



STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

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| Club: | Racing Matamata | Date: | Wednesday 21 December 2011 |
| Weather: | Fine | Track: | Dead 6/Dead 5 after R2/Dead 4 after R6 |
| Rail: | True | | |
| Stewards: | JP Oatham (Chairman), W Robinson, GP Stewart and Trainee Stewards B Jones, L Tidmarsh | | |
| Stenographer: | P Scott | | |

GENERAL:

No issues to report

SUMMARY:

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| Swabbing: | Paradise Chief, Bellacat, Petty Cury, St Mark, Cap Ferrat, Bonnie Mac, Sophia's Dream, Guns At Five, King's Fortune |
| Suspensions: | Nil |
| Fines: | R7 G & D Rogerson, Rule 616(2)(3), presented Savabeel Star to race with incorrect gear, fined \$50 |
| Warnings: | Nil |
| Horse Actions: | R3 Latin Storm – barrier warning R5 Deliciano – barrier warning |
| Bleeders: | R5 Arnie – three month stand down |
| Medical Certificates: | Nil |
| Rider Changes: | Nil |
| Late Scratchings: | R7 La Montoya at 5.54 pm on vet advice at start R8 Donna Rules at 12.57 pm on vet advice |

RACE COMMENTS:

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| Race 1 | NOBLE & LEE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS 2000 |
| <p>Alysha Marie (T Thornton) and Hongkong Star (O Bosson) both began awkwardly. Harlequin (P Holmes) was slow to begin.</p> <p>Astronomical (M Coleman) shifted in on jumping away crowding Vivere (C Grylls) on to Dear Me (S Collett) which both lost ground with Dear Me being further hampered by Rosenellis (P Turner) which shifted out.</p> <p>Ira Bean (C Parish) was trapped three wide without cover throughout. Vivere raced wide when attempting to improve forward from the 800 metres. Hongkong Star was unable to obtain clear running in the final straight until near the 100 metres.</p> <p>Harlequin was held up and shifted inwards across the heels of Astronomical to obtain clear running near the 250 metres.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the poor performance of Giocchino rider J McDonald stated that the gelding had received a nice run in transit, but had been unable to quicken when asked to do so and had been disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormalities.</p> | |
| Race 2 | ELDERS LIVESTOCK 1200 |

Trainer J Sargent reported on race morning that **Providores** had become cast in its box the previous night. A veterinary examination of **Providores** upon its arrival on course passed the gelding fit to run.

Providores (T Yeung) knuckled when jumping away and was further hampered when crowded between **Papawai Hine** (T Russell) and **Apache Time** (S Collett) which both shifted ground.

El Volante (M Coleman) began awkwardly.

Catalina Gold (A Taylor) began awkwardly and then shifted in hampering **Palraf** (T Thornton).

Diamond Dolly (P Taylor) made the bend near the 800 metres awkwardly taking **Towkay Warrior** (D Hain) into the line of **Palraf** which was steadied and inconvenienced **Apache Time**. **Palraf** then raced wide without cover around the bend.

Catalina Gold lay in under pressure in the final straight.

Following the running of race two the track was upgraded to a dead 5.

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| Race 3 | MATAMATA VETERINARY SERVICES 1200 |
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Latin Storm (S Collett) proved difficult to load with trainer B Foote being advised that a barrier warning would be placed against the filly.

Donstime (M Cropp) was slow to begin.

Whistle On A Star (M Cameron) began awkwardly and was further hampered by **Elway** (O Bosson) which shifted in.

Caitlyns Boy (A Forbes) began awkwardly.

Latin Storm shifted out when jumping away forcing **Reilly Star** (C Grylls) on to **Petty Cury** (J McDonald).

Reilly Star raced three wide without cover throughout.

Smartly (C Lammas) was angled outwards across heels to obtain clear running passing the 200 metres.

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| Race 4 | BAYLEYS MATAMATA 1600 |
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Nosuchnumber (L Allpress) began awkwardly making contact with the side partition of its barrier stall which was pushed on to **Sateka** (O Bosson) hampering that runner. Rider O Bosson advised that his saddle had slipped back slightly as a result of this incident.

Boomstix (C Grylls) was slow away.

