## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

| Club: | Wellington Racing Club | Date: | Saturday, 7 March 2020 |
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| Weather: | Fine |  |  |
| Track: | Dead (4) |  |  |
| Rail: | Out 6 metres |  |  |
| Stewards: | N Goodwin (Chair), D Balcombe, B Bateup |  |  |
| Vet: | M Leyland BVSc |  |  |
| Typist: | S Shirriffs |  |  |

SUMMARY:

| Swabbing: | PASSWORD, OTIS; BUCKY; PAZIENZA; NELLIE BLY; SERGEANT BLAST; LA SOEUR; SHERRIF; FLORAL BELT. |  |  |
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| Suspensions: | Race | 8 | C O'Beirne FLORAL BELT <br> Shifting ground 900 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] - Suspended 8-19/3 incl (7 days). |
| Protests: | Race |  |  |
| Fines: | Race |  |  |
| Warnings: | Race | 4 5 8 | K Chowdhoory Nellie Bly <br> Shifting ground 300 metres [Rule 638(1)(d) <br> T Taiaroa SAMPSON <br> [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii)] - Whip use prior to 100 metres. <br> C O'Beirne Floral Belt <br> [638(1)(d) Shifting ground home straight |
| Horse Actions: | Race |  |  |
| Follow Up: | Race | 8 | LA LANDONNE |
| Medical Certificates: |  |  |  |
| Rider Changes: | Race | 1 | CASTLE BLACK - R Hannam replaced C Johnson (transport difficulties) ALMARIE - A Goindasamy replaced C Johnson |
| Late Scratchings: | Race |  |  |

GENERAL:
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SUPPLEMENTARY:

## RACE COMMENTS:

| Race 1 | $\mathbf{2 9}{ }^{\text {TH }}$ LEXUS MELBOURNE CUP TOUR WITH DES 1600 (1600 Metres) |
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| OTIS (H Andrew) - Blundered at the start. |  |
| CASTLE BLACK (R Hannam) - Bounded at the start losing ground. |  |

VINEYARD MCPHEE (R Myers) - Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Restrained off the heels of PASSWORD near the 600 metres.

SANIBEL (D Turner) - Made the bend near the 900 metres awkwardly.

VORALTO (S Macnab) - Raced three wide without cover from the 1000 metres.

BELLESGIRL (L Allpress) - Lay out under pressure in the home straight. Rider advised the filly had hung throughout.

Race 2 LUNCH CLUB MEMBERS SUPPORT WELLINGTON RACING CLUB 1000 ( $\mathbf{1 0 0 0}$ Metres)
TRENDY BELT (T Taiaroa) - Began awkwardly, losing ground (3L). Following the event T Taiaroa reported to the stewards that TRENDY BELT was becoming fractious in its gate and an attendant, who went to assist, may have had hold of its ear as the start was made. This was confirmed by video footage. As TRENDY BELT finished third, under the provisions of Rule 632(1) the matter was taken no further.

MOZART'S MISTRESS (K Asano) - Raced ungenerously for a distance near the 650 metres.

ALMARIE (A Goindasamy) - Had some difficulty obtaining clear running early in the home straight.

## Race 3 NZ OAKS DAY NEXT SATURDAY 1000 (1000 Metres)

LA VEILLE DE BELL (S Macnab) - Slow away then tailed the field throughout. When questioned into performance rider could offer no tangible excuse.

GARBANZO (L Allpress) - Began awkwardly.

SNIFTER (D Bradley) - Contacted and tightened at the start when runners either side began awkwardly.

EDGE OF WONDER (C Johnson) - Began awkwardly.

EVERDEEN (R Hannam) - Began awkwardly.

GENTLEMAN JACK (H Andrew) - Raced greenly throughout when wide without cover, then continued to lay out under pressure in the home straight.

## Race 4 HARRISONS CARPET 1200 (1200 Metres)

MOTIVATION (H Andrew) - Slow away.

NELLIE BLY (K Chowdhoory) - Slow away. Held up approaching the 400 metres, and when improving into a narrow run to the inside of EXCELL made contact with that runner becoming briefly unbalanced near the 300 metres.

EXCELLERATION (K Asano) - Contacted and dictated outwards near the 300 metres when NELLIE BLY (K Chowdhoory) was angled out in search of a run. K Chowdhoory was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d) and advised to exercise greater care.

