

STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Counties Racing Date: 30 September 2011

Weather: Fine Track: Slow 8/Slow 7 Rail: True

Stewards: JP Oatham (Chairman), AR Coles, W Robinson

Stenographer: M Gemmell

GENERAL:

The track was upgraded to Slow 7 following Race 2.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: SELENO, ELECTRONIC SOCKS, PAY PACKET, CHICHARITA, TSARIO,

HAN SOLO, LA CHATTE VITE, CASTLETON KING

Suspensions: R5. P Taylor, Rule 638(1)(d), Careless Riding, suspended 4 days **Fines**: R6. B McDonald, Rule 537(a), late declaration of rider, fined \$50

Warnings: Nil

Horse Actions: R5. SHE LOVES MUSIC, must barrier trial

R5. HOIYA BELLA, warning, barrier manners

Bleeders: R2. ALBALADEJO

Medical Certificates: Nil Rider Changes: Nil

Late Scratchings: R5. SHE LOVES MUSIC, 2.41pm, Vet advice at start.

R8. LETSSPLAYTAG, 4.26pm, Vet advice at start.

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 SUPPORTERS CLUB 880

MT EDEN (M Cameron) began awkwardly, losing ground.

POSTILLION(C Grylls) raced greenly crossing the junction on to the Course Proper passing the 700 metres, shifting out and hampering SWIPER THE FOX (V Colgan).

POSTILLION was unable to be fully ridden out as it continued to race greenly in the final straight and shifted out under pressure inconveniencing RED LEATHER (C Ormsby) near the 100 metres

SUGGEST GOLD (A Taylor) hung outwards throughout the race and knuckled passing the 400 metres where the filly appeared uneven in its action. When questioned Rider A Taylor advised that the filly had hung badly and felt indifferent in its action throughout the race and in her opinion may be better suited to a wetter track. Trainer P Brosnan undertook to advise the Stipendiary Stewards regarding the filly's progress on return to its stable as it was suspected that she may be showing signs of shin soreness.

Race 2 PUKEKOHE COSSIE CLUB – PUNTERS CLUB 2100

ALKADAZ (M Cameron) shifted out to obtain clear running passing the 500 metres crowding TOBY CEE (C Ormsby). M Cameron was advised to exercise care.

When questioned regarding his riding tactics on MAHARISHI Rider G Cooksley stated that the gelding had felt indifferent in its action in the early stages and although running on fairly in the final straight in his opinion it was showing signs of soreness in front. A post-race veterinary examination of MAHARISHI did not reveal any abnormalities.

A post-race veterinary examination of ALBALADEJO which weakened appreciably over the final 400 metres found the horse to have bled and as such is subject to the mandatory three month stand down period.

Race 3 COUNTIES CLEANING SUPPLIES 2100

SWEET HABIT (M Hills) began a little awkwardly and was then crowded between runners.

When questioned regarding the performance of KATI CAT which was not persevered with in the final straight when well beaten, Rider M Wenn stated that the gelding had been fractious in the barriers and had raced very ungenerously throughout.

MISS EVITA (M Sweeney) was eased down by its rider over the final 200 metres. M Sweeney advised that the mare had been inclined to change strides throughout the race and had felt indifferent in its action.

Post-race veterinary examinations of both KATI CAT and MISS EVITA failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities. The respective trainers advised that both horses would be subjected to further tests on return to their stables and undertook to advise the Stipendiary Stewards of the outcome.

Race 4 TUAKAU COSSIE CLUB – RACING SECTION 1200

CHICHARITA (C Ormsby) and SAMPHIRE (R Hutchings) both began awkwardly.

OAK PARK (J Waddell) was slow away.

OUR SONARE (J Jago) raced wide throughout.

SAMPHIRE ran wide and dipped when entering the final straight near the 450 metres.

OUR SONARE raced greenly in the final straight.

When questioned regarding the performance of TOPPICK which was eased down over the final 200 metres, Rider S Collett advised that the filly had felt indifferent in its action. A post-race veterinary examination of TOPPICK did not reveal any abnormalities.

