



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Ashburton Racing Club at Ashburton
Date: Thursday, 2 April 2026
Weather: Fine
Track: Soft 7
Rail: Out 3 metres
Stewards: V Fisher (Chair), J Oatham, M Davidson, R Quirk
Vet: A Corser BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil	
Fines:	Race 8	D Bothamley OUR ECHO Unable to make contracted weight [Rule 346(3)] \$100
Warnings:	Race 5	Y Atchamah HARD ATTACK Shifting ground 1100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
	5	C Campbell IFYOUSTARTMEUP Shifting ground 250 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
	5	B Jacobson BIG EXIT Shifting ground 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Protests:	Nil	
Request for Ruling:	Nil	
Horse Actions:	Race 1	WESTEROS Required to trial
	1	PATCH OF SUNSHINE Warned racing manners
	2	POTENTIALLY Warned racing manners
	5	RED MOON RISING Veterinary certificate required
	7	ISLEBEFINE Veterinary certificate required
	9	FLOWER MOON Warned barrier manners
	9	VERDIAN Veterinary certificate required
Follow Up:	Race 7	RICHIE'S DREAM
	9	VERDIAN
Rider Changes:	Race 1	KESSEY T Comignaghi replaced M Hudson (Transport difficulties)
	1	REVISION T Moodley replaced A Riddell (Transport difficulties)
	2	KNAVESMIRE C Barnes replaced F Moerman (Transport difficulties)
	3	QUERIDA H Hassman replaced F Moerman

		4	LADY GEORGIANA J Taplin replaced F Moerman
		5	QUEEN COURTNEY S Collett replaced F Moerman
		6	PORTHOUSE LADY B Murray replaced F Moerman
		8	OUR ECHO M Hudson replaced D Bothamley (Overweight)
		8	LORD DARCI S Collett replaced F Moerman
		9	MIRAQUA K Bakker replaced F Moerman
Late Scratchings:	Race	5	RED MOON RISING 10:51am Veterinary advice
		7	ISLEBEFINE 9:23am Veterinary advice
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Swabbing:	QUINTO, GIGGLY GAL, GRAFFITI ARTIST, WILLIT, HARD ATTACK, ROYAL SOVEREIGNS, SOLAR SAINT, UNLEASH THE BEAST, TOA HAKA, STAPHANOS QUEEN, VILLASANTI, TAVI ANN		

GENERAL
Due to a flight cancellation, riders M Hudson and A Riddell were unable to fulfil their riding commitments in race one, and F Moerman was unable to attend the meeting. Replacements were made as per above summary.
D Bothamley (OUR ECHO) - Admitted a charge in that he was unable to make the contracted weight for OUR ECHO in Race 8, being replaced by M Hudson and fined \$100 under the Minor Infringement Schedule.

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS
Race 1 HYGAIN STAYERS CHALLENGE MAIDEN 2200m
The start was delayed due to a gate at the crossing having to be closed.
PATCH OF SUNSHINE (D Cooper) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Got its head up when being steadied off heels near the 1150 metres. Commenced to give ground early in the final straight and was not persevered with passing the 200 metres. Connections were advised a warning would be placed on the gelding's racing manners for lack of competitiveness.
REVISION (T Moodley) - Slow to begin.
SAILOR SAM (S Collett) - Slow to begin.
SUSPECT OR VICTIM (T Moseley) - Slow to begin.
JUST A BROWN HORSE (K Bakker) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground.

WATSON (Y Atchamah) - Had to be steadied off heels on a number of occasions through the early stages when over racing.

WESTEROS (D Bothamley) - Hung outward badly throughout the running and could not be ridden to any advantage through the run home. A post-race veterinary inspection did not reveal any obvious abnormality. Connections were advised the gelding is required to trial to the satisfaction of a Stipendiary Steward prior to racing next. Trainer J Blackadder advised Stewards the gelding will no longer be considered as a racing proposition for his stable.

GOLDEN LINING (B Murray) - Held up for a distance passing the 900 metres and then again rounding the final bend and early in the final straight, having to be angled outwards passing the 300 metres to obtain clear running.

KESSEY (T Comignaghi) - Held up having to be shifted outwards near the 350 metres to obtain clear running.

CONTEST (B Jacobson) - When questioned regarding performance, rider could offer no excuse.

Race 2	SUPPORTING DYNAMIC GYMNASTICS MAIDEN 1600m
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The start was delayed due to **KNAVESMIRE** escaping riderless before being recaptured and cleared by the Veterinarian to race. Rider C Barnes was attended to by St John's personnel and cleared to ride.

There was a further delay due to **POTENTIALLY** requiring farrier treatment at the barriers after losing a shoe during the preliminary, with the race starting approximately 10½ minutes later than the scheduled start time.

