

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Auckland Racing Club (Ellerslie)	Date:	Saturday 26 May 2012
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Dead (6)		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Williamson (Chairman), A Coles, W Robinson, P Kinsey, L Tidmarsh		
Stenographer:	M Gemmell		

GENERAL:

M Dillon advised Stewards that apprentice A Forbes would be late due to fog delaying his flight from Christchurch.
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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	PEARLE LUSTRE, KAPTAIN KIRKUP, KHEMOSABI, MISSTRUM, ABOUT SQUARE, TWILIGHT GRANITA, SHE'S A TOMBOY, RED DAKOTA, BLUE NILE, FLASH HAPI, QUICKASUCAN		
Suspensions:	Nil		
Fines:	Nil		
Warnings:	Nil		
Bleeders:	Race	1	KILFLYNN (Rule 651) Subject to 3 month stand down from racing.
		2	CASTLETON KING (Rule 651) Subject to 3 month stand down from racing.
Horse Actions:	Nil		
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Race	1	HULA BELLE – H Kasim replaced A Forbes (transport difficulties)
	Race	2	INDIAN SKY – S Shirahama replaced A Forbes
Late Scratchings:	Nil		

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	Breakfast Meetings @ Ellerslie 1200
	<p>KINARNE (M Cameron) became fractious in the barriers and was removed to undergo a veterinary examination which passed the gelding fit.</p> <p>ABBOTTABAD (J Collett), FIRST RESPONSE (A Collett) and HULA BELLE (H Kasim) were all slow to begin.</p> <p>ABBOTTABAD got its head up when over-racing in the middle stages.</p> <p>KINARNE lay in in the final straight.</p> <p>BOY (S Shirahama) was held up until approaching the 200 metres.</p> <p>Passing the 300 metres MILITARY FRESH (J Jago) shifted out making contact with KHISDAR (S Spratt). KHISDAR was again inconvenienced by MILITARY FRESH near the 200 metres which shifted out.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of MILITARY FRESH Rider J Jago could offer no tangible excuse. MILITARY FRESH underwent a veterinary examination could find no obvious abnormalities.</p> <p>KILFLYNN returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils. After undergoing a veterinary examination KILFLYNN was deemed a bleeder and is subject to a three month stand down from racing.</p>
Race 2	Stella Artois Sprint
	<p>KAPTAIN KIRKUP (M Coleman) and BLACKBERRY NIP (H Kasim) were both slow to begin.</p> <p>QUEEN OF THE CASTLE (A Collett) raced three wide without cover throughout.</p> <p>SPECIAL DAYS (S Spratt) was inclined to lay out under pressure in the final straight.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of SANDBLASTER Apprentice Jockey C Dell advised Stewards that in his opinion SANDBLASTER would benefit from the outing.</p> <p>CASTLETON KING (S Collett) returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils. After undergoing a veterinary examination CASTLETON KING was deemed a bleeder and is subject to a mandatory three month stand down from racing.</p>

