

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Canterbury Racing – Canterbury Jockey Club	Date:	Saturday, 9 th November, 2013
Weather:	Overcast		
Track:	Good (3)		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	R Neal (Chairman), N McIntyre, M Zarb and J McLaughlin		
Typist:	C McMullan		

GENERAL:

Rider D Walsh did not attend the meeting having not fully recovered from a race fall at Awapuni on Saturday 2 nd November and was replaced as follows: R6 SHROUD – L Innes; R7 LUKANDER – D Walker; R8 ATTICA – L Callaway; R9 MISS ISLE – P Taylor.
A selection of runners were pre-race blood tested.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	HANDSOME MATES, HOLY SMOKE, DREAMER, URUNGA, IRISH FLING, KING MONTROSE, SHROUD, ATLANTE, CHAMBORD, GOBI RANGER, BENZINI, ESPRIT D'OR, ORMOND ROAD, ABSOLUT EXCELENCIA		
Suspensions:	Race	8	D Bradley (WORD'S OUT) [Rule 638(1)(d)]– Careless riding 1400 metres – Suspended 17 November - 23 November (inclusive) – 4 riding days
Protests:	Nil		
Fines:	Nil		
Warnings:	Race	3	Apprentice A Taylor (DECADENT) [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Shifting ground 1100 metres
Bleeders:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	7	LUCKY FEATHER – Must barrier trial prior to racing next
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Race	6	SHROUD – L Innes replaced D Walsh (injured)
		7	LUKANDER – D Walker replaced D Walsh
		8	ATTICA – L Callaway replaced D Walsh
		9	MISS ISLE – P Taylor replaced D Walsh
Late Scratchings:	Race	7	LUCKY FEATHER at 3.57 pm at start

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	CHRISTCHURCH CASINO PREMIER (1600m)
LIKEAPINS was slow to begin. NO EMOTION bounded at the start, blundered and lost ground, with the rider becoming momentarily unbalanced. SCHOCKEMOHL raced wide in the early stages. NO EMOTION over raced in the middle stages.	

NO EMOTION was held up in the early stages of the home straight. OUR ALCHEMIST was held up near the 300 metres.	
Race 2	THE PAINTLAB HORNBY PREMIER (2000m)
BURSTING STONE began awkwardly. BLACK STOCKINGS made the crossing by the 1800 metres awkwardly and blundered. Due to the slow early tempo BLACK STOCKINGS , BURSTING STONE and HOLY SMOKE all over raced in the initial stages. BLACK STOCKINGS was held up in the early part of the home straight when denied a marginal run to the outside of THE HAND OF FAITH . MESSINES was held up in the early part of the straight and near the 300 metres improved onto the heels of KEEPHER CLOSE and had to be restrained, the gelding then had to shift ground outwards to obtain clear running. SARAGARHI lay inwards in the run home and was unable to be fully tested. KEEPHER CLOSE lost the near hind plate during the running.	
Race 3	ONE GOOD HORSE AT THE TURF PREMIER (1400m)
HI YO KO underwent a pre-race veterinary inspection and was passed fit to race. RED RIPPER began awkwardly and knuckled shortly after the start, then raced keenly in the early and middle stages. RULE BREAKER slipped shortly after leaving the barriers and blundered losing momentum, settling back. DREAMER knuckled over shortly after the start. Apprentice A Taylor (DECAENT) was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d) after allowing her mount to shift inwards passing the 1100 metres when not clear of DREAMER which had to steady. Passing the 1000 metres HAND OF GOD , when improving forward, shifted in despite the rider's efforts, making contact with DREAMER which when over racing had to steady. SOLAS raced fiercely for a short distance in the middle stages and when being restrained shifted in crowding WHY WAIT which was hampered. ASSASSIN was obliged to race wide without cover throughout. HI YO KO was held up in the initial stages of the run home. HI YO KO returned to the birdcage with blood present in the off side nostril. A subsequent veterinary inspection revealed this to be an aggravation of a minor laceration to the nostril. When questioned regarding the performance of CHOPPER , rider H Tinsley stated he was instructed to ride his mount forward and after jumping awkwardly he found himself further back than expected. He added it was the gelding's first start in nearly a month and although it did not run on as expected today, it should benefit from the run. When questioned regarding the performance of CRIMEY CRON , rider D Walker reported that whilst the gelding was under pressure for the majority of the race and had disappointed today it would be better suited over more ground and on a softer track.	
Race 4	GARTSHORE GROUP PREMIER (1000m)
KELTIC KITTY began awkwardly. NATKINGCOLE tended to get its head up in the early stages and raced ungenerously whilst being restrained.	
Race 5	YESBERG INSURANCE SERVICES PEGASUS STAKES (1000m)
NEVER DIE began awkwardly. COUP ALIGN slipped in behind on jumping. BETWEEN DREAMS hung inwards near the 700 metres placing QUEEN OF THE CASTLE in restricted room for a short distance. NEVER DIE had to be restrained when crowded making the junction near the 600 metres. QUEEN OF THE CASTLE had difficulty obtaining clear running passing the 450 metres to near the 200 metres. When questioned regarding the performance of COUP ALIGN , rider H Tinsley explained that the gelding is best suited when able to lead, however after missing the start slightly was obliged to sit outside the leader which, in his opinion, was disadvantageous. H Tinsley added that in his view COUP ALIGN would benefit from today's run. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection of COUP ALIGN which did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.	
Race 6	MILLENNIUM HOTELS & RESORTS PREMIER (1200m)
DO UNO WHOIAM , DA BEST COUP and MI APACHE HORSE all over-raced in the early stages. SHROUD was held up rounding the turn until near the 300 metres. GALLANT BABE had difficulty obtaining clear running passing the 500 metres until the 300 metres. THE GOVERNATOR was held up for the majority of the final straight. Passing the 350 metres MEURSAULT shifted in to obtain clear running which resulted in EL DORADO SUN being crowded momentarily. DA BEST COUP lost the near side rear plate during the running.	
Race 7	SOTHYS PARIS 41ST NEW ZEALAND 2000 GUINEAS (1600m)
LUCKY FEATHER was a late scratching by the Club Veterinarian at 3.57 pm after becoming cast in the barriers. The connections were advised that LUCKY FEATHER must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing next.	

