



STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Auckland Racing Club	Date: 18 February 2012	
Weather: Fine	Track: Good 3	Rail: 8 metres
Stewards: C George (Chairman), A Coles, M Williamson, L Tidmarsh, P Kinsey		
Stenographer: M Gemmell		

GENERAL:

Following race 7, Jockey M Tanaka was examined by the Club's Medical Officer and cleared fit to ride after suffering from minor dehydration.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	THE MINER, LADY KIPLING, HASSLE FREE, LOVETOHAVEIT, KING'S FORTUNE, SILENT ACHIEVER, SHUKA, CARRICK, CAPTAIN MARVEL, SINGLE MINDED, BOOMING, BLOOD BROTHA, DADZADREAMER All horses in Race 8 were pre-race blood tested.
Suspensions:	R6. M Tanaka, Rule 638(1)(d), shifted ground 400 metres, suspended 5 days.
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	R2. J Castano, Rule 638(1)(d), shifted ground 300 metres. R6. L Innes, Rule 638(1)(d), shifted ground 200 metres.
Horse Actions:	R4. EL VOLANTE, warning, racing manners.
Bleeders:	Nil
Medical Certificates:	Nil
Rider Changes:	Nil
Late Scratchings:	R8. MAYTHEHORSEBEMAGIC, 2.15pm, transport difficulties.

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	Avondale Jockey Club 1200
<p>THE MINER (A Collett) began awkwardly. FAXED (C Grylls) was slow to begin. STARPIN (J McDonald) and HE'S ROCK'N'ROLL (J Castano) came together on jumping away when both runners shifted ground. TRAPICHE (C Ormsby) was slow away and had to steady off the heels of PRIME HIT (J Jago) shortly after. THE MINER got its head up when racing fiercely near the 1000 metres. COOL STORM (T Thornton) over-raced through the early and middle stages. COOL STORM raced in restricted room early in the final straight.</p>	
Race 2	Fuji Zerox 1400
<p>ROMAN TOIA (G Cooksley) and LADY KIPLING (J McDonald) came together on jumping away and then LADY KIPLING was further crowded when ZARA DANCER (J Castano) shifted in. SHANDREAM (L Innes) raced keenly in the early stages.</p>	

In the early stages of the straight FLEUR DE LUNE (M Sweeney) was crowded for some distance by ZARA DANCER. J Castano (ZARA DANCER) was warned that he must make a greater effort to keep his mounts from crowding other runners.

M Sweeney (FLEUR DE LUNE) stated that he was disappointed with his mount's performance and that FLEUR DE LUNE was under pressure rounding the home turn and he could not offer any explanation. A post race veterinary examination of FLEUR DE LUNE revealed no abnormalities.

Race 3	Portofino Restaurants 1400
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SCUD (J Jago) underwent a veterinary examination at the start and was cleared fit to race. GEE GEE GIRL (S Shirahama) and TURPEN (C Grylls) made contact on jumping away. SCUD began awkwardly and shifted out inconveniencing POSITIVENERGY (J McDonald). POSITIVENERGY over-raced in the early and middle stages and made contact with the hind quarters of PIN ETOILE (C Dell) near the 900 metres and was then obliged to race wide until the 800 metres.

PIN ETOILE raced wide without cover from the 700 metres and weakened in the home straight.

When questioned regarding the tactics adopted on POSITIVENERGY in the early stages Rider J McDonald stated that from the wide draw he was instructed by Trainer G Richardson to ride the horse back in the field as they anticipated plenty of speed in the race. After beginning fairly POSITIVENERGY was reluctant to settle despite his efforts. Near the 1200 metres it became apparent that the anticipated speed did not eventuate in the race and he stated at that point he considered improving forward to obtain the lead. However PIN ETOILE improved to his inside and placing POSITIVENERGY wider on the track. J McDonald further added that he was of the opinion PIN ETOILE would continue to improve forward and he would follow that horse with cover but PIN ETOILE did not improve which resulted in his mount being placed wide and over-racing. He advised the Stewards that in hindsight he should have been more positive in the early stages of the race. Trainer G Richardson confirmed these instructions because of the wide barrier draw and the anticipated speed in the race and added that in future the horse may be ridden more forward if given a favourable barrier draw in its next start.