Race 3	Tip Top Choc Bar 1400
<p>LUCY IN DISGUISE (C Grylls) began awkwardly.</p> <p>TOUGHASIM jumped away awkwardly, unbalancing rider C Dell.</p> <p>HAPPYTO KEEPA (R Norvall) and GENDARME (L Cropp) both over-raced in the middle stages.</p> <p>DONNA DIVA (S Shirahama) raced three wide throughout.</p> <p>ENYAAR returned to the enclosure with blood present in the left nostril. After undergoing a veterinary examination the blood was found to be from a laceration to the inside of a nostril.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the riding tactics adopted aboard LUCY IN DISGUISE Rider C Grylls advised Stewards that he had been instructed to ride the mare where she was comfortable in the race, further advising that LUCY IN DISGUISE had raced further forward than normal after beginning very well at her most recent start at Rotorua. C Grylls further stated that he had got further back than intended after beginning awkwardly and then being dictated to in the early stages, adding that he had not been able to improve forward from the 600 metres when being held up but once finding clear racing room in the final straight LUCY IN DISGUISE had responded when placed under pressure, finishing the race off well. The Stewards noted his explanation. Trainer A Herbert advised Stewards that LUCY IN DISGUISE would now be spelled.</p> <p>Stewards questioned Apprentice Jockey H Kasim into the riding tactics aboard CROWN OF THORNS. H Kasim advised Stewards that he had been asked to ride the gelding mid field as it had done in its previous two runs. After beginning only fairly the CROWN OF THORNS had settled back and when trying to improve near the 500 metres became awkwardly placed between MISS MARBELLA (S Collett) and ENYAAR (M Wenn) which had shifted out, further advising he then shifting outside MISS MARBELLA approaching the 300 metres to obtain clear running where he stated that CROWN OF THORNS had not responded to his urgings. The Stewards also questioned his vigour from the 300 metres onwards where he advised that after trying CROWN OF THORNS he believed that the gelding had not improved and there was no chance of obtaining a stake bearing place so then he relaxed his ride. The Stewards advised H Kasim, in the presence of his representative C Ormsby that he would be expected to show greater urgency when placing his mounts under pressure and was not to leave any doubt that his mounts had obtained the best possible placing. CROWN OF THORNS underwent a post-race veterinary examination which failed to find any obvious abnormalities.</p>	
Race 4	Graeme Thomson Jewellers Great Northern Foal Stakes
<p>TWILIGHT GRANITA (M Cameron), IT'S ALL ON (M Coleman) and POWER TRIP (J Collett) began awkwardly.</p> <p>HAMACHO (L Cropp) raced ungenerously when being restrained near the 1200 metres shifting out and inconveniencing IT'S ALL ON which was forced wider on the track before being restrained to trail HAMACHO.</p> <p>Approaching the 1200 metres DOMINEER (S Spratt) and TWILIGHT GRANITA were crowded and forced to gallop in restricted room to the inside of DOWAGER PRINCESS (R Hutchings) which shifted in. R Hutchings was advised to exercise care and told that he must ensure he is sufficiently clear when shifting ground.</p> <p>DOWAGER PRINCESS was obliged to race three wide without cover.</p> <p>HAMACHO hung out throughout the race and continued to hang out when placed under pressure in the final straight placing the rider at a disadvantage.</p> <p>TWILIGHT GRANITA was inconvenienced passing the 50 metres when crowded between ABOUT SQUARE (J Waddell) and MISSTRUM (L Innes) both of which shifted ground.</p> <p>R Hutchings was questioned regarding his riding tactics aboard DOWAGER PRINCESS approaching the 600 metres where it appeared he had not tried to maintain his position and keep TWILIGHT GRANITA pocketed behind ABOUT SQUARE. R Hutchings explained that when TWILIGHT GRANITA had shifted out his filly only had been travelling fairly and could not hold that horse in the position questioned. R Hutchings further explained after beginning from the outside barrier the filly had done a considerable amount of work in the early and middle stages racing wide without cover and he believed it would be detrimental to the filly's chances to have tried to maintain that position.</p>	
Race 5	Love Ellerslie Races on Facebook 2400
<p>THE MISSING LINK (H Kasim) and NIGHTTIME JOCKEY (P Taylor) both jumped away awkwardly losing ground.</p> <p>VARNISH (C Lammass) lost its footing when leaving the barriers.</p> <p>Approaching the crossing near the 1700 metres SHE'S A TOMBOY (A Collett) was crowded to the inside of DOUBLE O SEVEN (L Innes) which shifted in. L Innes was advised to exercise care.</p> <p>STERLING PRINCE (P Turner) and SHAKEITUP (S Shirahama) over-raced in the middle stages.</p> <p>TREASURE HUNTER (C Dell) made contact with THE STRUTTER (T Thornton) when shifting out to obtain clear running near the 400 metres.</p> <p>NIGHTTIME JOCKEY lay out making the final bend making contact with CHENNAI (R Hutchings).</p> <p>Passing the 200 metres when shifting out to obtain clear running SHE'S A TOMBOY made contact with NIGHTTIME JOCKEY. As a result CHENNAI was inconvenienced.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of CHENNAI Rider R Hutchings advised Stewards that the mare had been feeling the effects of recent racing. CHENNAI underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the filly to have minor lacerations to the inside of both hind pasterns.</p>	

