

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Counties Racing Club	Date:	Saturday 11 August 2012
Weather:	Fine, late showers		
Track:	Heavy 11		
Rail:	7 Metres		
Stewards:	M Williamson (Chairman), W Robinson, A Coles, L Tidmarsh		
Typist:	M Gemmell		

GENERAL:

M Coleman advised Stewards he would not be attending today's meeting due to illness. A medical clearance is required from M Coleman before he rides next.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	LET'S BE A STAR, ONE NITE STAND, JOHN GRAY, JUST GOT HOME, ZER EBENY, RIEU, SEED OF SPEED, THE GORDONIAN
Suspensions:	Nil
Protests:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Horse Actions:	Nil
Medical Certificates:	Required - M Coleman
Rider Changes:	Race 3 TEN BELLES. S Spratt replaced M Coleman (unwell) Race 4 WAITOKI AHI. M Du Plessis replaced M Coleman Race 7 DRAGON EYE. D Nolan replaced M Coleman Race 8 BERLUSCONI. M Sweeney replaced M Coleman
Late Scratching:	Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	Drake Medox 1200
<p>COURIER required farrier attention behind the Barriers and the race start was delayed as a consequence.</p> <p>COURIER (M Sweeney) began awkwardly.</p> <p>THORNBIRDS (S Spratt) was slow to begin.</p> <p>Passing the 1000 metres ALL ABOUT FUN (P Turner) shifted in when being restrained, placing LET'S BE A STAR in restricted room.</p> <p>COURIER was obliged to race three wide without cover.</p> <p>LET'S BE A STAR lay out under pressure over the final 200 metres.</p> <p>ALL ABOUT FUN became tailed off over the final 200 metres. Rider P Turner advised that the gelding failed to handle the prevailing track conditions.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of PRINCESS LEIA Rider J McDonald was of the opinion that the mare had not been entirely comfortable in today's track conditions.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the improved performance of LET'S BE A STAR Trainer B Peterson advised that at her most recent start the mare had not recovered after suffering interference near the 600 metres, further advising he was confident of a prominent performance leading into today's race.</p>	

