

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otago Racing Club	Date:	Thursday 10 th April 2014
Weather:	Overcast		
Track:	Dead 6		
Rail:	Rail out 3 metres 900-300, True rest.		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), J McLaughlin 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)

Due to Apprentice A Morgan appealing to the JCA and gaining a stay of proceedings to ride at today's meeting some riders were not declared until this morning.
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SUPPLEMENTARY: (All adjourned inquiries and follow up information relating to previous meetings)

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	CROYDON, SQUASH, SHE'S INSATIABLE, DRUMGOLD, KELTIC KITTY, GUARDIAN, HUGHES THAT GIRL, HEXIE HAO, NORAH, HURIKIN.
Suspensions:	Race
Protests:	Race
Fines:	Race
Warnings:	<p>Race 5 C Barnes (LA GIRL) – Rule 638(1)(d) – shifting ground 800metres</p> <p>5 P Shaikh (PRIME HIT) – Rule 638(1)(d) – shifting ground 350metres</p>
Bleeders:	Race
Horse Actions:	<p>Race 2 NANCHO LASS – Barrier manners warning</p> <p>8 MAGIC EPIC – Must barrier trial</p> <p>9 WILD ABOUT ME – Racing manners warning</p>
Medical Certificates:	
Rider Changes:	Race
Late Scratching:	Race

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	RADIO SPORT MAIDEN 2200m
<p>LOOSE GOOSE was slow to begin and was further hampered when CROYDON shifted out at the start. CROYDON which was over-racing made the first bend awkwardly shifting wider on the track forcing WEE MISSY over extra ground. WEE MISSY raced wide thereafter. LONE WOLF raced keenly for several strides passing the 800 metres as the pace eased.</p>	
Race 2	COAST RATING 65 2200m
<p>NANCHO LASS was very fractious in its barrier proving difficult to control with the connections advised the mare was on a barrier manners warning. READY TO RULE bounded at the start and was slow to begin. Passing the 1700 metres SQUASH shifted out making contact with PUDDLE ALLEY who blundered and lost some momentum. KEEP IT TIGHT raced wide through the early stages. AREUFORREEL and PRESLEY both raced keenly through the early stages due to the lack of pace. AREUFORREEL continued to race keenly through the middle stages.</p>	

CECIL raced wide through the middle stages.
NO ROSETTES improved wide from the 1100 metres.
DELACROIX raced in restricted room for the majority of the run home.

Race 3 **ZM RATING 75 & JUMPERS 2200m**

BLUE 'N' GOLD raced wide through the early to middle stages.
BLUE 'N' GOLD lay in throughout the run home and had to be straightened passing the 200 metres.
Rider D Walsh reported that **APARIMA DAN** hung throughout the run.
Stewards sought an explanation from trainer T Charles in regards to the apparent form reversal of **SHE'S INSATIABLE**. Miss Charles explained that the mare had been ridden upside down in its previous start which was in an open handicap event at Riccarton. She advised that dropping back to its own grade today aided by a ride with cover had led to today's improved performance which had not come as a surprise to the connections.

Race 4 **IHEART RADIO MAIDEN 1200m**

Trainer T Kennedy was spoken to regarding his late declaration of rider for **DRUMGOLD** with the explanation being accepted by the Stewards.
VALLEY DANCER shifted out at the start dictating **MORCOAT** out onto **DRESSED 'N' READY** who was unbalanced and lost ground. **MORCOAT** also lost ground in this incident.
DRUMGOLD and **ROYAL DOLLAR** both raced wide throughout.
CLEO LAYNE raced keenly through the early stages.
Passing the 150 metres **VALLEY DANCER** shifted out looking for clear racing room and in doing so momentarily inconvenienced **DRESSED 'N' READY**. When spoken to regarding the disappointing performance of **IVANSKAVINSKYSKVAR** rider K Williams advised that at its last start the gelding raced in a forward position however after being a little slower to begin today the gelding settled mid field and raced greenly throughout. Miss Williams added in her opinion **IVANSKAVINSKYSKVAR** may not have handled today's wet track.

Race 5 **RADIO HAURAKI RATING 75 1200m**

NATKINGCOLE began awkwardly.
PRIME HIT was crowded for room shortly after the start when runners either side shifted ground.
NATKINGCOLE raced fiercely through the early to middle stages placing the rider in some difficulty.
Racing towards the 800 metres **NATKINGCOLE** continued to race keenly shifting out making contact with **CHEEKY TART** which was taken out onto **RUBY'S ROSE**. Simultaneous to this **LA GIRL** (C Barnes) shifted in marginally resulting in **RUBY'S ROSE** and **KELTIC KITTY** both having to be steadied off heels and shifted wider on the track. C Barnes was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d).
NATKINGCOLE continued to race fiercely through the middle stages shifting out off heels at the 600 metres dictating **CHEEKY TART** and **LA GIRL** wider on the track.
PRIME HIT was held up for several strides rounding the home turn.
Passing the 350 metres **NATKINGCOLE** shifted out momentarily resulting in **PRIME HIT** (P Shaikh) who had commenced a run to the outside of **NATKINGCOLE** shifting out onto **RUBY'S ROSE** who was crowded and had to steady. P Shaikh was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d).
The trainer of **NATKINGCOLE** and apprentice rider L McKay were shown a replay of the race with trainer R McKay advising the Stewards that the gelding is better ridden in front and does not like to be covered up. Miss L McKay advised that she had been awkward away and got further back at the start than anticipated and as soon as the horse had seen daylight had begun to race very keenly placing her in some difficulty through the middle stages. Mr R McKay advised the Stewards that he would be advising the rider in future to go forward on the horse and not attempt to take cover.

