



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Matamata Racing Club @ Matamata
Date: Saturday, 1 March 2025
Weather: Cloudy
Track: Soft 5, Upgraded to Good 4 following Race 2
Rail: Out 3 metres
Stewards: B Jones (Chair), A Dooley, G Stewart, D Morris (Assistant)
Vet: R McQuillan MVB
Op Support: S Shirriffs

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Nil
Fines: Race 2 **S Marsh TAMDIU**
Late declaration of rider [Rule 537(a)] \$150
Warnings: Race 1 **L Satherley EMPHATIC**
Weighed in 0.5kg overweight [Rule 648(5)]
Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil
Horse Actions: Race 4 **SASSY LASS**
Veterinary clearance required
5 **NOT STRAIGHT LACED**
Warning – barrier manners
5 **BELLA VOCE**
Veterinary clearance required
6 **STRANGE LOVE**
Required to barrier trial
6 **SABRINA HALL**
Cardiac arrhythmia – Veterinary clearance required prior to trialling or racing next
Follow Up: Race 1 **VOLTESSA**
3 **FUN NEVER SETS**
4 **LINGJUN XIONGFENG**
5 **NICCONI COUNTY**
Rider Changes: Race 3 **MID OCEAN**
G Rooke replaced W Pinn (miscommunication)
Late Scratchings: Race 5 **PIPPY**
@ 1.29pm - Veterinary advice
5 **BELLA VOCE**
@ 2.57pm - Veterinary advice
Medical Certificates: Received from W Pinn
Swabbing: PERSPECTIVE, ST GILES, LIVID SKY, DODDLE, DECEMBER, BRITANNIA GOLD, HERBERT, LEROY BROWN.

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Matamata Racing Club @ Matamata, Saturday 15 February 2025

Race 1 ANCROFT DEVELOPMENTS 1400m

CYPHER (C Grylls) – Co-trainer Mr. A Scott reported to Stewards, the gelding has now left the local veterinary clinic and is recovering well, however, CYPHER has now been retired from racing.

Auckland Thoroughbred Racing @ Pukekohe Park, Sunday 23 February 2025

Race 6 HORIZON BY SKYCITY

AGE OF DISCOVERY (M McNab) - Te Akau Racing Manager Mr. R Trumper advised Stewards, although the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of the colt, AGE OF DISCOVERY is scheduled to be gelded on Friday 28 February and then will be sent for a spell.

Taupo Racing Club @ Taupo, Wednesday 25 February 2025

Race 3 WATER SERVICES NZ

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the reasons why RUE DE RIVOLI (R Hutchings) clipped a heel and fell near the 800 metres. After interviewing rider R Hutchings, it was established that YOUNG DIVA had shifted in abruptly passing the 1000 metres when being steadied by its rider to obtain cover. Then passing the 800 metres YOUNG DIVA had commenced to lay inwards away from the heels of SUMAJE despite the efforts of its rider who had turned YOUNG DIVA'S head outwards as RUE DE RIVOLI had attempted to improve to its inside, resulting in RUE DE RIVOLI clipping a heel of YOUNG DIVA and falling. After considering the matter Stewards found the primary reason for R Hutchings being dislodged from his mount was due to the racing manners of YOUNG DIVA and culpability could not be attributed to its rider. Given the racing manners of YOUNG DIVA during the incident, Trainer A Wright was advised that YOUNG DIVA would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 | **PROPERTY BROKERS MAIDEN 1600m**

NASHA MALA (J Fawcett) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

IVY'S DANCER (M Hashizume) - Held up rounding the final bend.

VOLTESSA (V Colgan) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination, including an endoscopic examination, which revealed mucus in the trachea and a delayed recovery.

L Satherley (EMPHATIC) - Issued with a warning after she weighed in 0.5kg over the weight at which she weighed out.

Race 2 | **MIMICO MAIDEN 1400m**

LA PRIMA DAMA (G Rooke) - Slow to begin.

ALADDINS JEM (K Stott) - Began awkwardly, losing ground.

CAROوبا MAWHOوبا (L Satherley) - Raced keenly through the middle stages.

CAPTAIN STAN (M McNab) - Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to sit outside the leader near the 900 metres.

THE SKY ABOVE (S Spratt) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

MY SHARONA (M Hashizume) - Raced three-wide without cover from the 900 metres.

S Marsh (TAMDIU) - Admitted a charge in that he failed to declare a rider for TAMDIU by the required time. After hearing submissions, the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$150.

Track Upgraded to Good 4 following Race 2.

Race 3 | **COLCHESTER 2000m**

BILLY BUNTER (V Colgan) - Slow to begin.

MID OCEAN (G Rooke) - Crowded shortly after the start, losing ground. Contacted and unbalanced near the 250 metres by BEAU ONDAGO which shifted outwards and away from FUN NEVER SETS, which was dictated outwards by JOYOLA (U Holmquist). Also inconvenienced and forced wider was YOU KNOW. U Holmquist was advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances.