COLORADO STAR (R Myers) - Held up for a distance near the 300 metres before being angled outwards across heels to gain clear running approaching the 200 metres.

GO JAMES (T Taiaroa) - Raced three wide without cover. Lost the near side front plate during the running.

CHOSEN PEAK (S Macnab) - Disappointed for a run approaching the 200 metres, having to be steadied and was held
up for some distance prior to gaining a run near the 150 metres.

TOP BRASS (D Turner) - Lay out when giving ground over the final stages. When questioned, rider could offer no excuse.

T Allan (MAGIC INCANTO) - Was reminded of his obligations with regards his whip use on a runner out of contention.

## Race 5 DIGITAL NOMAD HANDICAP (2200 Metres)

BLUE ON BLACK (C O’Beirne) - Jumped outwards at the start dictating and tightening SERGEANT BLAST, IRISH FLAME, and HAY TIGER, which made contact with the hind quarters of AWESOME AL, briefly unbalancing that runner. Raced keenly when being restrained in the middle stages. Lay outwards over considerable ground in the home straight, dictating SERGEANT BLAST wide on the track.

SERGEANT BLAST (L Allpress) - Tightened at start then raced keenly in the early stages. Dictated wide on the track in the home straight.

IRISH FLAME (K Asano) - Tightened start.

HAY TIGER (C Johnson) - Tightened start, settling back.
AWESOME AL (R Myers) - Contacted and briefly unbalanced at start.
T Taiaroa (SAMPSON) - Issued with a warning for her whip use prior to the 100 metres.

## Race 6 SARAH SEARANCKE CATERING 2400 (2400 Metres)

DANGERMAN (A Goindasamy) - Raced keenly in front in the early and middle stages.

BRASSY BOY (D Turner) - Held up rounding the final turn. Continued to have difficulty obtaining clear running early in the home straight before being angled outwards across heels to improve approaching the 200 metres.

I AM A CRAFTSMAN (L Allpress) - Steadied off the heels of BRASSY BOY near the 600 metres. Held up entering the home straight then disappointed for a run near the 300 metres having to be steadied when TORQUE TIME shifted in under pressure, dictating PONDERING.

H Andrew (ALL IN STITCHES) - Spoken to regarding her whip use prior to the 100 metres.

## Race 7 ANUKA SMOKER HANDICAP (1600 Metres)

WAIT A SEC (D Turner) - Slow away.
CUTTING UP ROUGH (A Goindasamy) - Raced keenly in the early stages having to be restrained off the heels of SHERRIF near the 1300 metres.

MORE WONDER (C Johnson) - Held up rounding the turn and early in the home straight, gaining clear running near the 400 metres.
Race 8 HEAD TO FLAMINGO JOES AFTER THE LAST 1600 ( 1600 Metres)

VROOM (H Andrew) - Tightened 900 metres. Raced in restricted room to the inside of the tiring WALLACEVILLE for a distance from the 400 metres.

MONKEY SHOULDER (D Turner) - Tightened and checked 900 metres.

OZIL (R Myers) - Hampered 900 metres.

C O'Beirne (FLORAL BELT) - Admitted a breach of Rule 638(1)(d) in that she allowed her mount to shift inwards near the 900 metres when not clear of VROOM (H Andrew), which was dictated inwards into the line of MONKEY SHOULDER (D Turner), which was checked, going back on to OZIL (R Myers). After hearing submissions the JCA suspended her licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing today, 7 March up to an including racing on Thursday, 19 March (7 days).

MADURO (T Taiaroa) was dictated outwards over extra ground when FLORAL BELT (C O'Beirne) shifted outwards under hard riding in the home straight. C O'Beirne was shown footage of her ride in the presence of the riding master, issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d) and advised that she is expected to straighten her mount sooner than she did on this occasion. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

Prior to the authorisation of dividends connections of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ placed MADURO viewed footage of the home straight with regards to an objection against the $1^{\text {st }}$ placed FLORAL BELT (C O'Beirne), alleging interference in the home straight but elected not to proceed.

LA LANDONNE (L Allpress) - Raced keenly in the early stages. Rider reported the mare felt indifferent in the home straight and was not persevered with over the final stages. A post-race veterinary examination was clear.

