



STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Auckland Racing Club	Date:	Saturday 14 January 2012
Weather:	Fine with isolated showers	Track:	Dead 5/Dead 6 after R1.
Rail:	9.5 Metres		
Stewards:	JP Oatham (Chairman), CJ George, AR Coles, MJ Williamson, W Robinson		
Stenographer:	M Gemmell		

GENERAL:

No issues to report

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT:

Waikato RC – Thursday 12 January 2012 Race 7 – Vero Insurance 2100 When questioned regarding his riding instructions apprentice A Forbes (Plan Ex) advised that he had been informed that the gelding normally settles back in the field. A Forbes was advised that in the Stewards view given the slow tempo of the race he had erred in not making a greater attempt, and showing more urgency, to improve his position rounding the final turn with the race developing into a sprint home.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	WANABEFAMOUS, GASTON, GREEN WINGS, JUBILATE, FIRST RESPONSE, OPTIONS, RASTEAU, POSITIVENERGY, SHE'S PRESTIGIOUS, ENDOR
Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	R1. R Manning, Rule 537(a), failed to declare rider by required time, fined \$50. R7. S Ralph, Rule 616(3), presented horse to race without notified gear being blinkers, fined \$50.
Warnings:	R10. S Shirahama, Rule 638(1)(d), shifted ground 300 metres.
Horse Actions:	R4. KATYDID, racing manners. Must trial to satisfaction of Stipendiary Stewards prior to racing next. R4. BETWEEN DREAMS, warning, racing manners.
Bleeders:	Nil
Medical Certificates:	Nil
Rider Changes:	Nil
Late Scratchings:	R2. EGO, 12.36pm, downgrade in track conditions. R9. NAVIGATOR, 2.33pm, vet advice.

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	Cambridge Stud Yearlings @ Karaka 3YO
HARLEQUIN (A Collett) was slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance of ST MARK Rider J McDonald stated that the gelding had been unsuited by the slow tempo of the race but had found the line well. Following the running of this race the track was downgraded to a Dead 6.	

Race 2	Hallmark Stud 1200
<p>EGO was declared a late scratching at 12.36pm due to the downgrade in track conditions. CORETTA (S Spratt) and BANCHEE (M Cameron) both began awkwardly. CHARMA (A Forbes) was inclined to over-race in the early and middle stages. CHARMA lay in when placed under pressure in the final straight and made contact with ROUGH ODDS (A Collett) on several occasions.</p>	
Race 3	Countdown to Karaka Million 2YO
<p>DREAMCOAT (T Thornton) and GREEN WINGS (M Tanaka) came together when leaving the barriers. FREEDOM (S Spratt) began awkwardly and shifted out hampering MAC ORLA (M Cameron) and TAOIST MASTER (J McDonald) which then shifted out abruptly. Near the 800 metres DREAMCOAT shifted out slightly making contact with TAOIST MASTER. FREEDOM raced greenly throughout. RED LEADER (A Collett) dipped near the 400 metres. GREEN WINGS which raced greenly in the final straight lay out under pressure over the final 200 metres and in particular over the concluding stages. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of DREAMCOAT Rider T Thornton advised that the filly had failed to handle today's track conditions.</p>	
Race 4	Stella Artois 3YO
<p>SMART ODDS (A Collett) shifted out when leaving the barriers inconveniencing MY BLOSSOM LADY (M Coleman) and CALIFORNIA DANCER (M Hills). KATYDID (M Cameron) began awkwardly, losing ground. SHINING ARMOUR (T Yeung) was slow to begin. BETWEEN DREAMS (M Vance) shifted out abruptly when leaving the barriers. GAME CHANGER (P Holmes) shifted out shortly after leaving the barriers further hampering LET'S BE A STAR (R Hutchings) which had begun awkwardly. SMART ODDS had to be steadied near the 900 metres when CALIFORNIA DANCER (M Hills) shifted in. M Hills was advised to exercise care. SMART ODDS then raced wide without cover and was inclined to hang out. KATYDID hung outwards throughout the race and was uncompetitive. M Cameron advised that the filly had raced very greenly. Trainer D Dyer was advised that KATYDID must barrier trial to the satisfaction of a Stipendiary Steward prior to racing next. JUBILATE (M Tanaka) hung out around the final turn and shifted out under pressure near the 250 metres inconveniencing FACE THE SUN (J McDonald). FACE THE SUN was then inclined to shift away from JUBILATE which continued to hang out under pressure. BETWEEN DREAMS (M Vance) hung out under pressure in the final straight finishing on the extreme outside of the track and was unable to be fully ridden out. Trainer S Hewetson was advised that a warning would be placed against the filly for its racing manners.</p>	
Race 5	Rich Hill 2100
<p>EVER SO SHARP (M Hills) was a little slow to begin. TAMARA STORM (C Parish) had to be steadied off the heels of BLUE SWALLOW (A Forbes) which was being eased near the 1400 metres. TAMARA STORM over-raced in the middle stages. When being steadied near the 600 metres HANAMICHI shifted out slightly making contact with ERLICHEER (M Cameron) which then hampered COUNT ISTI (M Wenn). ERLICHEER shifted in slightly under pressure near the 300 metres crowding HANAMICHI. FIRST RESPONSE (M Vance) lay out under pressure over the final 100 metres. When questioned regarding the performance of HANAMICHI Rider J McDonald stated that the filly had travelled comfortably until the 600 metres but once placed under pressure was unable to quicken and had been disappointing.</p>	
Race 6	Blandford Lodge 2100

MISS SHARAPOVA (M Coleman) dropped its head as the barriers opened and was very slow away losing several lengths.

