

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Woodville-Pahiatua Racing Club	Date:	Thursday, 20 August 2015
Weather:	Overcast		
Track:	Heavy 11, upgraded to Heavy 10 retrospective to Race 1		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	N Goodwin (Chairman), G Whiterod, B Bateup		
Typist:	S Shirriffs		

GENERAL:

Trainer A McGregor advised stewards at 8.15am that his runner in race 2 MISS VARA had incurred an injury and requested the mare be late scratched. Stewards advised the Racing Bureau of the scratching at 8.17am. This information was not relayed by the bureau to the TAB until 11.56am at which time MISS VARA was listed as a late scratching.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	SERGEANT BLAST, PERFECT HARMONEE, DONLEE, WAIPATIKI GIRL, ZEDBEE, ZARTAN, MICHELIN.
Suspensions:	Race
Protests:	Race 2 2 nd placing (LUCY LIU) against 1 st placing (PERFECT HARMONEE), dismissed.
Fines:	Race
Warnings:	Race 2 L Allpress (PERFECT HARMONEE) [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Shifting ground 300 metres
Bleeders:	Race
Horse Actions:	Race
Medical Certificates:	
Rider Changes:	Race
Late Scratchings:	Race 2 MISS VARA – 8.15am on veterinary advice.

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	NEW CENTRAL MOTOR INN 1100 (1100 metres)
<p>MASTER PLATINUM began awkwardly and settled back. PERFECT SUGGESTION raced greenly throughout. DEEDEE'S BELT (K Smith) jumped on terms with the other runners but was under pressure soon after to maintain contact with the field and drifted off to finish several lengths last. Rider K Smith had no excuse. OUR TRIXIE ducked in sharply near the 250 metres and bumped with RIBATEJO. OUR TRIXIE continued to race greenly and shifted out near the finish. Rider R Myers reported that WAFER raced greenly throughout. Following the running of Race 1 the track was upgraded to Heavy 10 retrospective to Race 1.</p>	
Race 2	RURAL DIRECT DANNEVIRKE 1200 (1200 metres)
<p>The start of this race was approximately 5 minutes late after WAITUNA HEIGHTS (R Goldsbury) escaped from its rider during the preliminary and ran a short distance before being recaptured. WAITUNA HEIGHTS was examined by the veterinary surgeon and cleared to start. Rider R Goldsbury was uninjured. APACHE KID and WRONG BELT were severely crowded at the start when PERFECT HARMONEE shifted in abruptly. Also hampered was LUCY LIU, which was bumped. ZENOAH raced keenly early.</p>	

Passing the 400 metres **LUCY LIU** had to be steadied and shifted into the line of **SPARCLING THYME**. **PERFECT HARMONEE (L Allpress)** hung outwards rounding the turn and near the 300 metres shifted out simultaneously as **LUCY LIU** improved to its outside. This resulted in **LUCY LIU** and **WAITUNA HEIGHTS** bumping, with **WAITUNA HEIGHTS** becoming unbalanced. **PERFECT HARMONEE** continued to hang outwards for the remainder and dictated **LUCY LIU** wider on the track. Prior to the authorisation of dividends an objection was lodged by the connections of the 2nd placed **LUCY LIU** (N Teeluck) alleging interference in the home straight by the winner, **PERFECT HARMONEE (L Allpress)**. After hearing relevant information the JCA dismissed the protest. Steward took no further action against rider **L Allpress** other than to issue her with a warning and advised her that she is expected to straighten her mount sooner than she did on this occasion.

Race 3 | **BEALE TRUCKING 1400 (1400 metres)**

POLYNESIA jumped in at the start and checked **HIP HOORAY**, which settled back.
JUST A DUCHESS raced wide without cover throughout.
JUST A DUCHESS hung out rounding the turn covering extra ground.
POLYNESIA shifted in under pressure near the 200 metres directing **ROSSINI GIRL** into on to **OFF HAND** which was momentarily hampered.
FREE FLIGHT which was slow to begin settled at the rear but began to lose ground with 900 metres to run and eventually finished a distant last. Rider R Myers was of the view that there may be something amiss with **FREE FLIGHT**. A subsequent veterinary inspection revealed lameness in the right foreleg. Connections advised that they were unlikely to continue with the mare as a racing proposition.

Race 4 | **NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES RACE (1400 metres)**

HONEY QUEEN began awkwardly and bumped with **DREAMCRUZA**.
DREAMCRUZA was crowded at the start and got back. When questioned, rider S McKay reported that after being crowded the mare took some time to work into the race and it was his recommendation to connections that blinkers be applied at its next start.
KATIE SPICE was slow to begin.
ALCALDESA raced three wide without cover.
TWIST AND TURN raced in restricted room for the majority of the home straight.

Race 5 | **HJ PHILLIPS 1600 (1600 metres)**

MWAADAN raced three wide without cover.
CHICO RIO was slow away.
MWAADAN and **ZEDBEE** both shifted ground over the final stages.
Rider C Studd reported the **SZYSLAK** hung throughout the race. **SZYSLAK** was not persevered with in the home straight.

Race 6 | **THE MEAT COMPANY DANNEVIRKE 1600 (1600 metres)**

JACK'S BOY jumped in at the start dictating the line of **WOW WHATA PRINCESS** and **ZARTAN** and this resulted in **CULLISTER** being checked and settling back.
ZARTAN raced keenly into the first corner.
L Allpress reported that **WOW WHATA PRINCESS** was not entirely comfortable in the going and took some time to work into the race.
SUSSED (R Goldsbury), which had been racing in a forward position, commenced to give ground rapidly rounding the final turn to be in last position in the straight. **SUSSED** ran on over the final stages. When questioned, R Goldsbury could offer no tangible excuse

Race 7 | **PURPLE HAZE LAVENDER & CAFÉ 1600 (1600 metres)**

MAILLY was slow to begin and settled back.
M Gillies had no excuse for the disappointing run of **MAILLY**, which finished unplaced.
SKYLLA (H McNeill) raced very wide throughout and shifted over considerable ground rounding the home turn.
Rider H McNeill advised stewards that his riding instructions were to have his mount handy but after missing the start, had to work hard to do so and agreed that the preferred option would have been to settle off the pace. H McNeill was advised that he is expected to show better judgment in future.