

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

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| Club: | ASHBURTON RACING CLUB | Date: | 15 May 2012 |
| Weather: | Fine | | |
| Track: | Dead 5 | | |
| Rail: | True | | |
| Stewards: | N Ydgren (Chairman), A Ray, J McLaughlin, B Jones | | |
| Stenographer: | C McMullan | | |

GENERAL:

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| <p>Canterbury Jockey Club – 5 May 2012 Trainer J Parsons subsequently advised that MONACHEE would now be sent for a spell.</p> <p>Timaru Racing Club – 11 May 2012 Trainers M & T Stokes advised that HONOR AND CHERISH would now be sent for a spell.</p> <p>Trainer S Woodsford reported that O'TRYST had pulled up well from the run and he would look to race the gelding on firmer tracks in future.</p> <p>Trainer K Hughes reported that both BROWNE SUGAR and RUBY RULER had come through their races well.</p> |
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SUMMARY:

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| Swabbing: | LIVANA, ASTRONOMICAL, NEEDASTAR, OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE, VICTORY DRAGON, SMUGGLY, LAMAZE | | |
| Suspensions: | Race | | |
| Fines: | Race 2 | M Cameron, Rule 638(3)(b) , excessive use of the whip, \$200. | |
| Warnings: | Race | K C Walters Rule 638(3)(b) R Doherty Rule 638(3)(b) | |
| Bleeders: | Race 2 | WISTERIA LADY – stood down for 3 months. | |
| Horse Actions: | Race 6 | BURSTING STONE – racing manners warning. | |
| | Race 7 | SANDFLY – veterinary clearance required. | |
| Medical Certificates: | | | |
| Rider Changes: | Race | | |
| Scratching Penalties: | Race | | |

RACE COMMENTS:

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| Race 1 | PLANET ROCK RATING 85 1600m |
| <p>Rider M Cameron advised the Stewards that MERRYMAKER had failed to finish the race off as expected when placed under full pressure in the run home. A post race veterinary examination of MERRYMAKER did not reveal any obvious abnormalities. When questioned trainer P Harris advised that in his opinion the gelding had failed to handle the track conditions and would now be turned out for a spell.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the manner in which she had ridden NIGHT LIFE over the final 300m, apprentice rider L McKay stated she had attempted to obtain a run to the inside of the eventual winner LIVANA on straightening for the run home however her mount was not travelling well enough at that stage to improve into that run. She said she continued to urge her mount forward throughout the straight however was held up on the back of LIVANA over the final stages. After viewing the films she stated she should have made a greater effort passing the 200m to improve NIGHT LIFE wider around LIVANA as the run she was attempting had closed. Stewards advised L McKay that in future she is to ride her mounts in a manner which are not left open to query.</p> | |
| Race 2 | PLANET ROCK MAIDEN 1600m |
| <p>SHAYLEE WILDE was crowded shortly after jumping between, WISTERIA LADY and ASTRONOMICAL both of which shifted ground.</p> | |

SWIFTY, AGENT ARCHIE and SEASPRITE raced wide through the early stages. ELSACOURTNEY was steadied near the 1000m when becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of WISTERIA LADY. COFF UP which was trailing ELSACOURTNEY also had to be steadied and was taken wider on the track which inconvenienced SHAYLEE WILDE which lost ground in the incident. ZENYATTA hung in under pressure in the run home and had to be shifted wider near the 200m to continue to improve. Rider M Cameron admitted a charge under Rule 638(3)(b) in that he used his whip excessively prior to the 200m, with the JCA imposing a fine of \$200. A post race veterinary examination of WISTERIA LADY which was observed to have blood in its nostrils on return to the birdcage revealed the mare to be a bleeder and was subsequently stood down for the mandatory three months. When questioned regarding the performance of SEASPRITE, rider T Direen advised that the mare racing wide in the early and middle stages, was the reason SEASPRITE did not finish the race off as expected. A post race veterinary examination of ELSACOURTNEY, after rider J Morris reported that the filly had felt indifferent in its action throughout, did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 3 | **PLANET ROCK RATING 65 1600m**

