

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	WESTLAND RACING CLUB	Date:	Wednesday, 16 th January 2013
Weather:	Overcast		
Track:	Heavy 10		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	J McLaughlin (Chairman), M Zarb, M Davidson		
Typist:	A Keenan		

GENERAL:

Stewards requested a ruling under Rule 325(4) to determine the eligibility of KING'S HAWK to start in Race 5. Stewards contended that KING'S HAWK had not been in a registered stable for the required time, therefore making KING'S HAWK ineligible to start. After hearing all relevant submissions the JCA ordered that KING'S HAWK be scratched at 1.26pm. Stewards requested a ruling to determine whether MALACHITE, which was accepted in Race 3 and 10, was allowed to start in both races. After hearing all relevant submissions the JCA determined that MALACHITE could start in both races. Stewards ordered MALACHITE to undergo vigorous veterinary examinations pre and post-Race 3 and pre-Race 10.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

A selection of horses were pre-raced blood tested.
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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	DUSTY MILLER, OUR ALCHEMIST, KALGOORLIE BOMBER, PRINCESS ANA, BEYOND COMPARISON, SHES ALL CLASS, FULLAVINO, PEIT ROX, NEGOTIATE, ASWORTHY		
Suspensions:			
Protests:	Race		
Fines:	Race		
Warnings:	Race	5	Trainer B Smith warning Rule 537(a) - late rider declaration.
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race	3	REDFERN scoped prior to next racing.
	Race	8	DENY DENY - must trial prior to next race.
	Race	8	ZURICH – must barrier trial prior to next race.
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race	6	L McGregor replaced by S Wynne
	Race	5	KING'S HAWK - Rule 325(4) – ineligible to start due to not being in a registered stable for the required time.
Late Scratchings:	Race	8	DENY DENY – refusing to leave bird cage.
	Race	8	ZURICH – on veterinary advice – blood in nostril region.
	Race	9	EDENBRAE – veterinary advice, horse suffering colic.

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	SIGNLINK GRAPHICS MAIDEN 2180M
SEASONED GEM and CONTADOR raced keenly through the early stages. CONTADOR gave ground from the 900m and eventually finished in last placing. A post-race veterinary examination of CONTADOR revealed no abnormalities. Rider P Taylor advised the stewards the gelding had failed to handle the prevailing track conditions. Passing the 800m TUNGATA ZEBIWE and DUSKY MILLAR were placed in restricted room by the improving SEEKING REDEMPTION. TUNGATA ZEBIWE lost momentum and ground as a result. J Bullard was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground. SEASONED GEM gave ground from the 800m and in doing so hampered ITWASME which was held up for some distance.	
Race 2	FAT PIPI PIZZA RATING 65 2180M
WINDSWEPT was slow to begin. EMM GEE gave ground from the 700m finishing a distant last. Rider L McGregor was reminded of her obligations in regards to the use of the whip on a runner out of contention.	
Race 3	HOKITIKA BUSINESSES CUP 2180M
CONSERVES LA FOI was slow to begin. REDFERN raced keenly through the early stages when being restrained.	