NO TRUMPS (M Hudson) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced three wide without cover from the 1000 metres.

UNWOKE (T Comignaghi) - Slow to begin. Hampered 1200 metres. Held up rounding the final bend then raced in restricted room for the majority of the final straight, with the gelding going to the line not fully tested by its rider.

SHOCKING SECRETS (S Collett) - Slow to begin. Over raced through the early and middle stages.

HOLD'EM RANSOM (B May) - Restrained from a wide barrier draw to obtain cover shortly after the start.

HEARTBREAKER (T Moodley) - Restrained from a wide barrier draw to obtain cover shortly after the start.

POTENTIALLY (T Moseley) - Commenced to hang inwards approaching the 1200 metres hampering UNWOKE. Hung inwards throughout the final straight with the mare unable to be fully ridden out to the finish and proving a difficult ride. Connections were advised that a racing manners warning would be placed against the mare's record. Trainer M McCann reported to Stewards the mare will now be sent for a spell.

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

DARK MATTER (J Taplin) - Held up rounding the final bend and raced in restricted room for the majority of the final straight, having to be shifted inwards to obtain clear running passing the 50 metres when SHE'S SINATRA (L Hemi) shifted ground outwards when under pressure. L Hemi was advised to exercise greater care.

SHE'S SINATRA (L Hemi) - Lay outwards over the concluding stages having to be straightened by its rider.

Race 3	AGRAFORUM COMCAT MAIDEN 1400m
RESERVOIR (T Moodley) - Shifted inwards abruptly at the start crowding TUAHIWI. TUAHIWI (B May) - Crowded at the start losing ground. KNIGHT GURU (Y Atchamah) - Shifted outwards at the start crowding outside runners. ANOTHER ROSE (A Riddell) - Crowded at the start losing ground. ANDINA (K Mudhoo) - Crowded at the start losing ground. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. LATER BOY (T Comignaghi) - Steadied when placed in restricted room shortly after the start. BUCKET LIST (T Moseley) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Held up rounding the final bend. When questioned regarding performance, rider advised the gelding will derive benefit from today's run after a lengthy spell. LINDY MAY (S Collett) - Held up rounding the final bend and through the early stages of the final straight.	
Race 4	SUPPORTING KAI FOR KIDS 1400m
SHAKABRAH (T Moseley) - Slow to begin. Commenced to give ground passing the 250 metres and was not persevered with for the remainder of the race. When questioned regarding performance, rider advised he felt something was amiss with the gelding. Underwent a post-race veterinary inspection which did not reveal any obvious abnormality. Trainer K Williams advised Stewards the gelding will now be retired from racing. WREN (L Hemi) - Slow to begin. GAME DUKE (K Bakker) - Slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear running until passing the 250 metres. Had to be steadied when placed in restricted room to the inside of LADY GEORGIANA approaching the 50 metres, with the gelding going to the line not fully tested by its rider. AN MORRIGHAN (K Kwo) - Shifted outwards abruptly making firm contact with DANCING TIME. Steadied off heels when laying inwards passing the 400 metres. DANCING TIME (K Mudhoo) - Contacted at the start losing ground. TRADER INN (D Cooper) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.	
Race 5	AGRAFORUM ZUMSIL MAIDEN 1200m
IFYOUSTARTMEUP (C Campbell) - Slow to begin. EURASIAN PRINCE (T Moseley) - Slow to begin. Over raced when being restrained when going into the bend passing the 1000 metres, improved into restricted room between BIG EXIT (B Jacobson) and MOONLIGHTING (C Barnes) having to be checked, then striking a heel of BIG EXIT and blundering. Underwent a post-race veterinary inspection which did not reveal any obvious abnormality. FULL CREAM (T Moodley) - Began awkwardly. Made contact with the running rail near the 1000 metres.	

IRISH BOOM (R Khan) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Over raced through the early and middle stages.

POSHROC (K Kwo) - Shifted inwards at the start crowding ROYAL ASSENT. Restrained off heels 1100 metres. Raced ungenerously throughout the running.

ROYAL ASSENT (L Hemi) - Crowded at the start.

RIPICOLA (H Hassman) - Shifted inwards at the start making contact with MOONLIGHTING.

MOONLIGHTING (C Barnes) - Contacted at the start.

BIG EXIT (B Jacobson) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

QUEEN COURTNEY (S Collett) - Placed in restricted room having to steady when EURASIAN PRINCE and IRISH BOOM shifted ground simultaneously near the 350 metres.

IMPERIAL QUEEN (T Comignaghi) - Crowded and Steadied 200 metres.

