

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otago Racing Club	Date:	Thursday 25 th June 2015
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Heavy 10		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), C Allison and C Boyd		
Typist:	B Gutsell		

GENERAL:

<p>Stewards questioned trainer M Hamilton in regards to the scratching of his 2 runners in today's steeplechase. Mr Hamilton advised that after the fields were released he believed when assessing the weights for his two runners that they would not be competitive in today's race and therefore scratched both his runners. Mr Hamilton's explanation was noted.</p> <p>Due to three days of extreme frosts the steeplechase course was altered so the runners did not jump the sod wall and two jumps at the northern end of the course. Instead the field was redirected round the course proper at the north end and the start point altered accordingly. This information was disseminated before Race 1.</p>
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SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	FAITES VOS JEUX, SUPERCHARGED, HARRY HILL, CAIRNSVILLE, MORGAN BET, MISS CITRON, BUZZER, GOLDEN SHELLS, KILLA QUESTION.	
Suspensions:	Race	Nil
Protests:	Race	Nil
Fines:	Race	Nil
Warnings:	Race	Nil
Bleeders:	Race	Nil
Horse Actions:	Race	Nil
Medical Certificates:		Nil
Rider Changes:	Race	Nil
Late Scratching:	Race	Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	GOOD LUCK CASEY & MEGAN RST OPEN STEEPLECHASE 3200m
<p>FAITES VOS JEUX and GARGAMEL both made poor leaps at the fence passing the 1500 metres. When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner GARGAMEL rider A Browne advised the gelding had been flat throughout and had been disappointing.</p>	
Race 2	NOEL WELSH MEMORIAL RST OPEN HURDLE 2700m
<p>BEACONS got its head up after jumping the first fence when being restrained to take a position and then continued to race keenly through the early stages. INDIAN BURT lay inwards in the early stages. SUPERCHARGED made a poor leap at the second to last fence. When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner JACHIL Apprentice rider R Cuneen advised the gelding had jumped well until the 800 metres however when placed under pressure had failed to respond and had been disappointing.</p>	
Race 3	MORNINGTON TAVERN RST OPEN HURDLE 2700m
<p>LORD YARBOROUGH shifted out on jumping the second fence making contact with ISHIPAL.</p>	

ISHIPAL made a poor leap at the fence passing the 1200 metres.

LORD YARBOROUGH made a poor leap at the fence passing the 1100 metres and gave ground from this point mixing its jumping over the concluding stages.

HARRY HILL and **RED MAGIC** brushed on landing after jumping the last fence.

Race 4 | **DIANA-MARIE STRANG MEMORIAL-AMAT RDRS TROPHY R65 1600m**

ENCHANTER bounded at the start and lost ground as a result.

PERCY POSSUM raced keenly through the early stages.

Passing the 300 metres **ENCHANTER** had to shift ground inwards when held up by the tiring **ONTARIO**.

CONTADOR shifted in abruptly at the 250 metres when struck with the whip and had to be straightened.

Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination of **ONTARIO** which finished in a distant last placing. The subsequent examination revealed the gelding to have a slow post-race recovery. Trainer D Frye advised **ONTARIO** would now be retired as a racing proposition from his stable.

When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner **PERCY POSSUM** rider C Myers reported the gelding had raced keenly in the early stages and had only battled over the concluding stages when placed under pressure.

Race 5 | **LINDAUER MAIDEN MILE 1600m**

GALELLA was slow to begin.

BRIDGET TOWN shifted out abruptly at the start making heavy contact with **SHUSH**.

TONY TWO CHIPS raced wide through the early stages.

Passing the 900 metres **ROYAL CHANCE** who had begun to race keenly, shifted in when being steadied crowding **MASTERZED** inwards onto **GALELLA** with both these runners being crowded and having to steady at this point.

Passing the 700 metres **BRIDGET TOWN** had to be steadied when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of **STRICTLY LIMITED**.

Race 6 | **THEO DITFORT MEMORIAL STAYERS RATING 65 2200m**

CROYDON began to race keenly passing the 1500 metres before being allowed to improve forward to the lead passing the 1100 metres.

VARVARA improved wide from the 600 metres.

VARVARA lay in for the majority of the final straight and had to be straightened passing the 200 metres.

Race 7 | **AAKLAND MAIDEN 1200m**

EAGLE MAGIC shifted out shortly after the start crowding **SPIDER LILY** and **ZARINA**.

BUZZER was slow through the early stages.

SPIDER LILY lay inwards in the final straight with the rider swapping the whip to the left hand.

When questioned regarding the performance of favourite **BUZZER** rider C Johnson advised the gelding had travelled well in the early stages however when placed under full pressure had failed to respond and was very disappointing. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination of **BUZZER** which revealed the gelding to have an injury to its right hind leg. Connections advised **BUZZER** would now be sent for a lengthy spell.

Race 8 | **OTAGO TYRES MAIDEN 1200m**

ZAH KEISHA had to steady shortly after the start when momentarily crowded for room by **DIVA'S HALO** which shifted in.

GOLDEN SHELLS raced wide throughout.

UNREACHABLE had to steady momentarily passing the 350 metres when crowded for room between **JANEFIELD JEWEL** and **GO SOLO** who was laying in. **GO SOLO** then continued to lay in throughout the run home.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite **EYES WIDE SHUT** Apprentice rider R Cuneen advised the gelding had been flat through the middle stages however had finished the race off well and would gain natural benefit from its first up run from a spell.

When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner **SAVY SURFER** Apprentice rider S Wynne advised in her opinion the gelding had struggled with the puggy nature of today's track however would have gained benefit from the outing.

Race 9 | **PRYDES EASIFEED SEASON FINALE RATING 65 1200m**

OBSERVE and **TWIST OF FATE** both began awkwardly then made firm contact shortly after the start with **OBSERVE** losing ground as a result.

HI YO KO was squeezed between runners at the start also losing ground.

JIMMYTOSHOES raced keenly through the early stages.

VICE MARSHALL shifted in under pressure passing the 150 metres.

ROYAL DOLLAR lay in over the concluding stages and had to be straightened passing the 100 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner **RAW GOLD** rider C Johnson advised that in his opinion the mare had not handled the puggy nature of today's heavy track.