Race 4	Al & Wynna Tan Mile
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TINO PAI (T Yeung) was slow away.

ZARAZEN (S Shirahama) shifted in on jumping away crowding SETON STREET (H Tinsley).

Shortly after the start OBERON (C Grylls) hung outwards for a short distance.

EL VOLANTE (M Coleman) over-raced badly throughout and near the 1000 metres shifted out and took CASUAL FLING (J Riddell) wider on the track.

Near the 1200 metres OBERON when being steadied off the heels of ZARAZEN shifted out slightly making contact with SETON STREET which was then crowded for room by DASHING THUNDER (C Ormsby) which shifted in when awkwardly placed on the heels of EL VOLANTE. In this incident SETON STREET clipped a heel and blundered.

Near the 800 metres EL VOLANTE shifted in abruptly resulting in ZARAZEN being checked. As a result OBERON, SETON STREET, TINO PAI and SUZIE THE WAITRESS (J Waddell) which were following were all hampered. Trainer G Richardson was advised that a warning would be placed on the horse for its racing manners.

OBERON hung out rounding the home turn.

CASUAL FLING had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Near the 200 metres NO ENEMY (L Innes) shifted in and away from DASHING THUNDER and crowded EL VOLANTE.

Race 5	Melco Construction Mile
<p>MOSH PIT (J McDonald) shifted in after jumping away hampering WHITBY (C Ormsby) and ESSAOUIRA (M Coleman) with ESSAOUIRA making contact with the hind quarters of BELLINO (N Collett) which became briefly unbalanced.</p> <p>BELLINO and MOSH PIT over-raced in the early stages.</p> <p>Near the 200 metres KING'S FORTUNE (J Riddell) had to shift to the inside of THE DIAMOND DUKE (H Tinsley) to obtain clear running, inconveniencing RAINMAKER (C Grylls).</p> <p>MOSH PIT lay in under pressure in the straight and made contact with THE DIAMOND DUKE. ESSAOUIRA lost the near hind plate during the running.</p>	
Race 6	The Falls Restaurant & Mullins Tyres Avondale Guineas
<p>SACRED KNIGHT (C Grylls) began awkwardly, shifting out and hampering COLORADO SUN (P Holmes).</p> <p>MR CHEZ (C Ormsby) shifted out jumping away making contact with SILENT ACHIEVER (J McDonald).</p> <p>Shortly after the start TILDA (M Tanaka), GAME CHANGER (C Dell) and GUESS WHAT (BR Jones) were crowded for room by CARRICK (L Innes) which shifted in.</p> <p>GAME CHANGER raced fiercely in the early stages.</p> <p>Near the 600 metres SHUKA (H Tinsley) got its head up when awkwardly placed on the heels of SACRED KNIGHT (C Grylls) and shifted out inconveniencing CARRICK.</p> <p>M Tanaka, the rider of TILDA, admitted a breach of Rule 638(1)(d) in that near the 400 metres he permitted his mount to shift outwards causing SHUKA to check. After considering the evidence the JCA suspended M Tanaka's license from the conclusion of racing on 25 February 2012 until 6 March 2012 at which day he may ride, 5 days.</p> <p>GAME CHANGER hung out rounding the home turn.</p> <p>ROAMIN (J Waddell) was held up rounding the home turn in the early part of the straight.</p> <p>Near the 200 metres SHUKA was steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of CARRICK which shifted out under pressure. L Innes was issued with a warning.</p> <p>C Dell, the rider of GAME CHANGER, was reminded of his obligations regarding his whip use.</p> <p>SACRED KNIGHT was lame in the off fore leg when being examined post race by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and was treated on Course.</p> <p>SHUKA lost the off front plate during the running.</p>	
Race 7	Megan Jaffe Real Estate 2100
<p>SPEEDY ROCKET (M Tanaka) was crowded jumping away between SAVED BY THE BELL (M Sweeney) and MARVON DOWNS (M Vance) when both those runners shifted out.</p> <p>SPARNON (C Dell) began awkwardly.</p> <p>SUPERCHARGED (S Shirahama) raced three wide early until shifting in passing the 1600 metres.</p> <p>QUETZALCOATL (T Thornton) raced ungenerously through the middle stages.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the tactics adopted on SPARNON as to why he improved passing the 1600 metres resulting in him being caught three wide without cover for the remainder of the race Rider C Dell stated that his instructions were to ride his mount in a forward position, however if he was unable to do so he was to allow his horse to settle in a rearward position and improve forward when the opportunity presented itself. He stated after beginning well from a wide draw there was ample speed from runners to his inside so he elected to race back in the field. Passing the 1600 metres in his opinion the pace slackened so he elected to improve around the field to take up a prominent position. When improving in a three wide line the speed quickened and he was unable to obtain a position with cover and for the remainder of the race was obliged to race three without cover. Trainer T Cole confirmed the instructions and advised the Stewards that in his opinion SPARNON is not up to this class of</p>	

