



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Otaki-Maori Racing Club
Date: Saturday, 25 February 2023
Weather: Overcast then Showery
Track: Good 4, Downgraded to Soft 5 following Race 5, Further Downgraded to Soft 6 following Race 6
Rail: True
Stewards: N Goodwin (Chair), M Davidson, B Bateup
Vet: R Lenaghan MBV NUI
Typist: S Shirriffs

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Nil
Fines: Race 2 **Trainer J Benner** HOLD THE PRESS
Misconduct [Rule 340] \$1500
Warnings: Race 4 **M McNab** WAIRAU COVE
Shifting ground 900 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil
Horse Actions: Race 1 **SILKY RED FOX**
Required to barrier trial on two occasions
2 **ROCKET SCIENCE**
Required to barrier trial on two occasions
2 **HOLD THE PRESS**
Veterinary clearance required
Follow Up: Nil
Rider Changes: Race 6 **CARMENERE**
T Taiaroa replaced J Lowry (communication error)
Late Scratchings: Race 1 **SILKY RED FOX**
12.47pm - veterinary advice
2 **ROCKET SCIENCE**
1.22pm - by order of Stewards
2 **HOLD THE PRESS**
1.23pm - veterinary advice
Medical Certificates:
Swabbing: EXTRAORDINAIRE, BRANDO, GEE STRING, WAIRAU COVE, NOM DE PLUME, ISLINGTON LASS,
LEVANTE, LA CRIQUE, CHASE, ORLOV.

GENERAL

Race 2 HOLD THE PRESS - Trainer J Benner admitted a breach of Rule 340 in that following the late scratching of HOLD THE PRESS behind the barrier on veterinary advice, he misconducted himself by directing foul language towards officials acting in their capacities as RIB Veterinary Surgeon and Racecourse Investigator in the enclosure and tie-up stall area. After hearing from all parties, the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	THE TELE OTAKI MAIDEN 1600m
<p>SILKY RED FOX (J Laking) - Reared in its barrier dislodging the rider, requiring the gelding to be removed from its barrier to undergo a veterinary inspection and was a late scratching at 12.47pm. Connections were advised SILKY RED FOX must barrier trial on at least two occasions prior to its next start.</p> <p>CRACKERJACK (L Hemi) - Crowded at the start losing ground.</p> <p>BELCAMINA (R Elliot) - Shifted out at the start crowding CRACKERJACK.</p> <p>ZENA ROCKS (L Allpress) - Taken back from its wide draw to obtain cover shortly after the start.</p> <p>TAVI ANN (C Grylls) - Outpaced in the early stages despite the urgings of its rider.</p> <p>SUNDAY FEVER (T Taiaroa) - Raced wide without cover for the majority of the event. Gave ground from the 500 metres finishing a distant last. T Taiaroa advised that after being trapped wide the gelding had been under pressure and was disappointing. Connections advised the gelding displayed a poor post-race recovery.</p>	
Race 2	JCE CONSTRUCT HANDICAP 1200m
<p>There was a delay of 4 minutes to the start of this race when firstly ROCKET SCIENCE (L Allpress) could not be loaded into its gate after several attempts. HOLD THE PRESS (M McNab) required a veterinary inspection prior to being late scratched.</p> <p>ROCKET SCIENCE (L Allpress) - Could not be loaded into its gate after several attempts and was late scratched at 1.22pm. Connections were advised the gelding must barrier trial on at least two occasions prior to racing next.</p> <p>HOLD THE PRESS (M McNab) - Late scratching at 1.23pm on veterinary advice after a significant amount of blood was found in the mouth area. Connections were advised HOLD THE PRESS requires a veterinary clearance prior to racing next.</p> <p>MEGLIO DI FALCREST (M Hudson) - Got its head up when being steadied to take a trailing position passing the 1100 metres.</p> <p>J Kamaruddin (FIBONACCI) - Shown a replay of the finishing stages and reminded of his obligations to ensure he rides his mount out fully to the finish.</p>	
Race 3	RIVERSTONE CAFE HANDICAP 1200m
<p>ACCIDENTAL TOURIST (M McNab) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend and early in the run home only gaining clear racing room inside the final 200 metres.</p> <p>PERFECTSISTER (J Kamaruddin) - Slow to begin.</p> <p>LITTLEREDCORVETTE (M Hudson) - Dropped back shortly after the start.</p> <p>EXPRESS YOURSELF (C Grylls) - Raced wide without cover in the early stages. Hampered and forced wider approaching the 850 metres.</p> <p>PLATINUM ASSAULT (L Sutherland) - Improved quickly on to the heels of the runner ahead approaching the 850 metres and when being steadied came back onto EXPRESS YOURSELF which was hampered and forced wider. Raced three-wide without cover for the remainder of the event.</p>	