Race 6	Tip Top Trumpet 1400
<p>MADLY BENTLEY (M Coleman) shifted out leaving the barriers crowding HAPPYABOUTTHAT (L Cropp), THE GIANT (J Collett), ROMAN RASCAL (P Turner) and RED DAKOTA (L Innes) which made contact with NOTTOOBAD (M Cameron) inconveniencing that runner. THE GIANT lost ground as a result.</p> <p>PRINCESS GURU (S Spratt) was crowded shortly after leaving the barriers.</p> <p>ROMAN RASCAL raced wide without cover and lay out around the final bend.</p> <p>RED DAKOTA (L Innes) was held up approaching the 400 metres.</p> <p>SPLITFIRE (R Hutchings) shifted out to obtain clear running passing the 400 metres inconveniencing FADE TO BLACK (C Grylls) and ROMAN RASCAL.</p> <p>NOTTOBAD was steadied passing the 200 metres when awkwardly placed on the heels of PERFECT CATCH which shifted out. T Thornton was advised to exercise care.</p> <p>BLACK HENNESSY (M Wenn) was briefly held up passing the 350 metres shifting in to obtain clear running and was again held up approaching the 200 metres when awkwardly placed on the heels of PERFECT KATCH (T Thornton) which shifted out.</p> <p>MANDY O'REILLY (J Waddell) shifted out when placed under pressure passing the 350 metres and continued to race greenly in the final straight shifting in over the final 100 metres.</p>	
Race 7	Bidvest 1400
<p>GRAND ADMIRAL (A Collett) got tightened shortly after the start when runners on either side shifted ground.</p> <p>MARGARITA TIME (S Collett) was slow to begin.</p> <p>EMERALD DANCER (T Thornton) and SIR RAM (C Grylls) came together when leaving the barriers with EMERALD DANCER then shifting back in and inconveniencing GEE GEE GIRL (R Hutchings) which had begun awkwardly.</p> <p>SIR RAM shifted in when leaving the barriers making contact with THORNBIRDS (S Spratt).</p> <p>SIR RAM raced wide without cover throughout.</p> <p>Trainer M Rogers was questioned regarding the improved performance of SAFE ACCESS. M Rogers advised that the gelding appreciated today's track conditions and had worked well in conjunction with schooling leading into today's race, further advising he was confident of an improved performance.</p> <p>THORNBIRDS lost the near fore plate during the running.</p>	
Race 8	Cape Blanco @ Cambridge Stud Mile
<p>A CHANCE TO DREAM (L Innes) was slow to begin.</p> <p>JOHN GRAY (T Thornton) raced wide throughout.</p> <p>CAT WOMAN (C Lammas) raced ungenerously in restricted room passing the 1000 metres.</p> <p>OFF THE TOP (A Collett) was awkwardly placed on the heels of the tiring A CHANCE TO DREAM (L Innes) passing the 500 metres and then was held up early in the final straight.</p> <p>NOBLE WARRIOR (J Collett) was held up until approaching the 200 metres.</p> <p>SIRCROSS lost the off front plate during the running.</p> <p>A CHANCE TO DREAM was not persevered with in the final straight and underwent a post-race veterinary examination which failed to find any obvious abnormalities. The connections of A CHANCE TO DREAM advised Stewards that the mare is unlikely to be persevered with as a racing proposition.</p>	
Race 9	Redwood @ Westbury Stud Mile
<p>Passing the 1200 metres PAN DULCE (S Spratt) over-raced when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of STAR OF REIMS (A Forbes) when the pace steadied.</p> <p>MASTER MICHAEL (C Grylls) raced wide without cover throughout.</p> <p>KIWI SPIRIT (R Norvall) had some difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight and again passing the 200 metres.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of CHARLI JAY which was not persevered with over the final 200 metres rider T Thornton was of the opinion that CHARLI JAY would be better suited to further easing of the ground.</p>	