race. A post race veterinary examination of SPARNON did not reveal any abnormalities and C Dell was advised that his comments were noted. JEROBOAM returned to the enclosure with blood present in the nasal area. JEROBOAM underwent an endoscopic examination which was clear.

Race 8	Cardinal Logistics Avondale Gold Cup
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MAYTHEHORSEBEMAGIC was a late scratching at 2.15pm due to transport difficulties. TOP SPOT (M Tanaka) began awkwardly, losing ground. Leading on to the Course Proper near the 2200 metres INNOCENT LADY (T Thornton) had to steady when crowded for room to the inside of TOP SPOT which was taken in by YOURS (N Collett) which became awkwardly placed on the heels of DON DOMINGO which shifted in and away from BOOMING (J Riddell), DON DOMINGO then raced ungenerously for a distance. TOP SPOT over-raced in the early stages. Rounding the first turn when the pace slackened CASTLE HEIGHTS (J Waddell) shifted out abruptly off the heels of DON DOMINGO. Near the 1800 metres INNOCENT LADY and TOP SPOT both became awkwardly placed when the pace was steadied. BOOMING had to shift out off heels passing the 300 metres to obtain clear running. When questioned regarding the performance of WISECRACK Rider J McDonald advised the horse had travelled well and received a comfortable trip through the running but when asked for an effort approaching the 400 metres had not responded as well as anticipated. J McDonald further added in his opinion WISECRACK would benefit from a break with Trainer K Kelso confirming that WISECRACK would now be spelled. WISECRACK underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. TOP SPOT lost the off hind plate during the running.

Race 9	York Street Mechanics 2100
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This race was delayed by three minutes at the request of TAB Control. PACIFIC ROSE (L Satherley) began awkwardly, losing ground. PENUMBRA (C Dell) and CREDIT CRUNCH (H Tinsley) came together on jumping away and then were further crowded when YOUREIN (L Innes) shifted in. PAYBACK (A Collett) began awkwardly. RED SHIFT (M Coleman) lost its footing on jumping away. ROCHALLEN (M Sweeney) over-raced in the early and middle stages. Near the 900 metres PAYBACK when awkwardly placed on heels shifted out and raced three wide without cover. Between the 600 metres and 400 metres PENUMBRA got its head up when awkwardly placed on the heels of INFINITE WAY on a number of occasions. Near the 100 metres YOUREIN and DADZADREAMER (J McDonald) made contact when both runners shifted ground and over the concluding stages both runners continued to shift ground under pressure and made contact. When questioned regarding the performance of RED SHIFT Rider M Coleman stated his mount travelled well throughout the race, however from the 600 metres when the field quickened RED SHIFT was unable to sprint, further adding that once balanced RED SHIFT had made ground well over the final stages. RED SHIFT underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.