Y Atchamah (HARD ATTACK) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift inwards when not fully clear of POSHROC which had to be restrained off HARD ATTACK's heels near the 1100 metres.

C Campbell (IFYOUSTARTMEUP) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift inwards when not fully clear of ROYAL ASSENT which had to steady passing the 250 metres.

B Jacobson (BIG EXIT) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift inwards when not fully clear of IMPERIAL QUEEN which was crowded and steadied approaching the 200 metres.

Race 6	ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES RACE 1200m
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PORTHOUSE LADY - B Murray replaced F Moerman due to the unavailability of a suitable apprentice rider.

SARISSA (D Cooper) - Restrained from a wide barrier to obtain cover shortly after the start.

ROYAL SOVEREIGNS (K Williams) - Blundered at the start losing some ground.

SOLAR SAINT (M Hudson) - Slow to begin.

BEST ROSE (H Hassman) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

WINTER BLAZE (R Beeharry) - Shifted outwards across heels to obtain clear running approaching the 300 metres.

Race 7	GILBERT BUTTERICK MEMORIAL 2200m
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UNLEASH THE BEAST (M Hudson) - Slow to begin. Improved wide from the 1000 metres.

MOUNTAIN OF LIGHT (L Hemi) - Slow to begin.

INCREDIBLE (J Taplin) - Raced three wide without cover through the early stages before improving to sit outside the leader near the 1500 metres.

RICHIE'S DREAM (S Collett) - Rider reported the mare had been making abnormal breathing noises and has recommended to connections that a tongue tie be added for its next race day start. Underwent a post-race veterinary inspection which revealed an elevated heart rate and slow recovery. Stewards will follow up with connections in coming days.

Race 8	GREG JONES MEMORIAL OPEN HANDICAP 1300m
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LORD DARCI – S Collett replaced F Moerman due to the unavailability of a suitable apprentice rider.

BELLA LUCE (K Bakker) - Crowded at the start losing ground.

CANDLE (T Moodley) - Slow to begin.

LORD DARCI (S Collett) - Slow to begin. Dictated wider final bend.

TOA HAKA (J Taplin) - Shied and made the bend near the 1000 metres awkwardly, briefly shifting wider on the track.

CONTEMPLATION BAY (A Riddell) - Lay outwards rounding the final bend dictating LORD DARCI wider.

SIR ALBERT (B Murray) - When questioned regarding performance, rider advised the gelding will derive benefit from today's fresh up performance and further added that in his opinion SIR ALBERT was not suited to today's track conditions which he described as holding and should benefit from a step up in distance.

Race 9	AGRAFORUM GROWING INNOVATION 1400m
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QUINTAIN (T Moseley) - Slow to begin.

VITEBSK (R Beeharry) - Slow to begin.

FLOWER MOON (B Murray) - Stood flat footed as the start was effected then jumped away awkwardly losing considerable ground. Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the mare's barrier manners.

IRISH BRIGADE (T Moodley) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover after jumping from a wide barrier.

MOGUL (T Comignaghi) - Over raced through the early and middle stages. Held up rounding the final bend then had difficulty obtaining clear running through the early stages of the final straight, having to shift inwards to obtain clear running near the 250 metres inconveniencing SUPER SINCERE.

NUNCIO (C Campbell) - Raced three wide without cover. Contacted 200 metres.

SUPER SINCERE (S Collett) - Held up rounding the final bend. Inconvenienced 250 metres.

MONTERO (D Cooper) - Had a tendency to lay outwards under pressure throughout the final straight.

MIRAQUA (K Bakker) - Made contact with NUNCIO when being dictated wider on the track passing the 200 metres when MONTERO (D Cooper) lay outwards under pressure. D Cooper was advised to exercise greater care and that he must straighten his mount earlier than he had on this occasion.

VERDIAN (D Bothamley) - Rider reported the gelding felt lame on pulling up. Underwent a post-race veterinary inspection which revealed lameness to the right hind leg. Connections were advised a veterinary certificate is required prior to racing next. Stewards will follow up with connections in coming days.

C Barnes (PURPLE PROSE) - Spoken to regarding her whip action in the final straight.

Race 10	PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST RACE DAY 16 APRIL 1600m
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LITTLE BUT FIERCE (S Collett) - Slow to begin. Lay outwards over the concluding stages making contact with BALLISTIC MISS.

TAVI ANN (M Hudson) - Slow to begin.

SPEED DIAL (L Hemi) - Slow to begin.

WAL (C Barnes) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

BALLISTIC MISS (T Comignaghi) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Contacted concluding stages.

EIGHT PENCE (K Bakker) - Had trouble obtaining clear running through the early stages of the final straight.

AKENEHI (J Taplin) - Steadied when placed in restricted room passing the 300 metres.

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