



## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

### MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Canterbury Jockey Club	Date: 15 February 2012
Weather: Overcast	Track: Dead 4 Rail: Out 4 metres
Stewards: A Ray (Chairman), M Davidson, J McLaughlin, S Wallace	
Typist: C McMullan	

### GENERAL:

#### **Southland Racing Club, Thursday 9 February 2012**

Trainer M Hamilton was spoken to in regard to the performance of LAUDERCREEK which finished in a distant last placing. Mr Hamilton advised that the gelding was no longer to be persevered with as a racing proposition from his stable.

### SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	PATSY O'REILLY, KEEN AFFAIR, CORA LYNN, MADAM LINCOLN, VINCITORE, DUBOSC, ANGELOLOGY, SNAKE GULLY, ESPRIT D'OR, LAMAZE
Late scratchings:	R6 - JAYJAY was a late scratching at 8.26 am on veterinary advice. R9 – MUFFIN COUP was a late scratching at 4.43 pm after refusing to enter its starting stall.
Suspensions:	
Fines:	
Warnings:	
Horse Actions:	R3 – CHILLYDIP, veterinary clearance required. R4 – HOOVER, racing manners warning.
Bleeders:	R1 – BENABAR, stood down for 3 months.
Medical Certificates:	L Whelan – medical clearance received.
Rider Changes:	

### RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	riccartonpark.co.nz RATING 75 (1200m)
<p>PHOENICIAN and TSINGANA were slow to begin.  DR DEE BEE bounded away on jumping.  BENABAR raced fiercely in the early stages and near the 1100m shifted in making heavy contact with DR DEE BEE which became unbalanced.  PATSY O'REILLY hung in under pressure inside the final 500m.  PHOENICIAN had to be eased to the inside of XCELME passing the 200m in order to continue to improve.  A post race veterinary examination of BENABAR revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils. Trainer M Pitman was advised that BENABAR would now undergo the mandatory three month stand down.</p>	
Race 2	NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK TWO-YEAR-OLD (1000m)
<p>ZENA'S GIRL was crowded on jumping between ROYALE CRYSTAL and KEEN AFFAIR both of which shifted ground. ZENA'S GIRL lost ground in the incident.</p>	

TRUTH began awkwardly and lost ground.  
 SLINKYS COMET was slow to begin.  
 ROYALE CRYSTAL got its head up and raced fiercely in the early stages and had to be checked when awkwardly placed to the outside of TRUTH joining the course proper, which when racing greenly hung out at that stage. ROYALE CRYSTAL then continued to race fiercely and was held up until near the 300m.  
 Near the 600m FORTWELVES PLEASE shifted out and inconvenienced ASK ME.

Race 3 | STRATH CONSULTANCY RATING 65 (1100m)

CORA LYNN was slow to begin.  
 COUP ROCKY ROAD began awkwardly.  
 CHILLYDIP and GOOD EXCUSE came together and bumped on a number of occasions shortly after the start. CHILLYDIP then near the 1000m had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of TALLYHO TUI which was inclined to race greenly in the early stages.  
 CORA LYNN had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of EL CAPITANO near the 600m.  
 EL CAPITANO was held up for clear running for some distance passing the 600m.  
 COUP ROCKY ROAD was inclined to lay out under pressure in the run to the finish.  
 CHILLYDIP was reported to have sustained a knee injury during the running. Trainer P Harris advised it was his intention to retire the mare. A veterinary clearance of fitness will be required if the mare is to ever race again in the future.

Race 4 | CORIN MURFITT & ASSOCIATES MAIDEN (1200m)

MISS KATE LEIGH underwent a veterinary examination at the start after becoming fractious in the barriers and was declared fit to race.  
 MARY BURKE was slow to begin.  
 DHAULAGIRI was crowded and lost ground shortly after the start between URBANA and HU DO YOU LUV which shifted out.  
 GLOBAL PARTNER raced keenly in the early stages and had to be steadied away from heels passing the 1100m.  
 HORSEWIFNONAME was held up for some distance inside the final 600m then was inclined to hang in for the remainder.  
 Over the concluding stages GLOBAL PARTNER had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of COUP EASE (L Allpress) which shifted out under pressure. Rider L Allpress was advised to show greater care in future when racing in similar circumstances.  
 DHAULAGIRI became awkwardly placed close to heels near the 600m and became unbalanced and lost ground. A post race veterinary examination of DHAULAGIRI revealed a laceration to its off foreleg. DHAULAGIRI was treated with antibiotics and given a Tetanus injection.  
 A warning was placed on the racing record of HOOVER which was disappointing throughout. Rider T Direen advised that HOOVER raced greenly throughout.  
 When questioned regarding the performance of TILLY, rider T Moseley explained he was satisfied with the filly's performance however may not have handled the chute track conditions which were slightly softer than the course proper.