Race 2	The Parish 1400
<p>BLACKBERRY NIP (J Oliver) and PATSY O'REILLY (N Collett) were both slow to begin.</p> <p>THE SHACKLER (C Lammas) shifted out when jumping away inconveniencing THE FLYING AFFAIR (S Collett).</p> <p>COOL CRUISING (V Colgan) raced three wide throughout.</p> <p>THE SHACKLER raced ungenerously in the middle stages and passing the 800 metres became awkwardly placed on the heels of HEAD HONCHO (C Grylls).</p> <p>DONNA DIVA (S Shirahama) lay in over the final 150 metres.</p> <p>When questioned J McDonald advised that TART 'N' TARTAN had dipped near the 500 metres and then when placed under pressure had failed to respond. TART 'N' TARTAN was not persevered with from near the 300 metres. TART 'N' TARTAN underwent a post-race veterinary examination which failed to find any obvious abnormalities. Trainer D Logan was asked to report the progress of TART 'N' TARTAN in days subsequent.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the improved performance of ONE NITE STAND Trainer P Milich advised that although the mare had worked well leading into today's race the dominance of the win had not been anticipated.</p> <p>THE FLYING AFFAIR lost the near hind plate during the running.</p>	
Race 3	Veterinary Associates Equine & Farm 1400
<p>FARAWAY EYES (C Grylls) was slow to begin and then was further hampered when MATOST (M Wenn) shifted in.</p> <p>TEN BELLES (S Spratt) raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages.</p> <p>JOHN GRAY (T Thornton) over-raced in the middle stages.</p> <p>TEN BELLES lay out when placed under pressure over the final 200 metres.</p>	
Race 4	Colliers International 2200
<p>RAFA (C Dell) was slow to begin.</p> <p>Approaching the winning post on the first occasion MAGNA CARTA (K Kalychurun) had to steady when awkwardly placed on the heels of D'LLARO (L Satherley) which shifted in.</p> <p>Passing the 900 metres WAITOKI AHI (M Du Plessis) lay in shortly after making the bend crowding TREASURE HUNTER (BR Jones). WAITOKI AHI then continued to lay in for the remainder of the race.</p> <p>L Satherley (D'LLARO) lost her whip near the 200 metres.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of VALLEY DIAMOND Rider L Innes was of the opinion that the mare may be feeling the effects of recent racing.</p>	
Race 5	Professionals Osborne Realty Ltd 2100
<p>GLEESON (C Lammas) was slow to begin.</p> <p>CASH KINGDOM (JWhiteside) jumped away awkwardly.</p> <p>When making the crossing near the 1700 metres IRENE ALICE (C Dell) raced ungenerously when awkwardly placed on the heels of SCIMITAR LAD (S Shirahama).</p> <p>Approaching the 1400 metres CASH KINGDOM raced ungenerously when being restrained.</p> <p>ZAHTUI (M Du Plessis) was held up rounding the final turn and when looking to obtain clear running near the 300 metres was inconvenienced by IRENE ALICE, which shifted away from COTTONWOOD SKY (J McDonald).</p> <p>GAYBRIANNE which was not persevered with over the final 200 metres underwent a veterinary examination including an endoscopic examination which failed to find any abnormalities.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the improved performance of ZER EBENY Trainer C Pomare advised Stewards that the gelding had been working well leading up to today's race, further advising that ZER EBENY had the benefit of a 4kg claim and found the track conditions to its liking.</p>	
Race 6	Collett Racing Stables 1400
<p>RAIVAC (J McDonald) shifted out leaving the barriers inconveniencing BULLION (C Lammas) which was slow to begin.</p> <p>KAREN MARIE (C Parish) and NOTTOOBAD (S Collett) came together when leaving the barriers with KAREN MARIE losing ground.</p> <p>POACH THE CASH (L Innes) was slow to begin.</p> <p>MADISON AVE (P Taylor) shifted in when leaving the barriers making contact with BUCKS BACK (J Waddell) which then shifted in crowding SAYYAL (S Spratt) and MOUNTAIN BATTLES (T Thornton) which both lost ground.</p> <p>KAREN MARIE over-raced in the early stages when being restrained.</p> <p>MOUNTAIN BATTLES raced greenly when placed under pressure passing the 600 metres making contact with BUCKS BACK with both runners becoming briefly unbalanced. MOUNTAIN BATTLES continued to race greenly and then was hampered when becoming awkwardly placed between BUCKS BACK and MADISON AVE near the 400 metres.</p> <p>MOUNTAIN BATTLES lost ground as a result.</p>	

When questioned regarding the performance of KARAKA JACK Rider V Colgan advised that the gelding had travelled well in the early and middle stages but the gelding had not been entirely comfortable in the testing track conditions when placed under pressure.

Race 7	Graeme Thomson Antique Jewellery 1600
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MSONGARI (V Colgan), COOL ONE (M Du Plessis) and STELLAS GOLD (R Norvall) were all crowded between CATCHITIFYOUCAN (C Dell) which shifted in abruptly leaving the barriers and MISS BIENNALE (T Thornton) which shifted away from ITSALLME (J Waddell).

ITSALLME lay out when making the final turn.

C Dell (CATCHITIFYOUCAN), M Du Plessis (COOL ONE) and J Waddell (ITSALLME) all reported that their respective mounts failed to handle today's track conditions.

Race 8	I R T 1600
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STRENUA (C Dell) was slow away losing several lengths.

MAREKA MISS (M Du Plessis) shifted in leaving the barriers crowding STORMING THE TOWER (V Colgan) and LONGVIEW (N Collett).

STORMING THE TOWER over-raced in the early stages.

Passing the 1200 metres ROCK EXPRESS (L Innes) shifted out slightly making contact with DAADS DEN (L Satherley) which became unbalanced and shifted out making contact with STORMING THE TOWER which shifted out abruptly. All riders were advised to exercise care in similar circumstances.

BERLUSCONI (M Sweeney) advised Stewards that the gelding had hung out from the 1000 metres and failed to respond once placed under pressure.

Approaching the 600 metres DAADS DEN shifted in making contact with DEL MONDO (C Parish)