STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Avondale Jockey Club Date: Wednesday, 2 November 2016

Weather: Fine
Track: Dead (4)
Rail: 6 Metres

Stewards: M Williamson (Chairman), A Coles, W Robinson, P Kinsey

Stenographer: M Gemmell

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: THE TETIAN TITAN, SACRED EMPIRE, I AM GRACIE, ECHEZEAUX, AVEC MOI, BEAUMARCHAIS

COUNTING HOUSE

Suspensions: Nil Protests: Nil

Fines: Race 7 G Cooksley COURTMASTER

\$100 Failing to make the weight [Rule 330(3)(c)]

Warnings: Race 5 V Colgan DRIVEN FORCE

Shifted ground 400 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

6 M McNab IT'S COMPLICATED

Shifted ground 350 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

7 S Spratt SHOWPIN

Shifted ground concluding stages [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Horse Actions: Race 1 BOLD WARRIOR Veterinary certificate of fitness required

4 **SOUL SISTER** Barrier manners

Follow Up: Race 4 FIVE OFF THE TEE

Medical Certificates: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 4 SOUL SISTA T Thornton replaced C Grylls (unwell)

5 AVEC MOI C Lammas replaced C Grylls

ORAKEI OVERLORD V Colgan replaced C Grylls
 SACRED WIND T Thornton replaced C Grylls

7 COURTMASTER K McCulloch replaced G Cooksley (overweight)

Late Scratchings: Nil

GENERAL:

Rider C Grylls was stood down from riding after Race 2 suffering from dehydration.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Racing Tauranga - 29 October 2016

Race 2 - CROCKFORD REAL ESTATE 1600

SECRET MERCHINE (L Satherley) - Trainer T Mitchell advised that SECRET MERCHINE had undergone a veterinary examination on return to the stable which could find no abnormalities. T Mitchell has since reported that the mare had shown signs of mild lameness in the near foreleg and will be seeking further veterinary advice.

SECRET LIAISON (B Hutton) - Trainer I Kennedy advised SECRET LIAISON had recovered well and was at a loss to explain the disappointing performance of the mare, further advising he would continue with the current preparation.

Race 6 - KIRSTY CASHMORE BAYLEYS 1300

IT'S BEN AGAIN (L Innes) - Trainer B Gillovic advised IT'S BEN AGAIN had subsequently shown signs of lameness following the race, reporting a back problem for which the gelding has received veterinary treatment.

Avondale Jockey Club – 26 October 2016

Race 7 - RACECOURSE PARADE 1600

MONGOLIAN SKY (V Colgan) – Co-trainer Mr C Gibbs advised Stewards that the colt had lost a tooth during the race and on returning to the stable had been given a short break. Mr Gibbs further advised that MONGOLIAN SKY had since worked well and they intend to continue with the colt's racing preparation.

Race 8 - GOODWIN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 1600

TWO GEE'S (M Hills) – Co-trainer Mr G Sanders advised that the gelding was sore in the hind quarters on returning to the stable. The horse was given a short break and has commenced work and shown no signs of soreness. Mr G Sanders intends to continue with the gelding's preparation.

<u>Auckland Racing Club – 1 November 2016</u>

Race 3 - TATTICO MAIDEN

SNEEK IN THE CASTLE (A Schwerin) – Trainer W Larsen reported the mare to have an entrapped epiglottis and would undergo minor surgery.

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 AJC Members 2000

LONE WARRIOR (L Satherley) – Slow to begin after becoming fractious in the starting stalls. Ridden urgently in the early stages to lead and then when being steadied approaching the 1300 metres raced ungenerously and shortened stride, hampering RIGHT HERE WAITING which had to steady abruptly for a distance. As a result BOLD WARRIOR which was following RIGHT HERE WAITING was steadied shifting back on to OTELLO which was badly hampered near the 1200 metres losing ground. When questioned regarding the performance of LONE WARRIOR Rider L Satherley was of the opinion that LONE WARRIOR had held its breath.

BOLD WARRIOR (S Spratt) – Jumped away awkwardly. Received veterinary attention following the race after the gelding pulled up distressed and was found to have moderate to severe right hind limb lameness. D Wiles was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing again, with D Wiles advising BOLD WARRIOR would now be spelled.

OTELLO (D Johnson) - Slow to begin. Badly hampered 1200 metres.

RIGHT HERE WAITING (E Farr) – Hampered 1200 metres.

BELLE VOLANT (V Gatu) – Apprentice Rider V Gatu was questioned regarding her riding tactics advising that when the pace steadied near the 1400 metres BELLE VOLANT had commenced to race fiercely.

Race 2 West Brook Winery 2000

CRITICS CHOICE (C Dell) – Began awkwardly losing ground. Over-raced in the early and middle stages having to be firmly restrained off the heels of STAN'S TUF TIGER passing the 1400 metres. Had to be firmly restrained off heels near the 1300 metres.

SACRED EMPIRE (V Colgan) – Commenced to race ungenerously passing the 1800 metres and shifted in abruptly despite the efforts of its rider.

STAN'S TUF TIGER (A Sims) – Crowded losing ground near the 1800 metres to the inside of SACRED EMPIRE commenced to race ungenerously and shifted in abruptly.

RAAJ (D Johnson) – When questioned regarding the performance Rider D Johnson advised that the firmer nature of the track had not suited the gelding.