MALACHITE raced wide throughout. REDFERN gave ground passing the 1000m and finished a distant last. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no obvious abnormalities. Rider B Pitman advised the stewards that in her opinion the gelding may have choked down. Trainer M Pitman undertook to have the gelding scoped prior to racing next. Passing the 300m NOBLE WARRIOR lay out having to be straightened. NOBLE WARRIOR continued to layout throughout the home straight having to be straightened on a number of occasions.	
Race 4	MOTELS OF HOKITIKA MAIDEN 1200M
PRINCESS ANA raced greenly shortly after the start, losing ground. INDIVIDUAL and SENTENCE both raced wide throughout. Passing the 500m RUCKUS was held up for some distance when steadying off the heels of the runner in front. Passing the 500m the saddle of SLINKYS COMET shifted back placing rider A Frye at a disadvantage for the remainder of the race. RUCKUS lay out passing the 150m having to be straightened off the heels of 'ER INDOORS. 'ER INDOORS lay in throughout the final straight. When queried about the riding tactics employed on 'ER INDOORS, rider D Walsh stated to the stewards that the mare has become more relaxed with recent racing and is finishing her races off better when ridden from behind , his explanation was noted. The connections of JAZZ AFTER DARK reported to the stewards that it was their intention to retire the mare from their stable.	
Race 5	GOLD AND GREEN RESOURCES MAIDEN 1200M
Trainer B Smith's was issued with a warning in regard to Rule 537(a). The start of this event was delayed due to a bandage coming lose on ANUTHA HULA requiring adjustment. HOMELAND stood flat footed as the start was made losing considerable ground. Rider D Walsh stated that in his opinion the addition of blinkers today had caused the gelding to stand flat footed. Passing the 1100m NICMAJAC commenced to race ungenerously and continued to race ungenerously until taken forward to a challenging position passing the 500m. RUBYSMYNE raced keenly throughout the early stages. Inside the 300m BEYOND COMPARISON shifted inwards and made contact with RAGGIO SPERANZA. Passing the 150m HOMELAND shifted ground inwards to obtain clear running. When questioned about the performance of favoured runner SING LIKE ELLA, rider P Taylor stated that after receiving a handy run throughout the filly had only battled when placed under full pressure passing the 400m.	
Race 6	VERNON & VAZEY RATING 65 1200M
Due to exceptional circumstances L McGregor was replaced as the rider of DESERT SABOTEUR by S Wynne. SHES ALL CLASS was slow through the early stages. I'M MAVERIC over-raced racing into the first bend. Passing the 900m MARY BURKE which made the bend awkwardly shifted outwards and made firm contact with PRETTY TO WATCH. Inside the final 100m SHES ALL CLASS had to steady when inconvenienced by BLACK BERRY PUNCH which had continued to layout through the final straight. When questioned about the performance of favoured runner I'M MAVERIC, rider C Johnson reported to the stewards that the gelding had failed to handle the testing nature of the track conditions. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination of the disappointing CAPTAIN BRO which revealed no abnormalities. Trainer S Clotworthy advised the stewards that it was his intention to retire the gelding from his stable.	
Race 7	BIRCHFIELDS COAL & LANDSCAPING RATING 75 1200M
DAVONE CODE which was kicked, at the start area, underwent a pre-race veterinary inspection and was declared fit to start. DAVONE CODE was slow to begin. STORMPATROL was slow over the early stages. When questioned about the performance of favoured runner STORMPATROL, rider C Johnson advised the stewards that the gelding had failed to handle the prevailing track conditions and despite his urgings had failed to run on over the concluding stages.	
Race 8	RAILWAY HOTEL MAIDEN 1645M
DENY DENY was declared a late scratching by order of the stewards after the gelding refused to leave the bird cage. Trainer J Burrows was informed that the gelding must trial to the satisfaction of the stewards prior to next racing. The start of this event was delayed when ZURICH, which was fractious in its stall, burst through the front of the gates. ZURICH was quickly pulled up by its rider and inspected by the clubs veterinarian before being declared fit to start. There was a further delay when the front gates of ZURICH again opened. The stewards then ordered that the field be removed from the starting gates and a full test carried out. A further vet inspection of ZURICH revealed blood present in the nostril region resulting in the filly being a late scratching. SKUPINA blundered at the start losing ground. TRUNDLER dwelt at the start and was slow to begin. SHORT BLACK raced wide throughout and gave ground from the 500m. TRUNDLER raced keenly through the middle stages. The connections of ZURICH were advised that the filly must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the stewards prior to racing next.	
Race 9	WEST COAST SCRAP & STEEL MISS SCENICLAND STAKES 1645M
EDENBRAE was a late scratching on veterinary advice at 3.26 pm when found to be suffering from colic. The start of this event was delayed due to a technical matter. NEGOTIATE was slow to begin. MISS MAXIMUSS raced keenly through the middle stages. When queried about favoured runner MISS MAXIMUSS, rider C Johnson stated that the mare had travelled keenly throughout and when placed under full pressure passing the 400m had given ground due to the very testing nature of the track conditions.	
Race 10	BANCORP TREASURY SERVICES RATING 75 1645M
This race was officially delayed 5 minutes due to a request from raceday control . MALACHITE was slow to begin. BIG	

ENERGY and WERIO came together on jumping. BIG ENERGY gave ground from the 600m with the rider K Williams stating that the mare failed to handle the very testing nature of the track. She further added that the mare should derive benefit from the run being it's first for 2 months. When questioned regarding the performance of CLASSIC KANGA, rider P Taylor stated that the gelding was under pressure a long way from home and had failed to respond when placed under full pressure.