DESHABEEL which was in the adjacent stall to **LUCKY FEATHER** was also inspected by the Club Veterinarian at the start and passed fit to race. As a result the start of this race was delayed 4 minutes 8 seconds.

CHARLESTOWN stood flat footed as the start was affected and lost considerable ground.

PUCCINI blundered at the start.

SACRED PARK lost its footing on jumping however recovered quickly.

LUKANDER was slow to begin.

DESHABEEL hung outwards shortly after the start forcing **EL DOUTE** and **PUCCINI** outwards momentarily.

WEREGOINGTOGETCHA raced wide throughout and improved wide from the 1000 metres.

CHAMBORD raced keenly in the middle stages.

ATLANTE hung out in the run home.

CHAMBORD was inclined to race greenly over the final 200 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of **SACRED PARK**, rider L Innes reported that the gelding had travelled comfortably in the running however when pressured failed to respond and was disappointing. Mr Innes added that **SACRED PARK** felt indifferent in its action over the final stages. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection of **SACRED PARK** which did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 8	WINNING EDGE PRESENTATIONS PREMIER (1600m)
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SNOWDON was slow to begin.

D Bradley (**WORD'S OUT**) admitted a breach of Rule 638(1)(d) in that passing the 1400 metres he permitted his mount to shift in taking **PARTY ICE** (M Du Plessis) inwards onto **FINTORRO** (J Bates) which had to be heavily restrained. After consideration the Judicial Committee suspended D Bradley's licence to ride in races effective 17 November to 23 November inclusive(4 days).

RUFSHOT improved wide from the 1000 metres.

WANNABEAWALLABETOO, **PRESTIGIOSA** and **GERVASIO** all over-raced in the middle stages.

J Bates, the rider of **FINTORRO**, lost his iron after the saddle slipped passing the 400 metres and was retired from the race.

M Du Plessis, the rider of **PARTY ICE**, reported that the mare may have been in season.

Race 9	GOLD CLUB METROPOLITAN TROPHY (2500m)
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MISS ISLE blundered at the start and lost ground.

SANTOS raced wide in the early and middle stages when over racing.

ESPRIT D'OR over raced near the 1200 metres and then improved wide from that stage.

Apprentice **R Black** was reminded of her obligations in respect of use of the whip prior to the 200 metres.

A post-race veterinary inspection of **BRAGATO**, which gave ground over the final stages, did not reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer R Joostens undertook to inform the Stewards if anything becomes apparent with the gelding in coming days which may have led to the performance.

Race 10	BLUE STAR TAXIS PREMIER (1400m)
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KARAKA JACK was slow to begin.

ANNABEL ROSE raced wide throughout.

TERELLE (M Cropp) was held up rounding the final turn and near the 450 metres became awkwardly placed on the heels of **GALLARU** (A Morgan) and had to be steadied. **TERELLE** then, when being corrected, shifted in hampering **PRINCE RANSOM** (B Pitman) which had to steady. After questioning riders no further action was required.

GEORGE ALIMIGHTY was held up in the initial stages of the run home until near the 200 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of **PERCY POSSUM**, rider K Walters reported that after being obliged to work hard in the early stages to obtain a forward position the gelding had failed to respond when placed under pressure early in the straight proving disappointing. A post-race veterinary inspection of **PERCY POSSUM** did not reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer N Ridley undertook to inform the Stewards if anything becomes apparent with the gelding in coming days which may have led to the performance.