KING OF HEARTS (T Taiaroa) - Had trouble finding clear running for the majority of the home straight and went to the line without being fully tested by its rider.

Race 4 | **CAVALLO FARM & CHRIS RUTTEN BLOODSTOCK HANDICAP 1400m**

TOWN CRYER (T Taiaroa) - Began awkwardly making firm contact with **BEAN A PLEASURE**.

BEAN A PLEASURE (J Kamaruddin) - Began awkwardly making firm contact with **TOWN CRYER**.

PRIORESS (L Hemi) - Began awkwardly, then raced three-wide without cover throughout.

MAHOE (L Sutherland) - Raced keenly in the early stages.

MORMAIRE (L Allpress) - Crowded shortly after the start when inside runners shifted out, losing ground. Briefly steadied when in restricted room near the 150 metres. Lost the near side front plate during the race.

GUCCI BELT (A Mudhoo) - Steadied to avoid heels near the 900 metres.

M McNab (WAIRAU COVE) - Issued with a warning under the careless riding rule for allowing his mount to shift inwards near the 900 metres when not fully clear of **GUCCI BELT** which had to steady to avoid heels.

Race 5 | **HARCOURTS OTAKI 3&4YO 2100m**

NOM DE PLUME (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

TI TOKI (J Laking) - When asked to comment on the performance of a favoured runner rider advised the gelding had been under pressure on the turn for home and had failed to respond to his urgings being disappointing.

Track Downgraded to Soft 5 following Race 5.

Race 6 | **SPEEDY SIGNS KAPITI HANDICAP 1600m**

LIFFEY (J Kamaruddin) - Slow to begin.

JUSTASKPERCY (A Mudhoo) - Slow to begin

MALBOROUGH BAY (J Laking) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

ALWAYS MORE (L Allpress) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

FREEDOM REINS (L Sutherland) - Crowded and steadied passing the 200 metres when **MALBOROUGH BAY** shifted in and away from **ISLINGTON LASS** (M McNab) which was shifting inwards under pressure. M McNab was advised to exercise care.

Track further Downgraded to Soft 6 following Race 6.

Race 7 | **EL CHEAPO CARS WFA CLASSIC (G1) 1600m**

LIGHTNING JACK (L Allpress) - Taken back from its wide draw to obtain cover.

PRIDE OF ASPEN (D Bradley) - Over-raced in the early stages.

WILD KNIGHT (M McNab) - Began awkwardly losing some ground. When questioned regarding performance rider was of the opinion the gelding may have come to the end of its preparation.

Race 8	VETS ON RIVERBANK HANDICAP 2200m
THE MIGHTY SPAR (J Laking) - Bounded at the start losing ground.	
SAVEZAR (J Lowry) - Blundered leaving the barriers losing ground.	
DICTATION (L Hemi) - Over-raced for several strides passing the 1400 metres. Forced wider passing the 1100 metres when SIR BEETS (C Grylls) shifted outwards in search of clear racing room. C Grylls was advised to exercise care.	
PRINCESS ANI (T Taiaroa) - Blundered passing the 300 metres.	
ORLOV (R Elliot) - Lay outwards under pressure over the concluding stages making contact with SCUTAR three strides short of the winning post.	
SCUTAR (M McNab) - Contacted near the winning post.	

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