When questioned regarding the performance of **Maciano** rider L Innes stated that the gelding had commenced to hang out passing the 800 metres and failed to respond to his riding when placed under pressure. Trainer J Sargent advised that he would be looking to remove the blinkers from **Maciano** and try it over more ground on a right handed track at its next start.

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| Race 5 | COMAG LIMITED 1400 |
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Deliciano (J McDonald) became fractious in the barriers prior to the start and was passed fit to run following an inspection by the veterinarian. Co-trainer S Ramsay was advised that a barrier warning would be placed against the filly.

Sighlent Spur (M Sweeney) got its head down just prior to the barriers opening and was slow away.

Deliciano began very awkwardly making contact with **Striking San** (L Satherley) which became unbalanced. **Deliciano** then continued to shift inwards abruptly over the early stages hampering **Sighlent Spur**.

Shanghai Court (L Innes) began awkwardly hampering **Arnie** (M Wenn).

Surpass (D Johnson) and **Bonnie Mac** (C Ormsby) came together leaving the barriers.

Arnie (M Wenn) over-raced in the middle stages having to be firmly restrained off heels near the 900 metres.

Striking San and **Le Bon Fin** (S Shirahama) both raced wide without cover.

Penushka (M Cameron) hung out around the final turn. **Bonnie Mac** which was held up

rounding the final turn behind **Penushka** shifted out off that runner's heels on the point of the bend near the 300 metres crowding the weakening **Superbelle** (M Hills) out on to **Shanghai Court** (L Innes) which made contact with **Mr Trim** (M Coleman) forcing that runner across the heels of **Striking San** which shifted in and away from **Pin Etoile** (H Kasim) when struck with the whip. **Mr Trim** then clipped a heel of **Striking San** and blundered badly. In the Stewards view no one rider could be held blame-worthy for this incident with C Ormsby advised to exercise care.

Arnie returned to the enclosure with blood present in the nostril area. After being endoscoped by the veterinarian **Arnie** was confirmed as a bleeder and as such is subject to the mandatory 3 month stand down from racing.

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| Race 6 | PEARSON ENGINEERING 1400 |
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Cathay Lady (J McDonald) shifted in when leaving the barriers crowding **Shredder** (M Cropp) on to **Supercharged** (C Grylls) and **Paper Lace** (M Wenn) which was hampered.

Bob Valdez (M Hills) began awkwardly.

Sequin (O Bosson) was inclined to over-race in the early and middle stages.

Shredder raced wide without cover throughout.

M Cropp (**Shredder**) dropped his whip near the 300 metres.

Bob Valdez was held up being steadied across heels near the 150 metres.

Sophia's Dream (M Coleman) lay out under pressure over the final stages.

Following the running of race six the track was upgraded to a dead 4.

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| Race 7 | STIHL SHOP MATAMATA 2000 |
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Trainers G and D Rogerson were fined \$50 after the horse **Savabeel Star** was presented with incorrect gear.

La Montoya (L Innes) was declared a late scratching at 5.54 pm at the start acting upon veterinary advice as it was slightly sore in the left foreleg.

Zerpourguru (C Dell) and **Sassytrik** (C Grylls) came together leaving the barriers with **Sassytrik** losing ground.

Straight Furrow (S Collett) made contact with **West End** (D Nolan) leaving the barriers.

Straight Furrow raced wide without cover throughout.

Needastar (C Ormsby) was held up passing the 400 metres.

He Kin Talk (M Cameron) lay in when entering the final straight near the 300 metres hampering **Flyinby** (D Johnson).

Stonewashed (T Thornton) was retired from the race near the 200 metres. A veterinary examination of the gelding revealed a significant tendon injury to the left foreleg.

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| Race 8 | OXFORD THOROUGHBREDS 1600 |
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Donna Rules was declared a late scratching at 12.57 pm on veterinary advice as the mare was lame in the right hind leg.

Beau Ransom (M Hills) was slow to begin.

Halogen (M Cameron) began awkwardly and shifted in inconveniencing **Shez Kapable** (M Wenn).

Valediction (O Bosson) began awkwardly with the saddle shifting backwards inconveniencing its rider for the remainder of the race.

Keep Winning (L Innes) raced three wide without cover.

When questioned regarding his lack of vigour over the final strides of the race apprentice A Forbes (**Groover**) stated that the gelding had felt indifferent in its action just short of the finish. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities with trainer T Gillies advising that the gelding can feel quite uneven on occasion when changing stride.