

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otago Racing Club	Date:	Sunday 9 th June 2013
Weather:	Overcast		
Track:	Heavy 11		
Rail:	Out 8 metres from 1400 to crossing and then 2 metres		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), C Allison and M Zarb		
Typist:	M O'Brien		

GENERAL: (All comments pertaining to this meeting – e.g. drivers/riders not attending, delays and all other issues)

<p>Rider breath testing was carried out at today's meeting with all riders providing clear samples.</p> <p>Trainer G Wright was spoken to regarding the acceptance and scratching of POWER PACK in the steeplechase today. Mr Wright advised the stewards the gelding had been in work since its last start at Riverton and it had been his intention to start today however the horse had pulled up scratchy in its work on Thursday. Veterinarian P Williams attended to the horse and he advised the connections that POWER PACK should be put aside for the remainder of the season and acting on that advice the gelding had been turned out and scratched from today's meeting as a result.</p>

SUPPLEMENTARY: (All adjourned inquiries and follow up information relating to previous meetings)

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	SUSPEND US, SABHRAJ, PAKITIN PETE, DANA PASCALLE, ASTRALIGHT, HALO DOLLY, IRISH BAY, TUFFINUP.		
Suspensions:	Race	3	S Moir – Rule 649(3) – weighed in one kilo underweight – suspended from the conclusion of racing today until the conclusion of racing 29th July 2013 (7 weeks)
Protests:	Race	3	QUARTZE – disqualified from second placing under Rule 648(3) – weighed in light
Fines:	Race		
Warnings:	Race		
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race	2	LOCHWOOD – Must barrier trial
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race		
Late Scratching:	Race	2	LOCHWOOD – refusing to take its place in the barrier

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	RON WILLIAMSON OTAGO HURDLE 2700m
<p>The start of this race was a flag start due to the extremely wet nature of the track at the starting point for this race. This event was officially delayed one minute at TAB request.</p> <p>AIR CADET was slow to begin. Passing the 2500m WHAT A FIND who was racing keenly shifted out off heels momentarily inconveniencing SUSPEND US. WINNING GENES raced wide throughout. GARGAMEL shifted out jumping the fence at the 600m hampering AIR CADET who had to steady. The rider of WHAT A FIND accidentally dropped his whip passing the 400m. KEEP IT TIGHT made a poor leap at the last fence. GARGAMEL (A Browne) shifted ground outwards over the last 75m dictating FAITES VOS JEUX wider on the track. The connections of FAITES VOS JEUX viewed replays of this incident before deciding not to proceed with a protest. A Browne was advised to exercise care when shifting ground. When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite KEEP IT TIGHT rider K Veenendaal advised that in her opinion the combination of top weight and the extremely testing nature of the track conditions led to today's disappointing performance.</p>	
Race 2	NZ JUMPS AMATEUR RIDERS MAIDEN 1600m
<p>The start was delayed four minutes seven seconds when LOCHWOOD refused to take its place in the barrier and was subsequently a late scratching at 12.47pm with the connections advised that the horse must barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction. GIOCCHINO began awkwardly. SABHRAJ raced keenly during the early stages. SEE YOU AT DIVAS raced wide throughout. Passing the 300m SEE YOU AT DIVAS (A Galliers-Pratt) shifted in under pressure momentarily inconveniencing</p>	