HELIOS underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to not having competed for a considerable time and was cleared fit to race. COUP OVERBAKED was slow to begin. ROYAL RUMBLE and TE RUANUKU were crowded between BIG NITE PENDING and RUSHN PRINCE which shifted ground after the start. RUSHN PRINCE and ROYAL RUMBLE raced keenly in the early stages. RAPID KASH raced wide throughout. ROYAL RUMBLE made the turn near the 1000m awkwardly and had to be checked when close to the heels of NEEDASTAR and lost ground. BIG NITE PENDING had difficulty obtaining clear racing room in the early stages of the run home and then had to be steadied passing the 200m when becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of RAPID KASH. When questioned regarding the performance of BIG NITE PENDING, rider K Williams advised she had anticipated assuming a forward position however after being slightly slow to begin and then receiving some crowding she was obliged to race back in the field. Ms Williams stated that BIG NITE PENDING was under pressure rounding the final bend and had been held up after attempting to improve wider on the track and then had to be steadied away from heels near the 200m. K Williams added she will consider gear changes to improve the mare's racing manner. A post race veterinary examination of BIG NITE PENDING did not reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer M Pitman advised he will give consideration to retiring COUP OVERBAKED from his racing stable.

Race 4 | **BARNESWOOD FARM-QUALITY AGISTMENT RATING 85 1200m**

FONEELEVEN and OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE came together and bumped shortly after the start. When questioned regarding the performance of TRADEMARK, trainer M Pitman advised that the gelding was better suited to racing on firmer surfaces. A post race veterinary examination of TRADEMARK did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 5 | **BARNESWOOD FARM-QUALITY AGISTMENT MAIDEN 1200m**

The start of this event was delayed when MY JUNGLE GIRL was reluctant to load. CRYSTAL CLEAR was slow to begin. JAZZCAT and ITSWOTIDO bumped on jumping with ITSWOTIDO shifting down the track crowding ROAD STAR and VICTORY DRAGON with ROAD STAR losing ground. CRYSTAL CLEAR and MARY BURKE bumped on jumping with CRYSTAL CLEAR losing ground. MY JUNGLE GIRL raced wide throughout. VICTORY DRAGON raced keenly in the middle stages. Rider J Misbah reported that BOUJET LA had struggled in the conditions and was disappointing in the run home. A post race veterinary examination of BOUJET LA did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 6 | **BARNESWOOD FARM-QUALITY AGISTMENT RATING 65 1200m**

BURSTING STONE, which reared in the birdcage and in its preliminary dislodging rider K Walters, underwent a pre race veterinary examination at the start and was cleared fit to race. K Walters was examined by St John Ambulance paramedics and cleared fit to ride. IHADADREAM began awkwardly shifting out crowding OUR PREMONITION. BURSTING STONE bounded shortly after the start and lost ground. A warning was placed on the racing manners of

BURSTING STONE. Trainer M McCann was advised that should the gelding perform in a similar fashion again it will be sent back to the trials.

IHADADREAM had to be steadied leaving the final bend when awkwardly placed to the inside of THRILLER.

CHAMPAGNE AGAIN had difficulty obtaining clear running early in the home straight.

IHADADREAM and CHAMPAGNE AGAIN came together passing the 200m.

THRILLER raced wide throughout.

R Hutchings, the rider of CHAMPAGNE AGAIN, reported that his saddle slipped during the running.

Apprentice riders R Doherty and K Walters were shown video replays and reminded of their obligations regarding use of the whip prior to the 200m.

Race 7

BARNESWOOD FARM-QUALITY AGISTMENT RATING 75 1400m

HIT THE BIT was slow in the early stages.

COUP ROCKY ROAD raced keenly in the early stages.

SANDFLY and COUP ROCKY ROAD made contact rounding the bend near the 1000m.

PAUANUI was unable to obtain clear racing room throughout the home straight.

When questioned regarding the performance of SANDFLY, rider C Spittles felt that the gelding struggled in the prevailing track conditions. Trainer P Harris also felt that SANDFLY did not handle the track conditions.

A post race veterinary examination of SANDFLY revealed the gelding to have sustained an injury to its off side hock.

Mr Harris was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing again.