

STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Wellington Racing Club Date: Saturday 3 December 2011

Weather: Fine Track: Good 3 Rail: True Stewards: JP Oatham (Chairman), R Neal, N Goodwin, B Bateup

Stenographer: P Penketh

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: TAOIST MASTER; MISS DARLEY; TRAVOLTA; SANTOS; STARPIN; JERRICO; ROYAL QUEEN; KIMBERLEY COURTNEY; MUFHASA; VONUSTI; DATING; AFFIRMATIVE

Suspensions: Nil

Fines: R6 B Lammas, Rule 330(3)(c), failed to make weight, fined \$100

Warnings: R3 H Kasim, Rule 638(1)(d), shifting ground 200 metres

R7 J Parkes, Rule 638(1)(d), shifting ground after start

Horse Actions: RATNARAJ – warning on racing manners

Bleeders: Nil
Medical Certificates: Nil

Rider Changes: R6 B Lammas replaced by S Spratt on WILLOW PARK at 2.55pm –

unable to make the weight.

Late Scratchings: Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 CARPET ONE 2YO PREMIER

LOVES THE SHOW began awkwardly making contact with BANG.

LADY DE CHINE lost its footing behind when leaving the barriers and shifted out crowding LA PETITE.

LOVES THE SHOW raced greenly across the junction and shifted out making contact with IAMISHWARA near the 500 metres.

LADY DE CHINE ducked outwards when struck with the whip near the 350 metres.

Race 2 BROKERWEB CHALMERS TWO MILE PREMIER

MCCULLEY and HUNTERS CREEK both began awkwardly.

HULA SISTER over-raced in the early stages.

WOTABUZ was held up passing the 300 metres.

Race 3 OPEN2VIEW MAIDEN

TRAVOLTA was slow away.

LADY SHANNON lost its footing leaving the barrier and lost ground.

RAMPANTEXCUSE began awkwardly and shifted out causing crowding to MCDAIDS; PENCURI and PROFUNDO with PROFUNDO becoming badly unbalanced.

NO EXCUSES and HANAMICHI came together on leaving the barriers and were then further hampered by FLING which lay out in the early stages.

SINS OF THE FATHER over-raced in the early and middle stages

MCDAIDS raced three-wide without cover throughout.

ASAVANT shifted out passing the 600 metres inconveniencing PENCURI.

SHARBEELA shifted out near the 450 metres hampering TRAVOLTA which was taken out onto SLIPPERY MISTAKE. TRAVOLTA then had some difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 300 metres. L Whelan was advised to exercise care.

ASAVANT had difficulty obtaining clear running in the home straight until near the 150 metres.

FLEMINGTON had difficulty obtaining clear running in the home straight.

Approaching the 200 metres SHARE THE BLAME was checked when crowded for room between LADY SHANNON, which had improved into a tight run to its inside, and HALOGEN which shifted in and away from MCDAIDS. H Kasim (HALOGEN) was issued with a warning.

Race 4 DUNSTAN FEEDS CHAMPIONSHIP PREMIER

BALLYRINA and SMART MOLLY were slow away.

STANBYME raced wide without cover throughout.

SANTO; FIREKEEPER and FASTNET ROCKETTE were all held up entering the final straight.

BALLYRINA had to be steadied off the heels of END OF THE LINE which shifted out near the 450 metres.

FASNET ROCKETTE shifted out to obtain clear running making contact with SMART MOLLY near the 300 metres.

Race 5 JR & N BERKETT TELEGRAPH JANUARY 21 PREMIER

GALAXY STAR began awkwardly and then shifted out making contact with SUNINSKY.

KURODA FIELD and POCKET DIARY were slow away.

STARPIN and KURODA FIELD over-raced in the middle stages.

GOLDEN MISS had to be steadied when crowded for room by GALAXY STAR near the 600 metres. N Harris was advised to exercise care.

POCKET DIARY was unable to find clear running in the final straight until passing the 150 metres.

KURODA FIELD was held up for a distance passing the 250 metres.

GALAXY STAR was inclined to lay in down the final straight.