SPINAYARN (L Sutherland) - Crowded shortly after the start, losing ground.

YOU KNOW (T Moodley) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover after jumping from the outside barrier. Inconvenienced and forced wider near the 250 metres.

FUN NEVER SETS (S Spratt) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

JOYOLA (U Holmquist) - Held up round the final bend.

APACHE ANNE (T Mitchell) - Held up rounding the final bend and early in the straight.

BEAU ONDAGO (A Lawson-Carroll) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

Race 4 | **MATAMATA FUNCTION CENTRE 2000m**

DODDLE (T Newman) - Crowded shortly after the start, losing ground. Briefly held up near the 400 metres.

SPECIAL SWEY (U Holmquist) - Raced three-wide without cover through the early and middle stages.

LINGUN XIONGFENG (G Rooke) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the entire had not travelled comfortably throughout and had failed to respond when placed under pressure. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination revealed the entire to be coughing.

SASSY LASS (M Hashizume) - When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no excuse, adding that the mare had been disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the mare to be 2/5 lame in the right hind leg. Co-Trainer A Scott was advised that veterinary clearance would be required prior to SASSY LASS racing or trialling next.

FLAMENCO (S Spratt) - Raced in restricted room entering the final straight, when weakening. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that in her opinion the mare had held its breath during the running and had failed to respond when placed under pressure. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 5 | **FAIRVIEW MATAMATA 1200m**

BELLA VOCE (M McNab) - Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination at the barriers after the rider reported that the mare had felt indifferent in its action, being declared a late scratching at 2.57pm on veterinary advice. Connections were advised that a veterinary clearance will be required prior to the mare trialling or racing next.

LORD WEYBURN (T Mitchell) - Began awkwardly, losing ground.

NOT STRAIGHT LACED (M Hashizume) - Reared as the start was effected, losing several lengths. Connections were advised that a warning will be placed on the mare's barrier manners.

MISS BO PEEP (C Grylls) - Raced keenly in the early stages. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a slow recovery.

NICCONI COUNTY (T Moodley) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination, including an endoscopic examination which revealed the gelding to have significant mucus in the trachea.

Following the running of the race, connections of NOT STRAIGHT LACED requested a ruling regarding whether the mare had received a fair start. During the hearing, after viewing several replays and hearing from rider M Hashizume, connections sought approval to withdraw the request for a ruling after they formed the view that NOT STRAIGHT LACE had reared and been slow to begin of its own accord, the Adjudicative Committee granted this request with NOT STRAIGHT LACE being declared a starter.

Race 6 | **MITRE 10 MATAMATA 1400m**

The start of this race was put back 1 minute at the request of the TAB Raceday Control.

STRANGE LOVE (J Fawcett) - Declared a late scratching at 3.38pm after refusing to load. Connections were advised STRANGE LOVE must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

SABRINA HALL (M Hashizume) - Began awkwardly, losing ground. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had travelled comfortable throughout, however had failed to respond when placed under pressure. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the mare to have suffered cardiac arrhythmia. Connections were advised that SABRINA HALL will not be permitted to start in any race or trial until a veterinary certificate declaring the horse free of any cardiac arrhythmia following a gallop of 1000 metres.

PERFECT DIVIDENDS (S Spratt) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

BRITANNIA GOLD (L Sutherland) - Came together with TOSSUFORIT near the 300 metres.

TOSSUFORIT (M McNab) - Came together with BRITANNIA GOLD near the 300 metres.

STILL BANGON (V Colgan) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

HIGH ELATION (G Rooke) - When questioned regarding performance, the rider could offer no excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination including an endoscopic examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 7 | **COMAG WAIRERE FALLS CLASSIC 1500m**

ISLAND HOP (T Moodley) - Began awkwardly, losing ground. Rider lost the use of his right iron through the early and middle stages, regaining it near the 800 metres.

OUTOVSTOCK (T Mitchell) - Slow to begin.

KOPUA (L Sutherland) - Slow to begin. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had felt flat throughout and had failed to respond when placed under pressure. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

THE ODYSSEY (G Rooke) - Slow to begin.

QUALITY TIME (W Pinn) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

NAVIGATOR (R Elliot) - Held up early in the final straight before attempting to improve into a marginal run near the 150 metres, having to be firmly restrained after SHAMUS shifted out slightly, making contact with NAVIGATOR, with both runners becoming unbalanced. Also contributing was slight inward movement from FLY MY WEY. R Elliot was advised to exercise care in similar circumstances.

SHAMUS (S Spratt) - Contacted and unbalanced passing the 150 metres.

Race 8

ANCROFT DEVELOPMENTS 1600m

DESERT MYSTIC (K Stott) - Slow to begin. Lost the right hind plate during the running.

HAMMER TIME (N Yuen) - Crowded shortly after the start, losing ground.

COGNITO (S Mxothwa) - Slow to begin.

UP THE ANTI (R Elliot) - Raced wide through the early and middle stages.

TAKESHI (G Rooke) - Lost the left fore plate during the running.

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