



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Ashburton Racing Club at Ashburton
Date: Thursday, 12 March 2026
Weather: Fine
Track: Good 4
Rail: Out 3 metres
Stewards: V Fisher (Chair), M Davidson, J Oatham, R Haley
Vet: Dr A Corser

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	9	K Kwo AN MORRIGHAN Careless riding 1300 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 16/3-1/4 2026, 9 days
Fines:	Race	6	J & K Parsons HEY MICKEY Presented runner without a lead bag [Rule 614(2)] \$300
Warnings:			Canterbury Jockey Club, Wednesday 18 February 2026
	Race	2	Y Atchamah CANTERBURY FLIGHT Shifting ground 1000 metres [638(1)(d)] Ashburton Racing Club, Thursday 12 March 2026
	Race	2	L Hemi RED STAR RHONDA Shifting ground concluding stages [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Race	5	LEINSTER Declared a non-runner [Rule 632]
Horse Actions:	Race	1	WESTEROS Racing manners warning
	Race	4	RABBIT HOLE Veterinary clearance required
	Race	4	ADMIRALTY Veterinary clearance required
	Race	9	GRAND CRU Veterinary clearance required
Follow Up:	Race	4	RABBIT HOLE
		4	ADMIRALTY
		9	GRAND CRU
Rider Changes:	Race	1	WESTEROS D Cooper replaced M Hudson (Miscommunication)
	Race	5	LEINSTER D Cooper replaced M Hudson
	Race	6	WORDS OF MINE K Bakker replaced M Hudson
Late Scratchings:	Nil		

Medical Certificates:	Nil
Swabbing:	TAIMATE STAAR, OFFLINE, NOVELETTE, QUERIDA, QUEEN OF SHEBA, MIS SPEAKS, AVORIAZ, MASTER BRUTUS, COOL 'N' FAST, BALLISTIC MISS

GENERAL
Stewards were advised on Wednesday morning that due to a miscommunication M Hudson was incorrectly declared and was replaced as per Summary above.

SUPPLEMENTARY
Canterbury Jockey Club at Riccarton Park, Wednesday, 18 February 2026 Race 2 NZB KIWI GOLDEN TICKET ENTRIES CLOSE TODAY MAIDEN 1600m Canterbury Flight (Y Atchamah) - Issued with a warning for permitting his mount to shift inwards when not fully clear of RED STAR RHONDA which was crowded and steadied near the 1000 metres.

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	HYGAIN STAYERS CHALLENGE MAIDEN 2200m
KESSEY (A Riddell) - Began awkwardly. Lost the right front plate during the running. AVIVA (T Moodley) - Slow to begin. SOUL DESTROYER (K Bakker) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Improved on to heels having to steady passing the 800 metres. Shifted outwards to obtain clear running passing the 300 metres. WESTEROS (D Cooper) - Made the bend near the 1800 metres awkwardly. Rider reported the gelding had raced greenly throughout the running. Connections were advised a racing manners warning would be placed on the gelding's record. GOLDEN LINING (K Hercock) - Badly hampered and forced wider near the 600 metres when WESTEROS ducked out abruptly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have some minor abrasions which were treated.	
Race 2	ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES F&M MAIDEN 1600m
DE PAZZI (A Riddell) - Slow to begin. SHOCKING SECRETS (B Queiroz) - Slow to begin. REVISION (F Moerman) - From a wide barrier draw was restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. RED STAR RHONDA (L Hemi) - From a wide barrier draw was restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. Lay inwards under pressure throughout the final straight. CANTERBURY FLIGHT (Y Atchamah) - Steadied off heels when racing keenly near the 1350 metres, shifting inwards making brief contact with ANDINA. ANDINA (T Comignaghi) - Contacted 1350 metres.	

POTENTIALLY (R Khan) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Inclined to shift ground under pressure throughout the final straight.

OFFLINE (K Bakker) - Held up rounding the final bend and through the early stages of the final straight, having to be angled inwards near the 350 metres to obtain clear running.

CONTEST (C Campbell) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running until passing the 300 metres. Steadied away from heels when laying outwards over the concluding stages.

L Hemi (RED STAR RHONDA) - Issued with a warning after permitting her mount RED STAR RHONDA to shift inwards when not fully clear of CONTEST which had to steady over the concluding stages.

