

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

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| Club: | Otaki-Maori Racing Club | Date: | Monday, 20 January 2020 |
| Weather: | Fine | | |
| Track: | Dead (4), Upgraded to Good (3) retrospective to Race 1. | | |
| Rail: | True | | |
| Stewards: | N Goodwin (Chairman), J Oatham, B Bateup | | |
| Vet: | E Simpson BVSc | | |
| Typist: | S Shirriffs | | |

SUMMARY:

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| Swabbing: | DALMATIA; CRUZ RAMIREZ; RIO STAR; SPIRIT OF GALWAY; PRINCESS ANI; ENCHANTING PEARL; SPRINGSTEEN. | | |
| Suspensions: | Race | Wellington Racing Club, Saturday 18 January 2020 | |
| | | Rae 9, NZ Campus of Innovation & Sport Wellington Club (Group III) | |
| | 9 | S Weatherley | THE GOOD FIGHT |
| | | Excessive use of whip prior to 100 metres [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii) – Suspended 26/1-7/2 incl (7 days) and in addition fined as below | |
| Protests: | Race | | |
| Fines: | Race | 9 | Wellington Racing Club, Saturday 18 January 2020 |
| | | Rae 9, NZ Campus of Innovation & Sport Wellington Cup (Group III) | |
| | | S Weatherley | THE GOOD FIGHT |
| | | Excessive use of whip prior to 100 metres [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii) –fined \$1000 and suspended as above. | |
| Warnings: | Race | M Singh POSH POROTENE | |
| | | [Rule 638(4)] – Slowing pace in back straight. | |
| Horse Actions: | Race | | |
| Follow Up: | Race | | |
| Medical Certificates: | J Parkes – Medical clearance required | | |
| Rider Changes: | Race | 1 | ALTAR BOY – D Turner replaced J Parkes (unwell) |
| | | 2 | ME – J Riddell replaced J Parkes |
| | | 3 | DEDOJE – D Bradley replaced J Parkes |
| | | 4 | YOSSARIAN – D Turner replaced J Parkes |
| | | 6 | MICK – R Elliot replaced J Parkes |
| | | 7 | MISTER GERONIMO – D Turner replaced J Parkes |
| Late Scratchings: | Race | 7 | RED RED ROBIN – at 7.50am |
| | | 7 | SHEER ELEGANCE – at 2.00pm on veterinary advice. |

GENERAL:

SUPPLEMENTARY:

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| Wellington Racing Club, Saturday 18 January 2020 | |
| Race 9, NZ Campus of Innovation & Sport Wellington Cup (Group III) | |
| S Weatherley (THE GOOD FIGHT) – Admitted a breach of Rule 638(3)(b)(ii) in that he used his whip excessively prior to the 100 metres being suspended by the Judicial Committee from the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 25 January up until the | |

conclusion of racing on Friday, 7 February (7 days) and in addition was fined the sum of \$1000.

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 | **SUNRANS SPA 2100 (2100 Metres)**

OPAL CRUSHER (B Ansell) - Slow away then being further hampered when crowded.

MORE JOY (R Elliot) – Jumped away awkwardly hampering PICCOLO TORO and THUTMOSIS. Raced three wide without cover throughout. Tightened over final stages when runners either side shifted ground.

PICCOLO TORO (R Hannam) – Hampered start.

THUTMOSIS (D Bradley) – Hampered start then raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

VIOLET BELLE – Slow away.

ROX (C Johnson) – Began awkwardly. Tightened shortly after start. When questioned into the disappointing run of ROX, rider C Johnson could offer no excuse.

ALTAR BOY (D Turner) – Was checked shortly after the start when DETONATE (T Allan), which was racing to its outside, shifted in and away from DALMATIA. Also tightened were WHITEOUT (H Andrew) and ROX (C Johnson). Stewards took into account simultaneous outward movement from ROX when assessing the interference.

Track upgraded to Good (3) retrospective to Race 1.

Race 2 | **VETS ON RIVERBANK (1200 Metres)**

UNCLE JAKK (R Elliot) – Hampered leaving the barriers when ABE LINCOLN shifted out

ABE LINCOLN (C O’Beirne) – Began awkwardly. Raced three wide without cover.

ODE TO JOY (B Ansell) - Slow away.

SHOWBOURNE (L Allpress) - Had a tendency to lay out under pressure in the final straight.

SHANGHAI EXPRESS (R Myers) - When questioned into performance rider R Myers advised the mare had finished the race off fairly but had no excuse.

C O’Beirne (ABE LINCOLN) – Was spoken to regarding the use of her whip on a runner out of contention.