Race 6 **HOKONUI MAIDEN 1200m**

The start of this event was delayed approximately five minutes firstly due to the horses arriving late to the start area and then several runners proving difficult to load.
AIRZIN GRACE shifted out abruptly as the start was made losing ground.
CHIPMUNK was slow through the early stages.
THE STOCKMAN raced keenly through the early stages.
AIRZIN GRACE and **BENS LASS** both lay outwards throughout the running with both runners shifting wide on the final bend taking **VOODOO STAR** and **GUARDIAN** wider on the track.
NUTINEAR was inclined to hang outwards in the final straight.
FASCINATE also lay out throughout the run home and had to be straightened on several occasions.
When spoken regarding the disappointing performance of **LANGTON KATIE** rider D Walsh advised he could offer no tangible excuses and that the mare had been very disappointing.

Race 7	NEWS TALK ZB MAIDEN 1400m
<p>KEEPITASECRET shifted out at the start and bumped ELEGANT CROSSING which was taken out onto GALLANT TRICK who was crowded and had to steady.</p> <p>TUDOR LILY raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.</p> <p>Passing the 1100 metres TUDOR LILY was placed in restricted room when FORFEITURE shifted in and HUGHES THAT GIRL who was racing keenly shifted out.</p> <p>FORFEITURE raced wide throughout.</p> <p>KEEPITASECRET raced keenly through the early stages.</p> <p>ELEGANT CROSSING raced keenly through the middle stages and had to be steadied off heels.</p> <p>SKYZTHELIMIT made the bend by the 800 metres awkwardly when laying in.</p> <p>HUGHES THAT GIRL shifted in under pressure throughout the run home.</p> <p>KEEPITASECRET raced in restricted room over the concluding stages and could not be ridden to full advantage.</p> <p>Trainer A Hoffman was spoken to regarding the apparent improved performance of HUGHES THAT GIRL. Miss Hoffman explained that at its previous start which was the first start from her stable, the mare had been crowded at the 800 metres and lost ground at a vital point when well supported. She further added the extra 200 metres of today's race aided by a good ride with a 2kg claim led to today's improved performance which was not unexpected.</p> <p>FORFEITURE was reported to have lost a hind plate during the running.</p>	
Race 8	CLASSIC HITS OPEN HANDICAP 1400m
<p>MAGIC EPIC stood flat footed at the start and lost considerable ground (15 lengths) with the connections being advised that the horse must trial to the Stewards satisfaction before racing again. Trainer J Dalton advised the Stewards it was her intention to send MAGIC EPIC for a spell.</p> <p>RECORDING and DILLINGER brushed on a number of occasions down the back straight.</p> <p>RECORDING raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.</p> <p>ORTEM FIRE and IRISH BAY both lay in throughout the run home.</p>	
Race 9	THE FARMING SHOW RATING 65 F&M 1400m
<p>The start of this event was delayed two and a half minutes when WILD ABOUT ME was very reluctant to parade to the start. The connections of WILD ABOUT ME were advised the mare was placed on a warning for its behaviour prior to the start.</p> <p>WILD ABOUT ME and KEYNOTE were both slow to begin.</p> <p>ASK ME raced wide throughout.</p> <p>Passing the 350 metres KEYNOTE made contact with ELDANTE when looking for clear racing room.</p> <p>GURUS RESPONSE was held up rounding the final bend only gaining clear racing room inside the final 200 metres.</p> <p>Passing the 75 metres NORAH shifted in and had to be straightened and in doing so momentarily placed GALLANT BABE (D Walsh) in restricted room. Rider D Walsh viewed Stewards' footage of the concluding stages before deciding not to proceed with a protest. Due to a technical issue with the video replays there was a delay before the Stewards were able to advise of the all clear.</p>	
Race 10	FLAVA RATING 65 C,G&E 1400m
<p>YOUNG JIM shifted out at the start making contact with TIMY TYLER.</p> <p>SPITTING IMAGE began awkwardly getting back as a result.</p> <p>SECRET GURU raced wide throughout.</p> <p>TIMY TYLER was held up rounding the final bend and had to change ground inwards at the 200 metres to find clear racing room.</p> <p>SECRET GURU lay in throughout the run home and had to be straightened on a number of occasions and shifted in abruptly when struck with the whip passing the 50 metres.</p> <p>When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner PRINCE RANSOM rider D Walsh advised that he was disappointed with the effort but believed the gelding would benefit from today's outing.</p>	