PARTY CAT was unable to obtain clear running in the final straight.

Race 6 EXCEL DIGITAL 3YO PREMIER

B Lammas was unable to make the weight on WILLOW PARK and was replaced by S Spratt at 2.55pm. B Lammas was fined \$100.

SOU'EAST was very slow to begin.

GYMDANDY was slow away.

RATNARAJ which was over-racing, got its head up when being steadied off the heels of PELLEGRINI near the 1000 metres and ran wide. RATNARAJ then hung out around the turn and in the final straight and was unable to be ridden out. Trainer P McKenzie was advised that a warning would now be placed against the colt. Mr McKenzie advised that he would now consider gelding RATANARAJ.

NASHVILLE made the bend passing the 800 metres awkwardly.

GYMDANDY had to be restrained when improving up onto heels passing the 900 metres with the saddle then shifting forward.

CITY CHIEF had to be steadied over the concluding stages when awkwardly placed on the heels of WILLOW PARK which shifted in slightly. Contributing to the incident was some outward movement by FORT LINCOLN.

When questioned regarding the performance of PELLEGRINI, J McDonald said that the gelding had not helped his chances by over-racing in the early and middle stages and had been unable to finish the race off as well as expected as a result.

Race 7 STELLA ARTOIS PREMIER

VALDERAMA and ZANTELAGH began awkwardly.

L'AMOUR was crowded shortly after jumping away.

SAY NO MORE raced three-wide without cover throughout.

Approximately 100 metres after the start SAY NO MORE had to be steadied when JUST CALL ME BOND shifted in. J Parkes was issued with a warning.

Race 8 HIREMASTER PREMIER

POP YA BELT and EKSTRA SPECIAL began awkwardly.

BAR KEEPER jumped in the air at the start.

POP YA BELT had to be steadied when becoming awkwardly placed on heels near the 700 metres.

COATOFMANYCOLOURS raced three wide without cover throughout.

Approaching the 200 metres, ITSABUZZ shifted out slightly under pressure when weakening with COATOFMANYCOLOURS becoming awkwardly placed on that runner's heels and shifting out into the line of PLATINUM STREET which clipped a heel and blundered. It was the view of the Stewards that no one rider could be held culpable in this incident.

LASSWADE shifted across the heels of OUTBACK GIRL to obtain clear running near the 200. EKSTRA SPECIAL was held up in the final straight.

D Walsh reported that EKSTRA SPECIAL was not suited by the lack of early pace and hung throughout the event. He further added that he believed the mare preferred more give in the track than the Good 3 today.

Race 9 WESTBURY STUD CAPTAIN COOK STAKES – Group 1

MUFHASA underwent a veterinary inspection before being declared fit to race after breaking through the barrier and galloping a short distance before being restrained and returned to the start.

VONUSTI blundered when jumping away.

S Spratt admitted a charge of careless riding in that she permitted her mount MUFHASA to shift outwards near the 1300 metres when not sufficiently clear of HOLD IT HARVEY which was hampered and forced wider on the track. Due to the transport commitments of Miss Spratt the Judicial Committee adjourned the hearing until Wednesday 7 December at Ellerslie Racecourse.

HOLD IT HARVEY was then obliged to race three wide without cover.

VONUSTI had to shift out across the heels of MUFHASA passing the 50 metres.

A post-race veterinary examination of BANCHEE revealed the mare lost the off fore plate during the running and was slightly sore on return to the saddling area.

Race 10: WELLINGTON BUSINESS FORMS PREMIER

HODDIGGIDY was slow to begin.

HEMINGWAY raced three-wide without cover throughout.

PYCOCK FLYER lay in near the 250 metres making contact with AFFIRMATIVE which was improving into a tight right to its inside.

BETWEEN THE BEATS lay out under pressure passing the 200 metres taking HEMINGWAY out into the line of WINNING LINE which had to be steadied.

When questioned regarding the performance of SEDUCER, J Bullard was of the opinion that the gelding may be feeling the firm nature of the footing after two runs on good tracks in eight days.