



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Otaki-Maori Racing Club @ Otaki
Date: Saturday, 16 May 2026
Weather: Fine
Track: Soft 5
Rail: True
Stewards: M Davidson (Chair), N Goodwin, L Selvakumaran, R Greig
Vet: E Simpson BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	6	C Barnes KAKADU Careless riding 1000 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 24/5-30/5, 4 days
Fines:	Race	6	M Dixon DOLLYBIRD Late declaration of rider [Rule 537(a)] \$50
		7	A Meadows THE SCUNNER Late declaration of rider [Rule 537(a)] \$100z
		8	L Latta STARPELLO Presented runner without notified gear (blinkers) [Rule 616(4)] \$50 (Minor Infringement)
Warnings:	Race	1	C Dell SHADOW RULER Whip use home straight [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)]
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Nil		
Follow Up:	Race	7	BRIDAL TRAIN
		7	ZANTABULOUS
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratchings:			
Medical Certificates:			
Swabbing:			MERCY, BENERRO, PERFECT PETE, SHAMELESS STAR, HELLUVAH RETURN, IMA BRAZEN ONE, DOLLYBIRD, RIVERPLATE, TALISKER, DANCE FOR HER.THE FINNSTER

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1	THE TELE OTAKI MAIDEN 1400m
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SHADOW RULER (C Dell) - Slow to begin. Rider advised he recommended to connections that a barrier blanket be added to the mare's gear for future starts, after being very slow to begin.

MERCY (F Moerman) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

SWEET ENVY (C Barnes) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

BRUTIFUL (A Riddell) - Began awkwardly, making contact with FOU THE NOO and was then crowded shortly after, losing ground.

FOU THE NOO (T Moodley) - Contacted at the start. Raced three-wide without cover for the majority.

OUR EDUARDO (K Chowdhoo) - Raced keenly through the early stages when being restrained.

DERRICK (J Riddell) - Rider expressed disappointment at the performance of the gelding, adding that DERRICK is probably looking for a wetter track.

C Dell (SHADOW RULER) - Issued with a warning after he struck his mount 6 times prior to the 100-metre mark and another 6 strikes inside the final 100 metres with Stewards taking into account his clear record under this section of the rule.

Race 2	HARCOURTS OTAKI HANDICAP 1100m
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RIOMOSA (A Riddell) - Began awkwardly, losing ground. Race three-wide without cover throughout.

BRIGIT (K Chowdhoo) - Restrained shortly after the start to obtain cover, then raced keenly for a short distance into the bend near the 1000 metres.

GREAT ESCAPE (K Myers) - Lay outwards over the concluding stages.

Race 3	CAVALLO FARM & CHRIS RUTTEN BLOODSTOCK 3YO 1200m
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ROMILLY BEE (L Kauri) - Slow to begin.

VALVANO (C Dell) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

LONDON (K Myers) - Began awkwardly, losing ground.

CREMANT (A Riddell) - Raced in restricted room near the 175 metres when SHAMELESS STAR lay inwards before being straightened by its rider.

Race 4	FASTINTERNET.NZ HANDICAP 2200m
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HEY HEY HEY (T Davies) - Slow to begin.

SO CALL ME (L Kauri) - Slow to begin.

EARLY ONE'S (M Hudson) - Raced wide without cover from the 1200 metres.

DANJURO (K Chowdhoo) - Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

INDIAN PACIFIC (A Riddell) - Raced keenly in the early stages. Had to be steadied when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of the runner in front near the 1000 metres and was then shifted outwards to improve forward. Rider reported that the gelding had not been suited by the muddling tempo of today's race.

J Chung (GREY INVADOR) - Spoken to advisedly regarding his whip use on a runner out of contention.

Race 5	JENNIAN HOMES HANDICAP 1200m
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GOHUGO (A Riddell) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

BOLD BELLE (K Chowdhoo) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover. Raced keenly through the middle stages.

SINBIN (J Chung) - Raced in restricted room to the inside of LEGALLY BINDING for a distance passing the 1000 metres.

LEGALLY BINDING (T Moodley) - Held up rounding the final bend until shifting outwards near the 200 metres, making contact with SINDEE as a result. T Moodley was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

SINDEE (K Myers) - Contacted near the 200 metres.

Race 6	VETS ON RIVERBANK HANDICAP 1400m
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SENSE OF TIMING (T Moodley) - Slow to begin.

EIZUS (L Hemi) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

JUNGLE LOVE (M Hudson) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover.

MEGLIO DI FALCREST (F Moerman) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

SCelta DI ELENA (J Chung) - Raced three-wide without cover for the majority of the race.

KA YING LUCKY (L Kauri) - Had to check to avoid the heels of RENOVATIONS, which was taken inwards near the 1000 metres. Treated post-race for lacerations to the right front leg.

BAY EXPRESS (K Chowdhoo) - Steadied near the 900 metres when RENOVATIONS was taken inwards when EL JAYCEE (T Davies) improved forward to sit outside the leader. T Davies was advised to exercise greater care. Held up rounding the bend and early in the run home.

EL JAYCEE (T Davies) - When questioned regarding performance, rider could offer no tangible excuse.

C Barnes (KAKADU) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that she permitted KAKADU to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of RENOVATIONS which was taken in onto KA YING LUCKY, which was crowded and checked near the 1000 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of her licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 23 May, until the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 30 May, 4 national riding days.

Race 7	JAMES BULL RANGITIKEI GOLD CUP (Listed Race) 1600m
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BRIDAL TRAIN (K Myers) - Very slow to begin then reluctant to hit out fully in the early stages with the rider reporting post-race that in her opinion the mare was feeling the effects of recent racing. Held up early in the run home. Trainer A Sharrock advised he would give consideration to sending the mare for a spell.

BENEFACITOR (M Singh) - Slow to begin.

TISSE (K Chowdhoory) - Slow to begin.

WHO KNOWS (F Moerman) - Slow to begin.

SOLIDIFY (L Hemi) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

TALISKER (C Barnes) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

ZANTABULOUS (T Moodley) - Finished in last placing. When questioned regarding performance, rider advised the mare was outpaced throughout and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no obvious abnormalities. Stewards will follow up with connections in coming days.

Race 8	OTAKI TYRE REPAIRS HANDICAP 1600m
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DANCE FOR HER (L Hemi) - Slow to begin.

SILENT APPLAUSE (C Dell) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

STARPELLO (A Riddell) - Began awkwardly.

TIMEX (J Chung) - Slow to begin. Saddle shifted forward near the 1500 metres, placing the rider at a disadvantage for the remainder of the race.

RIBELLA ROSE (T Davies) - Contacted at the start when TOKYODOME shifted outwards at the start.

CHESTER BOY (C Barnes) - Got its head up when being steadied to take a trailing position near the 1000 metres.

JOEJOECCINI (M Hudson) - Raced three-wide without cover from the 1000 metres.

L Latta (STARPELLO) - Fined \$50 under Rule 616(4) (Minor Infringement) for presenting her runner without the notified blinkers.

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