Race 3 | **AQUASHIELD ROOFING 1400 (1400 Metres)**

JUDITH (D Turner) – Slow away.

DEDOJE (D Bradley) – Over-raced when being restrained in the early stages.

SANIBEL (R Elliot) – Held up when being steadied off heels near the 500 metres.

RIO STAR (C Johnson) - Over-raced throughout.

SILENT APPROACH (C O’Beirne) - Had to be steadied when attempting to improve near the 500 metres when SOLA POWER (L Allpress) lay in. L Allpress was advised to exercise greater care when in similar circumstances. Had

difficulty obtaining clear running for a distance near the 200 metres.

VROOM (H Andrew) – Raced in restricted room for a distance passing the 200 metres.

KEWVANO (S Macnab) - Had to be angled wide in the home straight to improve.

Race 4 | **EL CHEAPO CARS 1400 (1400 Metres)**

CUIDADO CALIENTE (S Macnab) – Restrained to obtain cover after jumping from the outside barrier.

BEAU GESTE(C Johnson) – Knuckled on jumping away. When questioned, C Johnson was of the opinion the gelding would take natural improvement with the run and would be better suited to a longer distance.

SPIRIT OF GALWAY (R Elliot) – Slow away.

STREAK OF POWER (M Hill) - Over-raced in the early stages.

YOSSARIAN (D Turner) – Over-raced outside the leader in the middle stages.

FLY TO THE SKY (M Singh) - Over-raced in the middle stages.

H Andrew (SWISH AZ) – Was spoken to regarding her whip use prior to the 100 metres.

Race 5 | **OTAKI MAIL 1600 (1600 Metres)**

The start of this race was delayed 2 minutes at the request of the TAB.

BELLA NOCHE (S Manab) – Slow away losing several lengths.

GINGER JANE (C Johnson) – Slow away.

SWEET STORM (C O’Beirne) – Jostled between runners shortly after the start.

GRAND PROSPECT (D Bradley) – Shied and shifted out abruptly entering the junction on to the course proper near the 1400 metres hampering SKAGERAK, SOVEREIGN EXPRESS, CANNOLI, BENNY LINCOLN, PRINCESS ANI and TAMAHINE.

SKAGERAK (D Turner) – Hampered 1400 metres.

SOVEREIGN EXPRESS (T Taiaroa) – Hampered 1400 metres.

CANNOLI (R Hannam) – Hampered 1400 metres.

BENNY LINCOLN (J Riddell) – Badly hampered 1400 metres. When questioned, J Riddell advised that after being checked early the gelding commenced to over-race and had little left at the finish.

PRINCESS ANI (R Myers) – Hampered 1400 metres.

TAMAHINE (R Elliot) – Hampered 1400 metres.

J Riddell (BENNY LINCOLN) – Spoken to regarding his whip use prior to the 100 metres.

Race 6 | **RIVERSTONE CAFÉ 1600 (1600 Metres)**

YEAH RIGHT (M Singh) – Underwent and passed a pre-race veterinary inspection. Blundered leaving the barriers.

DAWN EXPRESS (R Hannam) - Placed awkwardly on heels shortly after the start and had to be restrained.

PROSE (D Turner) - Jumped away awkwardly from the outside barrier being steadied to obtain cover. Rider reported that the mare would be better suited to more rain-affected conditions.

MICK (R Elliot) – Briefly steadied away from heels near the 450 metres.

TIGERTIGER (T Taiaroa) – Had some difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 250 metres.

DANCING DELIGHT (C Johnson) – Had difficulty obtaining clear running until passing the 200 metres.

Race 7 | **CAVALLO FARM & CHRIS RUTTEN BLOODSTOCK 1600 (1600 Metres)**

RED RED ROBIN (H Andrew) – Late scratching at 7.50am.

SHEER ELEGANCE (R Myers) – Late scratching at 2.00pm on veterinary advice.

MAIDSTONE PARK (R Elliot) – Slow away.

LADY VERAWOOD (R Bishop) – Crowded leaving the barriers.

MISTER GERONIMO (D Turner) - Crowded leaving the barriers.

COLORADO MISS (T Allan) - Crowded leaving the barriers. Steadied near the 800 metres.

POSH POROTENE (M Singh) – After being ridden forward to lead was heavily restrained by its rider approaching the 1200 metres who continued to restrain his mount for some distance. M Singh was issued with a warning and advised that he must not restrain his mounts to a degree which places other riders in difficulty.

RUKITA (R Hannam) – When questioned into performance, R Hannam advised the filly was field shy and was reluctant to take a gap early in the home straight.