Race 3	FARM SOURCE MAIDEN 1200m
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GRAFITTI ARTIST (C Campbell) - Slow to begin.

THEOGONY (B May) - Slow to begin. Raced greenly throughout the running.

WHISK (F Moerman) - Slow to begin. Hung outwards throughout the running with the filly unable to be fully ridden out to the finish by its rider.

EMERGING MISS (K Williams) - Slow to begin. Held up early in the final straight and was then unable to obtain clear running for the remainder of the final straight with the filly going to the line not fully tested by its rider.

TUSSAR (D Bothamley) - From a wide barrier draw was restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. Held up rounding the final bend and through the early stages of the final straight.

EURASIAN PRINCE (T Moseley) - Raced three wide without cover through the early to middle stages.

SATONO DIAMOND (J Taplin) - Steadied when placed in restricted room near the 900 metres. Had to be firmly restrained when laying inwards across the heels of WHISK near the 250 metres which had shifted outward when hanging at that point, with SATONO DIAMOND not persevered with for the remainder of the race.

NOVELETTE (T Moodley) - Held up rounding the final bend and early stages of the final straight having to shift ground outwards to obtain clear running approaching the 200 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination after returning to the birdcage enclosure with blood present in its mouth which revealed a minor abrasion.

GROUSE (D Cooper) - Raced in restricted room throughout the final straight with the mare going to the line not fully tested by its rider.

QUEEN OF THE STARS (B Murray) - Steadied and forced wider near the 300 metres when NOVELETTE (T Moodley) shifted outwards when not fully clear. T Moodley was advised to exercise care. Rider reported the mare had felt indifferent in its action. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

ENCHANTED DREAM (B Queiroz) - Shifted outwards to obtain clear running approaching the 100 metres.

Race 4	AGRAFORUM COMCAT MAIDEN 1200m
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ALIENA (B Murray) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground.

SHESASCORCHER (K Hercock) - Began awkwardly making contact with KNIGHT GURU losing ground as a result.

QUERIDA (F Moerman) - Slow to begin.

SHOCKME (D Cooper) - Slow to begin.

KNIGHT GURU (A Riddell) - Contacted at the start.

KNAVESMIRE (B May) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

HARD ATTACK (B Queiroz) - Held up rounding the final bend and early in the final straight having to shift ground outwards near the 300 metres to find clear running.

RABBIT HOLE (K Williams) - Dismounted post-race with the oncourse Veterinarian in immediate attendance and the Horse Ambulance being deployed. A subsequent veterinary examination revealed the mare to have a suspected right fore medial sesamoid bone/suspensory branch injury. RABBIT HOLE was treated and transported to Rangiora Veterinary Centre for further assessment. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the mare racing next.

ADMIRALTY (T Moseley) - When questioned regarding performance rider advised the gelding had felt indifferent in its action. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the gelding to be lame in the right fore and left hind legs. ADMIRALTY will be further assessed in the coming days. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing next.

Race 5	ECOLAB 1200m
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LEINSTER (D Cooper) - Slow to begin. Following the race Stewards requested a ruling under Rule 632 as to whether LEINSTER had been denied a fair start due to its front gate not opening correctly. After viewing the replays and hearing from rider D Cooper, LEINSTER was declared a non-runner by the Adjudicator. The gates were tested several times prior to Race 6 and found to be working correctly.

STEEZY (K Williams) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground. Over-raced in the early stages.

HUZZAH (J Taplin) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. Held up for the majority of the final straight only obtaining clear running near the 100 metres.

DRAGON BISCUIT (F Moerman) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages and three wide without cover throughout.

WINTER BLAZE (R Beeharry) - Held up rounding the final bend. Lay outwards under pressure passing the 250 metres. Put in an awkward stride over the concluding stages with the rider becoming unbalanced.

PATSY SPIRIT (L Hemi) - Steadied when placed in restricted room near the 250 metres when WINTER BLAZE lay outwards under pressure.

MIS SPEAKS (T Moseley) - Held up rounding the final bend and early in the final straight only gaining clear running passing the 200 metres.

DISCRETION RULES (B Queiroz) - Stable representative H Durrant advised Stewards the gelding has now been retired from racing.

Race 6 | **NORM STEWART MEMORIAL 2200m**

SINCERE (B Queiroz) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. Rider dropped his whip near the 175 metres.