Race 5 NRM FILLIES & MARES SERIES HEAT 1 1200

SHE LOVES MUSIC (J Waddell) became fractious in its barrier stall and reared over backwards, becoming cast. SHE LOVES MUSIC was declared a late scratching at 2.41pm. Sections of the barriers were disassembled to enable SHE LOVES MUSIC to be freed. The trainer's representative, Mr B Hawtin was advised that SHE LOVES MUSIC would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of a Stipendiary Steward prior to racing next. Mr Hawtin advised that he had received contact from Trainer Mr T Busuttin advising that the mare would not be persevered with as a racing proposition.

HOIYA BELLA (T Thornton) proved difficult to load. Trainer A Smith was advised that the mare's barrier manners must improve and that a warning would be recorded on this occasion.

IPONI (M Vance) began awkwardly and shifted in making contact with ZAKHEROV (V Colgan).

BLUE SWALLOW (A Collett) was slow away.

P Taylor was suspended from the conclusion of racing on Sunday 2 October 2011 until the conclusion of racing on Sunday 9 October 2011 (4 riding days) after admitting a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount MADISON AVE to shift inwards after the start when not sufficiently clear of GOONDIWINDI (L Satherley) which was dictated inwards causing crowding to TIME PAYS (C Lammas), TSARIO (D Nolan) and DIRECT LINE (S Collett) with TIME PAYS and DIRECT LINE having to be checked.

JIMMY JOHNSON (C Grylls) raced wide without cover throughout.

MADISON AVE had to be steadied off the heels of HOIYA BELLA near the 850 metres.

Near the 700 metres IPONI became awkwardly placed inside the heels of TARIMA (D Johnson). Also at that point of the race TIME PAYS which was to the inside of IPONI and over-racing shifted out slightly when having to be steadied off heels as the pace steadied making contact with IPONI which blundered badly, dislodging Rider M Vance. After being attended to by the Ambulance Personnel M Vance was cleared to fulfil her remaining

engagements. IPONI required veterinary treatment for a laceration to the off hind leg. Near the 250 metres KITTY RUSSELL (M Cameron) which was attempting a marginal run to the inside of ZAKHEROV knucked badly and shifted out hampering HOIYA BELLA which was forced out on to MADISON AVE.

When passing the 250 metres TIME PAYS shifted out away from JIMMY JOHNSON on to the heels of TARIMA (D Johnson) and had to be steadied.

When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of ZAKHEROV Rider V Colgan stated that the gelding which was having its first race day start had become very wound up prior to entering the barriers and then fractious in the starting stalls. V Colgan further stated that after having to work early to go forward from a wide draw the gelding had then been inclined to race greenly when in front and had given ground quickly once a beaten runner passing the 200 metres from where he had not persevered with the gelding.

Race 6 EIF INTERNATIONAL LTD 1400

Trainer B McDonald was fined \$50 after failing to declare a rider for RED MAGIC by the specified time.

DANIJELA (M Cameron) was a little slow to begin.

RED MAGIC (R Hutchings) raced three wide without cover throughout.

MR KUNOFF (M Hills) shifted out under pressure away from HAN SOLO (V Colgan) inconveniencing RED MAGIC near the 150 metres and DARB AND MARG (C Parish) near the 75 metres.

Race 7 VERNON & VAZEY TRUCK PARTS LTD 1600

LA CHATTE VITE (V Colgan) was slow away.

NICE TRY (L Robertson) began awkwardly.

NICE TRY hung out around the bend.

ISTIMAGIC (C Parish) also hung out around the bend and in the final straight.

MALANDRINO (R Norvall) and LA CHATTE VITE came together just short of the finish.

Race 8 DHL COUNTIES CUP DAY 19TH NOVEMBER 1600

LETSPLAYTAG (D Johnson) was declared a late scratching acting on veterinary advice at 4.26pm after charging the front gate of its barrier stall.

GARROD (R Hutchings) was slow away.

BUCKLES (S Collett) raced three wide around the bend and was inclined to lay out. BUCKLES was then inclined to lay in under pressure in the final straight. Rider S Collett was of the opinion that the gelding may be feeling the effects of recent racing. Trainer S Marshall confirmed that BUCKLES would now be spelled.