



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Counties Racing Club	Date:	Friday, 26 January 2018
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Dead 4 upgraded to a Good 3 following race 1		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	A Coles (Chairman), M Williamson, B Jones, P Kinsey		
Vet:	B Vosloo		
Typist:	Stewards		

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	EXCALIBUR, VALALIE, I AM GRACIE, HOWBOWDAT, MISSION HILL, IWANNADANCELIKEHIM, BRIGHTON, JAKE THE MUSS
Suspensions:	Race 8 C Dell PROJECT Excessive use of whip [638(3)(b)(ii)] Suspended 30/1 - 8/2 incl (6 National days)
Protests:	Nil
Fines:	Race 1 M Cameron EXCALIBUR \$500 [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii)] Excessive use of whip 5 D Johnson MISSION HILL \$500 [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii)] Excessive use of whip 6 M Coleman IWANNADANCLIKEHIM \$300 [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii)] Excessive use of whip
Warnings:	Race 1 A Collett TOP PROSPECT [Rule 638(1)(d)] Shifting ground 300 metres 1 S Ritchie EXCALIBUR [Rule 650(1)(b)] Failed to declare horse surgery 3 T Thornton ELUSIVE EMPIRE [Rule 638(1)(d)] Shifting ground 1000 metres
Horse Actions:	Nil
Follow Up:	Nil
Medical Certificates:	Received from M McNab
Rider Changes:	Race 3 ITS ALL FAKE NEWS - H Marzuki replaced J Nason (Transport difficulty)
Late Scratchings:	Nil

GENERAL:

Trainer J Bell was given permission to remove the blinkers from ATHENA BABY due to a communication error with the National Racing Bureau.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

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RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	MOUNT SHOP
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SEVENTEEN SEVENTY (H Marzuki) – Raced wide in the early stages.

TOP PROSPECT (A Collett) – Had to shift out to obtain clear running passing the 300 metres and then lay in when placed under pressure becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of EXCALIBUR for a distance with EXCALIBUR then shifting out slightly further inconveniencing TOP PROSPECT approaching the 100 metres.

A Collett – Issued with a warning after angling TOP PROSPECT out passing the 300 metres when insufficiently clear of BROOKBARS which was hampered.

BROOKBARS (S Weatherley) – Hampered passing the 300 metres.

M Cameron – Admitted a charge in that he used his whip excessively when riding EXCALIBUR prior to the 100 metres, with the Judicial Committee imposing a fine of \$500.

Connections of the 2nd placed **TOP PROSPECT** viewed Stewards footage alleging inference by the 1st placed **EXCALIBUR** in the final straight, before electing not to proceed with a protest.

S Ritchie – Was spoken to regarding comments made during a post-race interview around a form of wind surgery that the horse EXCALIBUR had undergone. Mr Ritchie advised that the surgery had been performed at the end of the gelding's previous campaign subsequent to EXCALIBUR having raced in the Vodafone NZ Derby on Saturday 4 March 2017. Mr Ritchie was issued with a warning and reminded of his obligations under Rule 650(1)(b) to report any treatment administered (including surgeries) that may affect a horse's performance in a race.

Race 2	HAUNUI FARM 2YO
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AZUGO (A Collett) – Began awkwardly.

MORE WONDER (R Elliot) – Raced ungenerously when being steadied approaching the 1000 metres and lay out across the heels of MAGIC CONDOR losing ground with MORE WONDER then continuing to race ungenerously through the middle stages. Lay out when placed under pressure in the final straight.

Race 3	McMILLAN EQUINE
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HEEZNOT (A Jones) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

T Thornton – Issued with a warning after directing her mount inwards when not sufficiently clear of I AM GRACIE which was dictated into the line of FULL OF TALENT which was hampered and steadied near the 1000 metres.

FULL OF TALENT (M Vance) – Hampered and steadied near the 1000 metres.

ELUSIVE EMPIRE (T Thornton) – Raced wide without cover throughout.