SHADOW TOWER (R Elliot) – Apprentice Rider R Elliot was reminded of his obligations with regard to whip use prior to the 200 metres.

Race 3 Avondale JC On Facebook 1200

MANGAROA SKY (E Farr) – Slow to begin.

READY TO ROMANCE (L Innes) – Raced keenly in a three wide position throughout. Tendency to lay in when placed under pressure in the final straight. Inconvenienced concluding stages.

MISS BUMBLEBEE (V Colgan) – Crowded and checked passing the 275 metres between O'ANGEL which shifted out slightly and MADAM BULLBARS which shifted in and away from READY TO ROMANCE which had a tendency to lay in under pressure. The Stewards did not take any action given the racing manners of MADAM BULLBARS and the slight shift from O'ANGEL other than advising Riders S Spratt, R Elliot and L Innes all to exercise greater care in similar circumstances.

I AM GRACIE (C Lammas) – Shifted out over the concluding stages inconveniencing O'ANGEL which shifted out and inconvenienced READY TO ROMANCE.

O'ANGEL (S Spratt) – Inconvenienced concluding stages.

Race 4 Waterview 1600

FIVE OFF THE TEE (S Weatherley) – Became fractious in the barriers and was removed to undergo a veterinary inspection and was passed fit to run. Began awkwardly. Went off stride near the 1000 metres and again passing the 900 metres. Apprentice Rider S Weatherley reported that FIVE OF THE TEE had felt indifferent in its action at various points of the race, undergoing a subsequent veterinary examination which could find no obvious abnormalities.

SOUL SISTA (T Thornton) – Slow away (5L). Co Trainer P Gerard was advised the mare would have a warning placed against her barrier manners. Had difficulty obtaining clear running until passing the 150 metres.

ECHEZEAUX (M Cameron) – Crowded on jumping away losing ground.

COHABITATE (V Colgan) – Held up between the 300 metres and 100 metres.

ASTON PARK (S Collett) – Crowded to the inside of PINSTRIPE approaching the 200 metres. Contributing was slight outward movement from FORT STREET DANCER. As a result ASTON PARK had to briefly steady. Rider L Innes was advised he must exercise greater care.

Race 5 AJC Life Members 1400

TSARCRAFT (A Sims) - Slow to begin.

CRESCENDO (B Hutton) – Blundered shortly after leaving the barriers. Raced wide without cover throughout.

MISS ALEXANDRIA (S Collett) – Hampered and forced wider approaching the 400 metres by DRIVEN FORCE (V Colgan) which was shifting out to obtain clear running. Rider **V Colgan** was advised that a warning would be placed on his record, and that he must exercise greater care when shifting ground.

DRIVEN FORCE (V Colgan) – Raced greenly when placed under pressure in the final straight and was inconvenienced passing the 50 metres when improving on to the heels of ADIS which shifted out.

MISSISSIPPI (L Innes) – Rider L Innes advised that the filly may be feeling the effects of the improved track conditions.

Race 6 NZ All Golds Cosmopolitan Club 1400

ORAKEI OVERLORD (V Colgan) – Went in the air as the barriers were released losing ground. Raced fiercely in the middle stages becoming awkwardly placed on heels for a distance.

BIG MIKE (E Farr) – Began awkwardly.

THE REBEL KNIGHT (T Thornton) – Raced ungenerously when being restrained in the early stages.

IT'S COMPLICATED (M McNab) – Raced ungenerously when being restrained in the early stages.

BRAT PACK (R Elliot) – Raced ungenerously when being restrained in the early stages.

NO LOITERING (A Schwerin) – Had to steady passing the 400 metres when becoming awkwardly placed inside the heels of the weakening RIO CHEVALIER.

PISTOL PETE (S Spratt) – Crowded and then steadied passing the 350 metres when racing in restricted room to the outside of IT'S COMPLICATED which commenced to lay out when placed under pressure. Contributing was inward movement from THE REBEL KNIGHT. Rider **M McNab** was issued with a warning and advised he must make a greater attempt to straighten his mounts when they are shifting ground.

Race 7 5 Star Horse Transport 1400

COURTMASTER (K McCulloch) – **G Cooksley** was fined \$100 under the Minor Infringement Schedule after failing to make the weight for COURTMASTER. G Cooksley was replaced by K McCulloch. Bumped and briefly unbalanced 300 metres.

SURE ENOUGH (L Innes) – Reared when the start was affected losing ground.

BOLD BACHELOR (V Gatu) – Knuckled when leaving the barriers with the rider becoming unbalanced.

SACRED WIND (T Thornton) – Began awkwardly.

BLACKJACK MAN (D Johnson) – Raced ungenerously for a distance from near the 900 metres. Denied clear racing room passing the 150 metres when improving into a marginal run. Crowded over the concluding stages by SHOWPIN (S Spratt) which shifted out under pressure. Rider **S Spratt** was issued with a warning.

TERRIFIQUE (V Colgan) – Made contact with COURTMASTER passing the 300 metres when looking to obtain clear running. Rider V Colgan was advised he must exercise greater care when shifting ground.

COUNTING HOUSE (C Lammas) – When questioned regarding the improved performance of the gelding, co-trainer Mr S Lucock advised that at his most recent start at Ellerslie the horse did not have a lot of luck and today was able to set his own terms in front which had been to the gelding's benefit.