Racing Integrity Board
New Zealand

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS	
Club:	Otaki-Maori Racing Club @ Otaki
Date:	Saturday, 31 October 2026
Weather:	Fine
Track:	Soft 6, Upgraded to Soft 5 following Race 1, Upgraded to Good 4 Retrospective to Race 3, Upgraded to Good 3 Retrospective to Race 4.
Rail:	True
Stewards:	L Selvakumaran (Chair), N Goodwin, R Greig, K Jillings
Vet:	E Simpson BVSc

SUMMARY			
Suspensions:	Nil		
Fines:	Nil		
Warnings:	Race	6	**L Kauri** HE'S A BATTLER Shifting ground 800 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	1	**STAND UP COMEDY** Warning – barrier manners
		5	**CONNELLO** Veterinary clearance required
		7	**EXIT LEFT** Humanely euthanised
Follow Up:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratchings:	Race	5	**RAREZA** @ 2.58pm - due to track upgrade
		5	**CONNELLO** @ 3.29pm - veterinary advice
		6	**PLOY** @ 3.05pm - due to track upgrade
		6	**PADDY THE FARMER** @ 3.05pm - due to track upgrade
		8	**RICH ATTITUDE** @ 2.22pm - due to track upgrade
		8	**FASHION SAVVY** @ 3.47pm - due to track upgrade
Medical Certificates:			
Swabbing:	CRICKET, EDISON, SECURER, ABBY TAKES IT ALL, GREAT ESCAPE, CARTER JOHN, PLATINUM DIAMOND, AFTERGLO, KNIGHTS REALM, ABEECEE.		

GENERAL

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	**VETS ON RIVERBANK MAIDEN 1600m**

STAND UP COMEDY (B Queiroz) - Slow to begin (5L). Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight. Connections were advised that warning would be placed on the filly's barrier manners.

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

CALLMEHOWARD (J Riddell) - Crowded shortly after the start, having to be steadied when CRICKET and LORD GUSTO shifted ground. Briefly lost traction near the 900 metres when racing free of interference. Held up until near the 100 metres.

SUBSONIC (M Hudson) - Raced three-wide without cover from near the 900 metres.

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

LORD GUSTO (S Collett) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

SMACKERS (F Moerman) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running until shifting outwards near the 100 metres.

Following the race, J Riddell advised Stewards that CALLMEHOWARD had lost traction when exiting the back straight. Stewards subsequently inspected the track with a delegation of Riders and the Track Manager. Following that inspection, a meeting was held with all Riders to collectively consider the available options. It was agreed, in consultation with the Stewards, that the Track Manager would have machinery work over the section of the track where CALLMEHOWARD had lost traction. A further inspection was then conducted by the same delegation of Riders, the Track Manager and Stewards, after which a decision was made to continue the race meeting. In reaching a decision, consideration was also given to the improving weather conditions and the corresponding improvement in the track surface.

Track upgraded to Soft 5 following Race 1.

Race 2	AQUASHIELD ROOFING THREE YEAR OLD 1200m

The start of this race was delayed due to the track inspection following Race 1, with race times amended accordingly.

MAGNATE (K Chowdhoory) - Began awkwardly, shifting outwards contacting VICAR'S CHOICE. Commenced to race ungenerously for a distance passing the 1000 metres, making the bend near the 800 metres awkwardly.

VICAR'S CHOICE (S Collett) - Contacted and crowded at the start, losing ground.

ABBY TAKES IT ALL (L Sutherland) - Slow to begin.

STATE SECRET (T Wigram) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier. Lay inwards rounding the final bend and continued to do so when placed under pressure in the final straight.

SECURER (B Queiroz) - Raced keenly in the early stages when leading.

MAC ATTACK (F Moerman) - Lay outwards rounding the final bend.

Race 3	FASTINTERNET.NZ HANDICAP 1200m

CARLOW (L Hemi) - Slow to begin. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

ZORERO (K Myers) - Slow to begin.

CREMANT (J Riddell) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

CHICAGO JACK (K Chowdhoory) - Raced wide without cover until improving to lead near the 800 metres.

PART TIME LOVER (S Collett) - Brushed near the 50 metres when GREAT ESCAPE lay inwards.

Track Upgraded to Good 4 retrospective to Race 3.

Race 4	OTAKI TYRE REPAIRS HANDICAP 1400m

BEAN A PLEASURE (T Davies) - Slow to begin. Held up until shifting outwards near the 250 metres.

MY ALIBI (L Douglas) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier.

AL PASSO (S Macnab) - Began awkwardly, shifting outwards, making contact with PEE BEE GIRL.

PEE BEE GIRL (L Sutherland) - Contacted, becoming briefly unbalanced at the start.

CARTER JOHN (M Hudson) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover.

KA YING LUCKY (B Queiroz) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Improved on to heels, having to be steadied near the 800 metres.

MR JAY EIGHT (T Wigram) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

JACOBITE RISING (J Riddell) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

HARD ROCK CAFE (K Myers) - Raced wide without cover throughout. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

PERFECT PETE (L Kauri) - Bumped near the 350 metres when HARD ROCK CAFE lay inwards under pressure.

ROSA (L Hemi) - Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

SANT MAURICI (S Collett) - When questioned regarding performance, rider advised that SANT MAURICI had hung inwards throughout the final straight, making it difficult for her to ride the mare out fully to the finish.

