STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Date: Saturday 31st March 2012

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: True

Stewards: C George (Chairman); N Goodwin; G Whiterod and B Bateup

Stenographer: P Penketh

GENERAL:

An adjourned investigation into the false start in Race 3 at the Wellington Racing Club meeting on Saturday 17 March 2012 was concluded today.

After questioning the Starter Mr G Phillips, Stewards are satisfied that Mr Phillips inadvertently activated the false start button at the commencement of the race and have subsequently referred the matter to Mr Phillip's employer for their consideration and to undertake what action they deem appropriate.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: All runners in race nine underwent pre-race blood testing.

SAN PEDRO; TRADTRI; LEGO; CISSY BOWEN; MALANDRINO; POSTE RESTANTE;

MCLAREN; CHOICE BRO; MAGIC SHAFT; WARHORSE; GREEN SUPREME;

JUSTANEXCUSE; RIOMORAL; BACK IN BLACK; FULL OF SPIRIT.

Suspensions: Nil

Fines: Nil

Warnings: Race 9 – C Ormsby – Shifting ground.

Bleeders:

Horse Actions: Race 7 - FIX- racing manners

ALPHA PUKEKO – Veterinary clearance required.

Medical Certificates:

Rider Changes: Scratching Penalties:

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 LINCOLN LODGE PREMIER

NUITS ST GEORGE (J McDonald) and POWERPLAYA (M Coleman) bumped at the start with POWERPLAYA settling back. KEENLY (M Cameron) was slow away.

Passing the winning post on the first occasion MAUDE (A Collet) was tightened and had to be steadied after YOUREIN (A Forbes) shifted in and dictated HODDIGGIDY and NUITS ST GEORGE into the line of MAUDE. A Forbes was advised to exercise care.

Near the 300 metres, KEENLY was inconvenienced on the heels of VALLEY OF PENTIRE (L Allpress) which was taken outwards by LITTLE SINGA (D Bradley).

MISTY HEIGHTS (L Cropp) lay in under pressure in the home straight proving difficult to ride out.

When questioned regarding the performance of KEENLY, M Cameron said the mare only travelled fairly throughout the race and despite his efforts to improve from the 700m, failed to respond and finished the race off only moderately. A post-race veterinary examination revealed KEENLY to have a slow post-race recovery rate. Co-trainer C Chipperfield was advised to monitor the mare's progress over coming days and report any matter to the stewards.

Race 2 CROMBIE LOCKWOOD PREMIER

SINS OF THE FATHER (D Walker) and THE BACHELOR (J Parkes) were tightened and got back at the start when runners either side shifted ground.

SINS OF THE FATHER commenced to over-race in the run along the back straight.

L Whelan (KILLARNEY LASS) dropped her whip near the 400m.

When questioned regarding the performance of KILLARNEY LASS which dropped out in the home straight, L Whelan

had no tangible excuse. A post-race veterinary examination revealed mild soreness in the off hind leg.

RACE 3 MILLS REEF WINERY/HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TROPHY PREMIER

NASHVILLE (K Myers) lent on the side of the barrier stall and began awkwardly, settling back.

SHEZA TIGER (S Collett) was slow away.

LEGO (L Cropp) was inclined to lug inwards in the back straight and near the 1100 metres shifted in and hampered CAIPIRINHA (J McDonald).

NASHVILLE had difficulty obtaining clear running until the 100 metres.

KINGS COURT (L Allpress) had difficulty obtaining clear running in the home straight.

When questioned regarding the tactics employed on NASHVILLE and in particular from the 700m to the 350m as to why K Myers did not elect to come to the outside of SHEZGORGEOUS (D Bradley) and instead opted to remain racing to the inside of JAKOB GAMBINO which resulted in her mount being held up for some distance in the home straight, K Myers stated that she was of the opinion, by coming to the outside of SHEZGORGEOUS her mount would have been forced wider rounding the home turn by JAKOB GAMBINO shifting SHEZGORGEOUS outwards to improve into clear running. She further added that with the gelding carrying the top weight, she believed covering extra ground would not have been beneficial to its chances. After viewing video coverage K Myers agreed with the Stewards that she had erred in failing to come to the outside on rounding the home turn when the opportunity for her to do so was reasonable.

RACE 4 RICOH PREMIER

CISSY BOWEN (S Collett) reared on jumping away BALLYBIT (J McDonald) was slow away.

ISLINGTON BAY (L Cropp) began awkwardly then shifted in and clipped a heel and blundered.

TIME KEEPER (E Stack) was slow away.

GOFONZE (A Forbes) was obliged to race wide throughout.

ISLINGTON BAY lay in during the early and middle stages.

TIME KEEPER shifted out under pressure in the home straight.

RACE 5 HIGGINS MANAWATU CLASSIC (GROUP III)

STAR OF TRALEE (L Innes) began awkwardly and was slow away.

PETER PIPER (J Riddell) raced keenly in the early stages.

FREDRICK WILLIAM (B Lammas) was obliged to race wide rounding the first turn.

