

STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing Date: Saturday 18 February 2012

Weather: Fine Track: Good 3 Rail: True

Stewards: N Goodwin; R Neal; B Bateup

Typist: Kayvon Smart

GENERAL:

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: FLEMINGTON, YARDSTICK, EIGHT SCHILLINGS, GLAD,

CISSY BOWEN, CHOICE BRO, OCKHAM'S RAZOR, GINNER HART, JETSET LAD, RIOMORAL,

OUR KO KO, BRUNO

Suspensions: R6 - D Moor -Rule 638(1)(d) Careless riding – 8 days

Fines: R6 – D Moor- Rule 638(1)(d) \$1,000

Warnings:

Horse Actions: PRESTIGIOSA – veterinary clearance required.

Bleeders:

Medical Certificates: Rider Changes:

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 NICHOLAS FINANCE 2000

AMANPULO began very awkwardly and lost several lengths. IRISH CHARMER and MR ZATOPEK were slow to begin. FLEMINGTON raced keenly early. L Allpress reported that her mount WINSLET hung throughout. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection of WINSLET which failed to reveal any abnormality.

Race 2 FREDERICS RESTAURANT & BAR

SHARKI BRAHMA was slow to begin and then over raced in the early stages when on heels. MION JAY raced keenly in the early stages and passing the 1000m had to be steadied off the heels of YARDSTICK. KASHMERE KID was obliged to race three wide without cover throughout. The winner YARDSTICK lay out approaching the winning post crowding JILTED.

Race 3 SCHWEPPERVESCENCE SPRINT

PRINCESS KATIE began awkwardly and lost ground. NINE IRON and GASTON were slow to begin. Shortly after leaving the barrier EIGHT SCHILLINGS, when being steadied, shifted out abruptly when proving difficult to control, which resulted in MISS MARAUDER being hampered and BABY GUINNESS being taken wider on the track. L Allpress the rider of BABY GUINNESS reported the mare felt a little jarred up and may have been feeling the effects of recent racing. A post-race veterinary inspection of SHAHBAB revealed the mare to have lost a plate during the running.

Race 4 THE WATERFRONT HOTEL SPECIAL

COURAGE began awkwardly and was slow away. MENDEAN hung out rounding the first turn when racing keenly. Near the 800m POETIC LICENCE when being steadied went back on to STORM RIDER which had to be angled wide to avoid heels. MENDEAN commenced to race fiercely around the final turn from near the 800m. When questioned into the run of I'M SAM which finished well back, rider L Allpress said the gelding was outpaced throughout. BOBBY failed to run on after racing near the pace and finished well back. Rider S Doyle had no excuse but was of the opinion the gelding would improve with the run.

Race 5 KONAMI GAMING 1600

PRESTIGIOSA was late scratched at 1.45pm after sustaining injuries during transportation to the races. Connections were advised that a clearance would be required prior to its next start

SEDUCER and NIPPIN were slow. ZORRO'S STAR raced fiercely and to be continually steadied off heels throughout the run along the back straight and in doing so went back on to COVENTINA which had to be steadied for some distance. COVENTINA was crowded for several strides near the 800m.

Passing the 800m PENTIRE LAD shifted out and bumped with MASTER ZENNO which became momentarily unbalanced and when being corrected, shifted into the line of the improving FROMELLES which clipped a heel and blundered. NIPPIN had to take evasive action to avoid FROMELLES and lost ground. THE PRINCE was held up in the early part of the home straight.

Rider M Cameron was questioned into the run of NIPPIN which finished last. M Cameron advised Stewards that the gelding only travelled fairly in the running and he was of the opinion it never really stretched out after being checked and considered something may have been amiss. NIPPIN underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormality. Trainer A Sharrock undertook to advise the Stewards of NIPPIN's progress over the coming days.

Race 6 PLATINUM HOMES (NZ) 2YO

The favourite OCKHAM'S RAZOR blundered at the start. REAIS shifted into the line of LIBERATING at the start. ON YER FEET shifted in and away from OCKHAM'S RAZOR near the 800m bend hampering LIBERATING and CHOICE BRO.

D Moor the rider of OCKHAM'S RAZOR admitted a charge of careless riding under Rule 638(1)(d) after he permitted his mount to shift in approaching the 200m, causing a check to PLATINUM KINGDOM and resultant tightening to SWIPER THE FOX and CHOICE BRO, which was dictated inwards into the line of LIBERATING which was checked. After submissions D Moor had his licence to ride in races suspended from the conclusion of racing on 25 February until the conclusion of racing on 4 March 2012 (8 days) and fined the sum of \$1000. SELENO raced greenly in the home straight.

Race 7 NEW PLYMOUTH CLUB 1400

ROYAL QUEEN jumped outwards abruptly at the start and hampered DANCING DEE which lost ground. OFF THE TOP was slow away. LIKEAPINS raced in tight quarters throughout the run along the backstraight and near the 800m had to steady when inside GINNER HART which lay in. OFF THE TOP which was trailing LIKEAPINS had to steady off that runner's heals.

When questioned into the disappointing run of the favourite I DO, Jockey V Johnstone had no excuse. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormality. Connections were advise to report the progress of I DO in coming days.

Race 8 HOOKER PACIFIC TARANAKI CUP

POMELLATO was slow to begin and was then further tightened between BRUCE ALMIGHTY and SPIRO and as a result got back. SHOWCAUSE was slow to begin. SPIRO raced wide from the 1200m and near the 800m lay in crowding CASSINI which had to steady.

POMELLATO was held up for several strides inside SPIRO passing the 250m.

D Bradley reported that SHOWCAUSE was outpaced throughout.

Race 9 NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK INS

OUR KO KO underwent a pre-race veterinary inspection and was cleared to start after galloping some distance in its preliminary. PLEASE RELEASE ME blundered for several strides at the start. MOSCOW PEARL raced keenly in the early and middle stages. INNOVATION was slow away. When questioned into the run of VAAYALA rider L Allpress said the filly was outpaced throughout. A post race veterinary inspection revealed no abnormality. When questioned into the run of WILLOW PARK rider S Spratt could offer no excuses.

Race 10 WAHID 2000

STAR OF SHOW struck its barrier on jumping becoming unbalanced losing ground. CHETTAK shied at the winning post on the first occasion, shifted out crowding VELDT which had to steady. SLAH raced wide rounding the first turn. OUR MILLY SMITH had to steady entering the back straight when the pace ahead eased and went back on to AFFIRMATIVE which lost ground. STAR OF SHOW had to steady when the pace eased entering the back straight. STAR OF SHOW was awkwardly placed rounding the home turn and then had to be taken wider passing the 200m to continue to improve.

AFFIRMATIVE was held up in the early part of the home straight. CHETTAK dislodged rider M McNab on pulling up. M McNab was uninjured.