ONLY THE LONELY (K Chowdhoory) - When questioned regarding performance, rider advised the mare had been unsuited to today's track conditions.

Track Upgraded to Good 3 retrospective to Race 4.

Race 5	CAVALLO FARMS & CHRIS RUTTEN BLOODSTOCK HANDICAP 1400m

CONNELLO (C Dell) - Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination behind the barrier which revealed the mare to be lame in the left hind and was declared a late scratching at 3.29pm. Connections were advised CONNELLO requires a veterinary clearance prior to racing next.

RIVERPLATE (T Davies) - Began awkwardly, losing ground.

OLD BILL BONE (T Wigram) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Raced in restricted room near the 800 metres. When questioned regarding performance, rider advised that the gelding had been unsuited to today's track conditions. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the gelding to be 1:5 lame in the left hind.

COSENTINO (R Mudhoo) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages when leading.

ENRICO (L Douglas) - Lay inwards rounding the bend near the 800 metres, placing OLD BILL BONE in restricted room.

Race 6	HARCOURTS OTAKI HANDICAP 1600m

HE'S A BATTLER (L Kauri) - Slow to begin.

CROIX DE GUERRE (K Myers) - Knuckled at the start. When questioned regarding performance, rider could offer no explanation. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

MARRIAGE VOWS (T Davies) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

DON'S LEGACY (E Nicholas) - Raced keenly through the middle stages, improving on to heels near the 1000 metres, having to be steadied. Briefly steadied approaching the 600 metres to avoid the heels of HE'S A BATTLER (L Kauri), which shifted outwards. Had difficulty obtaining clear running, shifting inwards near the 200 metres.

PLAIN SAILING (K Hercock) - Improved on to heels having to be steadied near the 1100 metres. Held up for the entirety of the home straight, going to the line untested.

TESTWIN (J Riddell) - Improved on to heels having to be steadied passing the 1100 metres.

INDIAN PACIFIC (L Sutherland) - Raced in restricted room to the inside of PLATINUM GODDESS near the 1100 metres.

PLATINUM GODDESS (B Queiroz) - When improving quickly near the 1100 metres, became awkwardly placed inside the heels of CROIX DE GUERRE, which was shifting inwards, having to be steadied and directed inwards to avoid that runner's heels, resulting in INDIAN PACIFIC being placed in restricted room.

SEA THE DREAM (T Wigram) - Lay outwards rounding the final bend.

AFTERGLO (F Moerman) - Rider dropped their whip near the 350 metres.

L Kauri (HE'S A BATTLER) - Issued with a warning for permitting his mount to shift outwards when not fully clear of DON'S LEGACY, which had to be briefly steadied near the 600 metres.

Race 7	**JENNIAN HOMES FEILDING CUP 2100m**

DONNYBROOK (B Queiroz) - Slow to begin.

WOLFGANG (S Collett) - Slow to begin. Inconvenienced near the 600 metres.

TRAV (S Macnab) - Slow to begin.

FREDDIE TIME (E Nicholas) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

DUBAI'S POTIKI (L Kauri) - Over-raced through the early stages when being restrained.

MCKHAN (T Davies) - Raced keenly through the early stages when being restrained.

PSYCLONE (K Chowdhoory) - Crowded and checked passing the winning post on the first occasion when racing in restricted room to the inside of DUBAI'S POTIKI, which was over-racing, simultaneously as SOLIDIFY (K Myers) and KNIGHTS REALM (J Chung) were improving to its outside and shifting inwards slightly. When assessing this incident, Stewards took into account the racing manners of DUBAI'S POTIKI and that the pace had eased slightly when EXIT LEFT had shied at the winning post, which had contributed to the tightening. K Myers and J Chung were advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances. Shifted outwards and away from DUBAI'S POTIKI near the 600 metres, making contact with SUNSET BOULEVARD.

SUNSET BOULEVARD (F Moerman) - Contacted near the 600 metres stepping outwards slightly, inconveniencing WOLFGANG.

HELLUVAH RETURN (L Hemi) - Improved on to heels having to be steadied passing the winning post on the first occasion.

KNIGHTS REALM (J Chung) - Lay outwards rounding the bend near the 600 metres. When questioned regarding the improved performance, Co-Trainer C Isdale advised that at its previous start the gelding had over-raced when racing three-wide without cover and, in his opinion, had benefited from obtaining a more economical run outside the leader today.

EXIT LEFT (T Wigram) - Shied at the winning post on the first occasion. Went amiss near the 400 metres. EXIT LEFT was immediately attended to by the on-course Veterinarian and the Horse Ambulance was deployed. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have suffered a fracture to the near foreleg and was humanely euthanised.

Race 8	**THE TELE OTAKI HANDICAP 2100m**

DUPUG (M Hudson) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

STEADFAST (F Moerman) - Began awkwardly, losing ground. When questioned regarding performance, rider advised that the gelding was unsuited to today's track conditions.

MALIBU (K Hercock) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

LEPREKHAN (T Davies) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages, getting its head up.

JOAN'S JOKER (T Wigram) - Improved on to heels near the 1500 metres. Lay inwards when played under pressure in the final straight.

CRAFTSMAN (E Nicholas) - Raced three-wide from the 1200 metres before improving to the lead near the 1000 metres.

TIMMY (S Macnab) - Improved on to heels passing the 600 metres, having to be steadied.

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