GIOCCHINO. A Galliers-Pratt who was having her first race day ride in New Zealand, was shown replays and advised to exercise care.	
Race 3	OTAGO HUNT STEEPLECHASE 3200m
QUARTZE and DANE RULER both dipped on landing over the second fence. DANE RULER jumped the fence by the 1800m very slowly. DANE RULER made a poor leap at the last fence losing momentum. On return to scale S Moir the rider of QUARTZE could not draw correct weight and in fact was one kilo under the carded weight. Stewards lodged a protest against the second placing of QUARTZE under Rule 648(3) with the JCA disqualifying QUARTZE from second placing. S Moir admitted a breach of Rule 649(3) in that he weighed in one kilo underweight. After hearing submissions from the Stewards and Mr Moir the JCA imposed a suspension from the conclusion of racing today until the conclusion of racing on the 29th July (7 weeks). Rider S Phelan (DANE RULER) was spoken to advisedly regarding the use of the whip outside the 200m.	
Race 4	KB CONTRACTORS STAYERS R65 2200m
WILLIE ROYDON bounded as the start was made. Shortly after the start MUZZA had to steady when DANA PASCALLE shifted in. SHOWCASE raced keenly through the early to middle stages. Passing the 1000m WILLIE ROYDON who was racing keenly shifted ground outward off heels dictating FLIRTATION wider on the track for several strides. When questioned regarding the performance of LORD YARBOROUGH who finished a distant last, rider C Barnes advised that she was under pressure throughout and the gelding failed to handle the very testing nature of today's track.	
Race 5	LIFE MEMBERS MILE R85 1600m
The start of this race was delayed nearly two minutes due to several runners being slow to arrive behind the barriers. HEZA KOOL KAT was slow to begin and then raced keenly in the early stages. ASTRALIGHT raced wide throughout. ALL ABOUT ALF raced wide from the 500m when improving forward. In the run home ASTRALIGHT (D Prastiyou) shifted inwards under pressure crowding SPLIT DECISION in onto TRISTAN'S CHOICE with both runners being shifted inwards. D Prastiyou was shown the film of this incident and advised to exercise care when shifting ground. The riders of BIG ENERGY and HEZA KOOL KAT both advised the Stewards that their mounts were not comfortable in today's heavy track conditions.	
Race 6	TAIERI WOOL AND SKIN MAIDEN 1400m
INDIANA JONES who was fractious in its stall prior to the start was slow to begin. MADAM DUSAUTOIR was also fractious in its stall prior to the start. QUEST FOR LUCK was slow to begin. POLLY'S SISTER raced keenly through the early to middle stages. In the straight KATIE'S DIAMOND shifted inwards under pressure and bumped LEEBOY on several occasions. When spoken to regarding the performance of INDIANA JONES rider J Bullard advised that the gelding had become fractious in the gates, was slow to begin but when placed under pressure had failed to respond to his urgings. He further added that he believed INDIANA JONES did not handle the testing nature of today's heavy 11 track conditions.	
Race 7	CANTERBURY EQUESTRIAN R75 1400m
MR TRIMBOLE began awkwardly losing ground. OUR JACKMAN and BETHUNE BILLY raced keenly during the early stages. When spoken to regarding the performance of IMA GEEGEE rider T Moseley advised that the mare had travelled well until the straight but when placed under pressure had failed to respond and had been very disappointing. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection of IMA GEEGEE which revealed no obvious abnormalities and the trainer K Thompson advised that it would be sent for a spell. When spoken to regarding the performance of MR TRIMBOLE rider C Johnson advised that the gelding had only battled over the concluding stages and was slightly disappointing. He also added that MR TRIMBOLE had not raced for a month and would benefit from today's run.	
Race 8	PRYDES EASIFEED SEASON FINALE R65 1400 1400m
LANGHAM LADY shifted out at the start making contact with TUFFINUP who was buffeted and lost ground as a result. GUNNA FLY raced very keenly in restricted room during the early and middle stages. Passing the 900m MANGAROA LAD who was racing keenly steadied outwards off heels dictating LANGHAM LADY onto GUNNA FLY resulting in SHES ALL CLASS being shifted wider on the track. Passing the 800m GUNNA FLY who continued to race keenly became awkwardly placed on the heels of MONEYORTHEBOX and had to be continuously steadied for some distance. Passing the 450m TUFFINUP was held up and had to steady for several strides. Passing the 350m MONEYORTHEBOX had to steady when awkwardly placed between SHES ALL CLASS and LANGHAM LADY .	