Race 5 | LAMB & HAYWARD RATING 85 BENCHMARK (1400m)

EXCUSEABLE was slow to begin.  
 GO GO DINGO was inclined to race keenly in the early and middle stages as the pace slackened.  
 COUP OVERBAKED raced wide throughout.  
 GO GO DINGO was held up for a short distance near the 300m and had to ease wider on

the track to continue to improve.

When questioned regarding the tactics adopted on COUP OVERBAKED, rider B Moore explained she was instructed to ride the gelding in a handy position if possible. She advised she was unable to obtain a position outside the leader VINCITORE racing down the back straight as she was never clear to cross PEARL DANCER. B Moore agreed with the Stewards after viewing the films that in hindsight she should have made a greater effort to obtain the position outside the leader.

Race 6 | HARCOURTS TWISS KEIR CALL 323 6045 MAIDEN (1600m)

MANTECA and OKAVANGO were crowded on jumping between NANNY MCPHEE and SIR DANIEL both of which shifted ground.

Approaching the first turn RULING HEIGHTS which was racing fiercely was checked when awkwardly placed close to the heels of NANNY MCPHEE which hung in and away from MANTECA which also hung in despite the efforts of its rider.

POST MISTRESS raced in restricted room rounding the turn near the 1000m when tight between MANTECA and REIN OFF which was inclined to hang in.

AGENT ARCHIE was inclined to race keenly during the middle stages and raced wide throughout.

ASAVANT was held up for clear running for some distance rounding the home turn.

MANTECA hung in on straightening for the run home, making contact with NANNY MCPHEE.

Rider T Direen (AGENT ARCHIE) dropped her whip near the 250m.

Near the 250m when weakening, POST MISTRESS (A Collett) raced in restricted room between OKAVANGO and ASAVANT (K Williams) which was shifting ground wider in search of clear running. A Collett advised she lost balance just prior to the incident. Rider K Williams was advised to exercise greater care in future when racing in similar circumstances.

Race 7 | FORD CONTRACTING RATING 75 (1600m)

FIRELIGHT and SAW HER WALKIN BY were both slow to begin.

NIGHT LIFE hung in under pressure inside the final 300m.

When questioned regarding the performance of ALUMINIUM BIKERACK, rider L Allpress explained that the mare did not handle the dead track conditions and is better suited racing on firmer ground

Race 8 | KEVIN HUGHES RACING STABLES RATING 85 BENCHMARK (1800m)

AUSSIEAUSSIEAUSSIE and SNAKE GULLY were slow to begin. Rider K Walters advised that AUSSIEAUSSIEAUSSIE had slipped behind on jumping and lost ground as a result.

AUSSIEAUSSIEAUSSIE and SELENUS raced keenly in the early stages.

FONEELEVEN raced wide throughout.

AUSSIEAUSSIEAUSSIE was held up for clear running until passing the 250m and was again held up over the concluding stages.

PENNON was held up for clear running in the early stages of the run home.

ZANE BAY after being held up in the early stages of the run home hung in under pressure inside the final 250m.

Race 9 | ST BEDES CENTENARY – NOW MAY 2012 RATING 65 (2000m)

MUFFIN COUP was a late scratching at 4.43 pm after being unable to be loaded. An investigation into the late scratching of MUFFIN COUP has been adjourned.

KEEPITINTHEFAMILY and CONFUSED were slow to begin.

BACCO raced keenly in the early stages.

CONFUSED had difficulty obtaining clear running for some distance inside the final 300m. DIVINE BROWNE was disappointed for clear running near the 200m and had to be shifted wider on the track to continue to improve. VIANA was disappointed for clear running near the 150m.

Race 10	CHRISTCHURCH CASINO RATING 65 (1400m)
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ABELARD was slow to begin.  
PRINCE FLIGHT was crowded on jumping between AU NATUREL and MANTOVA both of which shifted ground.  
The saddle of LIMOUX shifted forward passing the 800m placing the rider at a disadvantage thereafter.  
TIGER was held up for clear running in the early stages of the home straight.  
Near the 100m MANTOVA had to be steadied when awkwardly placed between AU NATUREL and TIGER (A Collett) which shifted out under pressure. A Collett was advised to exercise greater care in future when racing in similar circumstances.  
When spoken to regarding the performance of LIL MISS TAIT, rider K Myers advised the Stewards that she had a good run throughout however did not finish the race off as expected.  
When questioned regarding his tactics on ABELARD in the early stages, rider D Walsh explained that the mare after being slow to begin felt abnormal in its action and whilst he endeavoured to urge the mare forward in an attempt to maintain contact with the body of the field he was reluctant to apply too much pressure due to having some concern with ABELARD's gait. He advised that near the 800m ABELARD had felt better in its actions so he applied more pressure and when improving wider around the home turn he was obliged to cover more ground when HANNAH KAN shifted wider forward of him. He added that when placed under full pressure inside the 500m ABELARD ran to the finish well.  
A post race veterinary examination of ABELARD revealed the mare to have an asymmetrical hip. When questioned regarding the effects this may have on a horse, Veterinarian C Murfitt explained that this condition would give the impression the horse may have an abnormality in its gait however this would not have an effect on its ability to perform.