LOREN (K Kwo) - Raced three wide without cover for the majority of the race. Commenced to give ground passing the 800 metres and was not persevered with throughout the final straight finishing well back. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised once the mare was placed under pressure failed to respond.

SHAMEFUL (D Bothamley) - Held up rounding the final bend.

MOUNTAIN OF LIGHT (L Hemi) - Held up rounding the final bend and through the early stages of the final straight.

WORDS OF MINE (K Bakker) - Held up early in the final straight behind the tiring THE BETTER ONE having to shift outwards to obtain clear running near the 300 metres.

AVORIAZ (D Cooper) - Lay inwards under pressure in the final straight.

IFFIN DOUBT DANCE (E Nicholas) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised the mare was not entirely comfortable in today's track conditions and may also be feeling the effects of recent racing.

Co-trainers **J & K Parsons** (HEY MICKEY) - Admitted a charge under Rule 614(2) in that they presented the gelding without a lead bag. After considering submissions on penalty the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$300.

Race 7 | **AGRAFORUM GROWING INNOVATION OPEN HANDICAP 1200m**

THIRD DECREE (A Riddell) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend and the early stages of the final straight having to be angled outwards to obtain clear running passing the 250 metres.

ZOULANDER (K Hercock) - From a wide barrier draw was restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

LISE PAREE (G Jogoo) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

GEMMA FLITZ (D Cooper) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Had a tendency to shift ground outwards under pressure throughout the final straight.

MISS MIRANDA (K Bakker) - Lay outwards rounding the final bend.

TEXAS DOLLY (T Moodley) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running until passing the 300 metres.

Race 8 | **BETTY CHAN WADLEY MEMORIAL 1400m**

MAYBE DIVA (B May) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

COOL 'N' FAST (T Moodley) - Shifted outwards at the start making firm contact with SAKO, becoming briefly unbalanced and losing ground.

SAKO (J Taplin) - Firmly contacted at the start. Rider dropped the use of his right rein just short of the finish. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

FLOWER MOON (K Bakker) - Slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear running for most of the final straight before being angled inwards to obtain clear running passing the 100 metres.

JAFFA (T Comignaghi) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. Held up near the 300 metres and when looking to obtain clear running contacted POGACAR, then raced in restricted room for the remainder of the race with the mare going to the line not fully tested by its rider.

MISS EMERALD (D Cooper) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

SPEED DIAL (L Hemi) - Held up early in the final straight.

ENTERPRISE (K Williams) - Held up through the early stages of the final straight.

POGACAR (Y Atchamah) – Contacted 300 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised the gelding would benefit from more rain affected track conditions.

Race 9	AGRAFORUM ZUMSIL 1600m
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TOMYTURBO (B Murray) - Slow to begin. Hampered 1300 metres. Steadied near the 350 metres.

GRAND CRU (T Moodley) - Crowded and forced inwards 1300 metres. Commenced to give ground rounding the final bend and was not persevered with throughout the final straight being dismounted shortly after the finish line and was noticeably lame. Required post-race veterinary treatment for a large laceration to the left fore cannon and multiple lacerations to the left hind leg. GRAND CRU was treated and transported to Rangiora Veterinary Centre for further assessment. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the mare racing next.

SAUVAGE (K Hercock) - Hampered 1300 metres.

PEQUOT (K Bakker) - Inconvenienced 1300 metres.

ADIOS VAMONOS (T Moseley) - Checked 1300 metres.

UGO (J Taplin) - Checked 1300 metres.

VOID (L Hemi) - Checked 1300 metres.

RICHIE'S DREAM (B Queiroz) - Inconvenienced 1300 metres. Held up rounding the final bend having to shift ground inwards to obtain clear running passing the 300 metres.

SACRED DIOR (C Campbell) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

BALLISTIC MISS (T Comignaghi) - Lay inwards throughout the run home having to be straightened by its rider on several occasions.

K Kwo (AN MORRIGHAN) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift ground inwards when not clear of GRAND CRU which was crowded and forced inwards onto ADIOS VAMONOS, UGO and VOID which were crowded and checked near the 1300 metres with SAUVAGE and TOMYTURBO being hampered. After viewing replays and considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of Mr Kwo's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Sunday, 15 March until the conclusion of racing on Wednesday, 01 April 2026, 9 national riding days.

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