EL SOLDADO (M Cameron) and NATSINGA (BR Jones) were both slow away.

Leaving the straight on the first occasion OPTIONS (A Collett) shifted out when racing ungenerously crowding VELDT (S Spratt) for a short distance. OPTIONS then got its head up when being restrained off the heels of NO FEAR (T Thornton) which shifted in.

OPTIONS over-raced in the early and middle stages having to be firmly restrained off heels passing the 1300 metres. EL SOLDADO and MISS SHARAPOVA both had to steady as a result.

NATSINGA raced three wide without cover.

When enquiring into the reasons for MISS SHARAPOVA being checked and losing ground near the 900 metres the Stewards agreed with rider M Coleman who stated that the mare had over-reacted badly after making contact with HOT IN BLACK (M Vance) which was racing to its outside, then making contact with HOT IN BLACK on several more occasions and shifting out across that runner's heels and having to be checked.

OPTIONS was held up early in the final straight.

DESPEREAUX (A Forbes) lay out away from OPTIONS passing the 100 metres making contact with DON DOMINGO (M Tanaka) on two occasions.

NATSINGA had some difficulty obtaining clear running in the final straight.

When questioned regarding the performance of EL SOLDADO Rider M Cameron stated that after a poor beginning the gelding had got further back than intended and had not been suited by the slow tempo of the race. M Cameron added that he believed the gelding would be better suited ridden in a more forward position and racing in the open.

OPTIONS returned to the enclosure bleeding from a cut to the left hind leg.

A post race veterinary examination of MISS SHARAPOVA did not reveal any abnormalities.

Race 7	Rennells Jewellers 1200
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Trainer S Ralph was fined \$50 after presenting the horse MONARCH to race without notified gear being blinkers.

BOY STAR (A Forbes) began awkwardly.

SING FOR THE SUN (J Jago) was crowded leaving the barriers.

CAPTORG (N Collett) and KAHALA (S Spratt) both over-raced in the middle stages.

MONARCH (A Collett) had to be steadied near the 1000 metres when crowded for room by CAPTORG which was taken in by RASTEAU (J McDonald). Racing to the outside of RASTEAU at that point was MARCHING ON (M Cameron) and DANCING BABE (R Hutchings) which was improving forward. When being steadied in this incident MONARCH dropped back on to BOY STAR which was hampered. With video footage of the incident being inconclusive no further action was taken.

CAPTORG was held up near the 450 metres and when being steadied shifted out crowding KAHALA. BOY STAR which was following KAHALA then ran wide when shifting out across that runner's heels.

RASTEAU lost the left front plate during the running.

Race 8	Lindauer 1400
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SING WITH THE SUN (J Jago) began awkwardly.

DOUBLE DEELIGHT (M Vance) was slow to begin.

GOOGLE ME (M Cropp) was crowded shortly after leaving the barriers when IDALMAR (A Forbes) shifted out and EL VOLANTE (M Cameron) which had begun awkwardly shifted in.

ST BLACKBERRY (P Holmes) had to be steadied off the heels of EL VOLANTE when racing keenly near the 1000 metres.

SAPLING (S Spratt) raced wide without cover throughout.

LOVETOHAVEIT (T Thornton) dipped passing the 400 metres.

POSITIVENERGY (J McDonald) was briefly held up entering the final straight.

Race 9	Equivel 1400
<p>NAVIGATOR was declared a late scratching at 2.33pm on veterinary advice after being injured en route to the races.</p> <p>ST MORITZ (M Coleman) and JUDGING LAW (M Hills) both began awkwardly.</p> <p>LUCKY MAJESTY (T Thornton) over-raced in the early and middle stages.</p> <p>GRAND ADMIRAL (S Spratt) had difficulty obtaining clear running in the final straight.</p> <p>JUDGING LAW was held up passing the 400 metres.</p>	
Race 10:	Dunstan Feeds Stayers
<p>RE DEEL (M Cameron) began awkwardly</p> <p>ASHLEY (M Hills) shifted out when leaving the barriers crowding MONS CALPE (T Thornton).</p> <p>ALDERNEY (N Collett) was crowded when leaving the barriers when SPARNON (P Holmes) shifted out.</p> <p>A COOL CHANGE (A Forbes) made the bend awkwardly when leaving the straight on the first occasion.</p> <p>DESIGNACAT (J McDonald) got its head up when making the bend passing the 1800 metres.</p> <p>GUESS WHAT (S Shirahama) made the crossing awkwardly near the 1750 metres.</p> <p>ALDERNEY commenced to over-race near the 1400 metres and shifted in. ATLANTIS (M Coleman) which was following ALDERNEY and was also over-racing got its head up when being restrained and also shifted in crowding DESIGNACAT which got its head up when being checked off the heels of ATLANTIS. The Stewards were satisfied that the movement of ATLANTIS was beyond the control of Rider M Coleman.</p> <p>ALDERNEY and ATLANTIS continued to over-race through the middle stages, ATLANTIS then racing wide without cover from the 1200 metres.</p> <p>DESIGNACAT and MONS CALPE were both held up rounding the final turn near the 500 metres with both those runners obtaining clear running near the 250 metres.</p> <p>ENDOR (R Hutchings) was held up early in the final straight.</p> <p>GUESS WHAT (S Shirahama) shifted out under pressure passing the 300 metres hampering HAERE MAI (A Collett) and A COOL CHANGE. S Shirahama was issued with a warning.</p> <p>A post-race veterinary examination of BLACK FOX which raced poorly found the gelding to be suffering from a respiratory infection and will receive further veterinary attention and treatment on return to its stable.</p> <p>Trainer B Foote advised that DESIGNACAT had been showing signs of being in season.</p>	