GLAD (M Cameron) was obliged to race wide throughout.

Over the concluding stages, ESTRATO (S Collett) shifted out under pressure and made contact with CASINO (L Allpress) on a number of occasions. L Allpress was spoken to with regard to her riding action when riding tight to the outside of ESTRATO and reminded that when riding hands and heels she is not to extend her elbows.

RACE 6 GSA DESIGN PREMIER

ALDEBARAN STAR (J Parkes) was slow to begin.

I DO (J McDonald) and THE PHOENIX (H Tinsley) bumped heavily at the start resulting in I DO settling back.

Shortly after the start SURREAL STORM (B Lammas) which was racing keenly bumped with I DO. SURREAL STORM continued to over-race in the middle stages.

McLAREN (A Collett) raced wide throughout.

MISS CENTREFOLD (A Forbes) shifted out under pressure in the closing stages and had to be straightened.

I DO lay in under pressure in the home straight and over the concluding stages crowded MISS MARAUDER (L Whelan)

A post-race veterinary examination of IRISH BAY (L Allpress) revealed no apparent abnormalities. Trainer K Gray undertook to report the any matters in the subsequent days.

RACE 7 THE OAKS STUD MANAWATU SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES (GROUP I)

IRISH REBEL (M Cameron) began awkwardly and lost ground.

FIX (L Allpress) was crowded for room on jumping between LADY DE CHINE (K Myers) and LUMIERE BLUE (H Tinsley).

MAGIC SHAFT (M Coleman) and CHOICE BRO (J Riddell) were slow to begin.

IRISH REBEL got its head up when over-racing passing the 1000 metres.

LIBERATING (R Myers) raced wide in the early and middle stages.

FIX and SORIANO (L Innes) over-raced passing the 1000 metres

FIX (L Allpress) hung out rounding the home turn and ran wide under pressure in the run down the home straight. Trainer K Kelso advised that a warning would be placed against the racing manners of FIX. Mr Kelso advised that FIX would now be spelled.

Near the 200m SORIANO was hampered when CHOICE BRO shifted out abruptly after being awkwardly placed on the heels of WARHORSE (J Bullard) which shifted out slightly.

When questioned regarding the performance of ROLL OUT THE CARPET, J McDonald stated that his mount hung throughout and weakened under pressure in the straight. Co-trainer Emma Brown advised the filly would now spell.

M Cameron (IRISH REBEL) was reminded of his obligations to ride his mount out to the finish where circumstances

permit.

RACE 8 FAIRDALE/GOODWOOD STUDS FLYING HANDICAP (LISTED)

GREEN SUPREME (J McDonald) and JETSET LAD (H Tinsley) were slow away.

MIKO (S Collett) was tightened between runners on either side on leaving the barrier and got back. MIKO then commenced to over-race for some distance in the back straight.

FAIRWAY WISH (L Allpress) had to be checked off the heels of the rapidly tiring ALPHA PUKEKO (M Cameron) approaching the home turn.

SKITTLE (R Myers) was inconvenienced at the 300m on the heels of STARGURU (N Harris) which shifted out. A post-race veterinary inspection of ALPHA PUKEKO which finished a long last revealed a slow post-race recovery rate. Trainer W Jones was advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided before the gelding next races. When questioned into the performance of ANTONIO LOMBARDO, J Waddell said he travelled well throughout the race however when placed under pressure on straightening failed to respond. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

When questioned on the performance of PLATINUM PASSION, L Cropp said the mare hung out badly and proved difficult to ride. Trainer A Clarken advised that the partnership may experiment with a gear change prior to its next start.

RACE 9 LAWNMASTER AWAPUNI GOLD CUP (GROUP II)

UNDISCLOSED (L Cropp) began awkwardly and lost ground.

CASSINI (L Allpress) made the first turn wide.

Passing the winning post on the first occasion SPIRO (C Ormsby) when being angled inward to gain a position closer to the rail, jostled with EAGLE MOUNTAIN (L Innes). C Ormsby was issued with a warning.

INFERNO (M Coleman) raced three wide without cover throughout.

EAGLE MOUNTAIN was disappointed for a run when endeavouring to improve between RIOMORAL and BACK IN BLACK near the 200m.

When questioned on the performance of GUNS AT FIVE, R Myers said that in her opinion the horse may have found the race shorter than its preferred distance. A post-race veterinary examination of GUNS AT FIVE failed to reveal any abnormalities

H McQude representing trainer K McQuade, was questioned by Stewards regarding the improved performance of RIOMORAL. Mr McQuade stated that the gelding is better suited to the left hand way of racing and appreciated the improved track conditions.

RACE 10 KEVIN O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES PREMIER

MR CHARLIE BROWN (S Spratt) began awkwardly and was slow away.

CONFRONTATIONAL (L Cropp) got back at the start after bumping with ORMOND ROAD (A Forbes).

SON OF GRACE (S Collett) raced wide throughout.

ALBERTON STAR returned to the enclosure minus the off hind plate