

SIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Canterbury Jockey Club	Date:	Saturday, 4 May 2013
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Heavy 10		
Rail:	Out 4 metres		
Stewards:	M Zarb (Chairman), R Neal, J McLaughlin, S Renault		
Typist:	C McMullan		

GENERAL:

<p>Trainer M Pitman advised that his apprentice Erin Leighton was unwell and as such Stewards permitted the following riding changes: R2 VANILLA - B Pitman, R4 SO ELUSIVE - K Walters. Apprentice E Leighton will be required to present a medical clearance prior to riding again.</p> <p>Stewards spoke to trainer S Anderton in regard to his nomination of THE GLITZY ONE and THE SOLITAIRE in race 6, the open 2500 metre handicap, and the subsequent withdrawal of THE SOLITAIRE. Mr Anderton advised that both horses have raced together on several occasions and it was always his intention to start both horses. He further stated that on Wednesday morning THE SOLITAIRE uncharacteristically left some of its overnight feed and then worked only averagely. Mr Anderton added he became concerned with the mare at that stage however waited until Thursday to see how she recovered after her gallop before withdrawing THE SOLITAIRE from its engagement. Mr Anderton concluded by advising that as a consequence of the heavy track and the mare's long preparation it would have been detrimental to continue with her campaign and he decided to spell her.</p> <p>A selection of horses were pre-race blood sampled.</p>
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SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	ELECTRONIC MOTION, KEEPA TRAMP, CONFEDERATE, SCAPOLO, SALAMANCA, RACHEL RAFTER, THE GLITZY ONE, KEEP THE COURAGE, KEKOVA, OUR GENES, FROST BITE		
Suspensions:	Race		Nil
Protests:	Race		Nil
Fines:	Race		Nil
Warnings:	Race	7	J Bullard [Rule 638(1)(d)] Shifting ground
		7	R Black [Rule 638(1)(d)] Shifting ground
		9	S Wynn [Rule 638(1)(d)] Shifting ground & [Rule 648(5)] return to scale overweight
		9	K Williams [Rule 638(1)(d)] Shifting ground
Bleeders:	Race		Nil
Horse Actions:	Race	4	SO ELUSIVE to barrier test to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again
		9	SOUTHERN SAV to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again
		9	FLYNN – barrier manners warning
Medical Certificates:	Apprentice E LEIGHTON – medical clearance required		
Rider Changes:	Race	2	VANILLA – B Pitman
		4	SO ELUSIVE – K Walters
Late Scratchings:	Race	4	SO ELUSIVE at 1.33 pm

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	RACECOURSE HOTEL MOTOR LODGE PREMIER (1600m)
<p>GHOSTINTHEMACHINE was hampered when runners either side shifted ground on jumping. FLYING ALIBI, which was having its first start in blinkers, was a little slow to begin then raced keenly through the early stages and made the turn awkwardly near the 1000 metres, getting its head up and losing ground. When questioned in regard to the performance of FLYING ALIBI, rider J Bullard explained in his opinion the gelding was not comfortable on today's track conditions. Rounding the turn near the 450 metres DICKENS and MICKEN bumped.</p> <p>Apprentice J Wong, the rider of NEEDASTAR, dropped his whip passing the 400 metres.</p> <p>COAT OF ARMS hung in throughout the final straight and could not be ridden to full advantage.</p> <p>BIG ENERGY had difficulty finding clear running in the early part of the straight and lay out passing the 100 metres. Rider K Williams explained that BIG ENERGY hung out badly in the straight proving difficult to ride.</p>	
Race 2	DYER DECORATING PREMIER (1250m)
<p>KAIAUA KING shifted out on jumping simultaneous to RAJAH BROOK shifting in, resulting in KEEPA TRAMP being hampered and losing ground.</p> <p>GANADOR raced wide throughout.</p> <p>Passing the 600 metres LADY BELLEVUE was steadied when momentarily placed in restricted room to the inside of KAIAUA KING which shifted in slightly. LADY BELLEVUE continued to race in restricted room and had difficulty obtaining clear running from the 500 metres until passing the 200 metres.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of KAIAUA KING, rider R Myers explained that from barrier 12 she was obliged to do a lot of work on the gelding to achieve a forward position and when placed under pressure in the straight the gelding failed to respond. R Myers added in her opinion KAIAUA KING may not have appreciated today's track. J Bullard, the rider of SNOWDON, advised that the gelding was having its first start in almost five months and struggled to make ground in today's track conditions.</p>	
Race 3	AVON CITY FORD PREMIER (1400m)
<p>CONFEDERATE raced keenly in the early stages and got its head up when being restrained. CONFEDERATE continued to race ungenerously and near the 1100 metres shifted inwards momentarily crowding IRISH BAY. Shortly after CONFEDERATE shifted inwards again and in doing so bumped PRINCE RANSOM which shifted in onto TRICATCHME which resulted in PRINCE RANSOM and CONFEDERATE becoming unbalanced.</p> <p>PLATINUM DANCER was obliged to race wide throughout.</p> <p>NORAH was unable to obtain clear running in the early part of the straight and shifted outwards to improve. PRINCE RANSOM which was racing to the outside of NORAH was steadied in consequence.</p> <p>FRAGRANT had difficulty obtaining complete clear running for the majority of the straight and was obliged to shift ground on several occasions.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of ARE YOU DEVIOUS, rider R Myers explained today's official track rating was the same as the mare's previous win however she felt today's track was more holding which in her opinion did not suit the mare.</p>	
Race 4	FARRIER & EQUINE SUPPLIES PREMIER (1250m)
<p>SO ELUSIVE was a late scratching at 1.33 pm after refusing to enter its starting stall. The connections were advised that the mare must barrier test to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.</p> <p>ARIETTA began awkwardly.</p> <p>COUP DARCI BE raced ungenerously and shifted outwards for a short distance near the 1000 metres. REDFERN which was following was steadied in consequence.</p> <p>PRIME HIT was obliged to race wide throughout.</p> <p>Apprentice S Wynn, the rider of ARIETTA, explained the mare was not comfortable in today's track conditions and became unbalanced when placed under pressure in the straight.</p>	
Race 5	BERKLEY STUD CHAMPAGNE STAKES (1250m)
<p>SALAMANCA jumped in at the start hampering RACHEL RAFTER which got back.</p> <p>TAPPY'S BEST began awkwardly and lost ground.</p> <p>Passing the 1000 metres TAPPY'S BEST which commenced to over race improved into a narrow run between MISS MOSSMAN and FRANZAC resulting in TAPPY'S BEST bumping heavily with FRANZAC which became badly unbalanced. In this incident DALWHINNIE which was following lost ground.</p> <p>TAPPY'S BEST and FRANZAC bumped again passing the 700 metres.</p> <p>Rounding the home turn FRANZAC shifted outwards in an endeavour to improve and in doing so bumped DELZZUP. C Johnson, the rider of EL DOUTE, advised that his mount failed to handle today's track conditions.</p> <p>L Allpress, the rider of CHOICE SNITZEL, reported her mount hung out throughout and proved difficult to ride. The connections of CHOICE SNITZEL advised that the filly will now be spelled.</p>	