GETALONGHOME CINDY (A Schwerin) – Held up early in the final straight and when attempting a marginal run to the outside of ITS ALL FAKE NEWS then had to be steadied when becoming awkwardly placed on that runners heels which shifted out slightly passing the 400 metres.

SWISSILICIOUS (G Cooksley) – Held up early in the final straight having to shift in when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of BREEZON near the 400 metres.

BREEZON (A Collett) – Lay out when placed under pressure in the final straight.

Race 4	FASTRACK INSURANCE
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PAPPA RAGAZZO (S Collett) – Raced ungenerously when placed in restricted room to the inside of BLUE SHADOW approaching the 1000 metres, briefly held up early in the final straight, rider dropped her whip near the 300 metres.	
Race 5	LONE STAR PUKEKOHE
PRIOR ENGAGEMENT (A Collett) – Began awkwardly.	
NUCLEAR FUSION (R Elliot) – Commenced to race ungenerously when being restrained in the early stages and continued to do so through the middle stages.	
UNNAMEABLE (T Yanagida) – Raced wide for the majority of the race.	
VIN DE DANCE (M Cameron) – Forced wide near the 900 metres and then raced wide without cover, made brief contact with SWING NOTE over the concluding stages.	
ACTRESSA (L Innes) – Became awkwardly placed on heels passing the 900 metres and shifted out forcing VIN DE DANCE wider on the track.	
SWING NOTE (M McNab) – made brief contact with VIN DE DANCE over the concluding stages.	
D Johnson – Admitted a charge in that he used his whip excessively when riding MISSION HILL prior to the 100 metres, with the Judicial Committee imposing a fine of \$500.	
Race 6	FAMILY DAY AT THE RACES 11 FEBURARY
CAMINO ROCOSO (J Riddell) – Commenced to lay in when placed under pressure in the final straight having to be corrected by its rider on several occasions before making brief contact with IWANNADANCELIKEHIM near the 50 metres.	
CHEEKY BOY (G Cooksley) – Lay out when placed under pressure in the final straight.	
M Coleman - Admitted a charge in that he used his whip excessively when riding IWANNADANCELIKEHIM prior to the 100 metres, with the Judicial Committee imposing a fine of \$300.	
Race 7	SSANGYONG 1600
IMPERIUM (M McNab) – Began awkwardly losing ground.	
MARKY MARK (D Johnson) – Hampered leaving the barrier, raced ungenerously when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of RANGIPO having to be steadied near the 1200 metres. L Innes was advised to exercise greater care.	
RANGIPO (L Innes) – Briefly crowded passing the 300 metres by BATTLE TIME which shifted out to obtain clear running. J Riddell was advised to exercise greater care.	
BATTLE TIME (J Riddell) – shifted out to obtain clear running passing the 350 metres, raced in restricted room over the concluding stages.	
Race 8	CRC MEMBERS 1600
TAVIS STAR (T Newman) – Began awkwardly losing ground.	
IRISH MIST (S Spratt) – Began awkwardly and then was hampered shortly after.	
PEARLESCENCE (L Satherley) – Slow to begin.	

TRAIL BLAZER (M Coleman) – Began awkwardly.

ENDOWMENT (A Collett) – Commenced to over-race passing the 1400 metres and had to be further steadied off the heels of **STACEY ANN** (M Du Plessis) which was steadied to obtain cover. M Du Plessis was advised that he must not steady the pace to a point where it places riders behind him in difficulty.

STACEY ANN (M Du Plessis) – Commenced to over-race when being steadied near the 1300 metres and then became awkwardly placed on the heels of **IFFINDOUBT** (C Lammas) which steadied. Rider C Lammas was advised that he must not steady the pace to a point where it places riders behind him in difficulty.

POLZEATH (S Collett) – Had difficulty obtaining clear running for the majority of the final straight.

C Dell - Admitted a charge in that he used his whip excessively when riding **PROJECT** prior to the 100 metres, with the Judicial Committee suspending his licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on 29 January until the conclusion of racing on 8 February, 6 National days.