connections on the post-race condition of the gelding in the coming days.

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