Race 6	NZI GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP (2500m)
<p>C Johnson, the rider of FIORANO, reported he was under hard riding in the straight and became momentarily unbalanced approaching the winning post.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of CONFUSED, rider R Myers explained the gelding was not comfortable with today's track surface and has never performed well at Riccarton. A post race veterinary inspection of CONFUSED did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.</p>	
Race 7	ANGUS MEATS PREMIER (1600m)
<p>KEEP THE COURAGE shifted out shortly after leaving the barriers resulting in crowding to WILLOW PARK.</p> <p>FLY MY PRETTY began awkwardly.</p> <p>SOMETIME LATER shifted out on jumping crowding NO SPURS NEEDED.</p> <p>LIGHTNING LUCY raced keenly in the early stages and passing the 1300 metres had to be steadied when crowded to the inside of HYDRAULIC (J Bullard). J Bullard was issued with a warning.</p> <p>On straightening KEEP THE COURAGE (R Black) shifted out and bumped ARCTIC FOX. R Black was shown a reply and issued with a warning.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of WILLOW PARK, rider L Allpress explained her mount was under pressure a long way from home and in her opinion failed to handle today's track conditions.</p>	
Race 8	D REYNOLDS ELECTRICAL GREAT EASTER STAKES (1400m)
<p>TICK TOCK TURBO and EL CHICO were slow to begin.</p> <p>R Hannam advised that while his mount TICK TOCK TURBO handled today's track conditions the gelding is better suited on looser going.</p>	
Race 9	SPEIGHT'S PREMIER (2000m)
<p>The start of this race was delayed approximately 2 minutes due to FLYNN being fractious when attempting to load. The connections were advised that a warning had been placed against the gelding's barrier manners.</p> <p>SOUTHERN SAV stood flat footed when the barriers were released losing considerable ground and its chance. A post race veterinary inspection did not reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer M Pitman was advised that SOUTHERN SAV must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing next. M Pitman advised that the gelding will be spelled.</p> <p>FLYNN jumped in abruptly at the start.</p> <p>Shortly after the start BELLA VI was crowded for room to the inside of RUTHLESS TYCOON (S Wynne) which shifted in. S Wynne was issued with a warning.</p> <p>Rounding the home turn BELLA VI was steadied on several occasions when attempting to shift outwards to obtain clear running and passing the 350 metres momentarily hampered THE BISHOP. Shortly after straightening OUR MONA LISA and LAUTENSCHLAGER were crowded for room between BLUE 'N' GOLD and FROST BITE (K Williams) which shifted inwards to improve. K Williams was issued with a warning.</p> <p>Apprentice S Wynne (RUTHLESS TYCOON) was issued with a warning for returning to scale in excess of the weight at which she weighed out.</p>	