



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Racing Rotorua
Date: Sunday, 10 December 2023
Weather: Cloudy
Track: Soft 6
Rail: Out 5 metres
Stewards: L Selvakumaran (Chair), A Dooley, G Stewart
Vet: R McQuillan MVB
Op Support: K Verner

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Race 5 **D Danis** LORD JIMMY
Careless riding 350 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 17/12 - 28/12, 8 days
7 **J Doyle** SASSY LASS
Careless riding 1100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 17/12 - 24/12, 5 days
9 **W Kennedy** ARROWETTE
Careless riding 100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 17/12 - 24/12, 5 days

Fines: Race 1 **S Marsh** GROOMSMAN & THE STORYTELLER
Neglect in saddling [Rule 614(2)] \$400

Warnings: Race 1 **U Holmquist** MISTA STITCH
Whip use, arm above shoulder height [Rule 638(3)(f)(ii)]
S Wenn MISTA STITCH
Late declaration of rider [Rule 537(a)]

Protests: Race 5 **2nd BILLY BUNTER vs 1st LORD JIMMY**
Protest upheld

Request for Ruling: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 6 **GNATS WHISKER**
Warning, uncompetitive

Follow Up: Race 8 **JUSTADUDE**

Rider Changes: Race 3 **ARDY**
J Doyle replaced S Weatherley (injured)

Late Scratchings: Race 7 **SPARKLES**
At 3.58 pm on veterinary advice

Medical Certificates: Required from S Weatherley

Swabbing: WAR OF SUCCESSION, RUE DE RIVOLI, PERICLES, SERENA'S SPIRIT, LORD JIMMY, WREN, MARS, LA MEZQUITA, STYLISH OFFICER

GENERAL

S Weatherley advised Stewards on Saturday 9 December that he was injured and would not be attending today's race meeting. S Weatherley is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.

SUPPLEMENTARY

Waikato Thoroughbred Racing 2 December 2023
Race 10 DUNSTAN HORSEFEEDS STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER 2100

Stewards concluded their inquiry into the rides of W Kennedy and K Bakker who rode ARMINO and SELVA VERDE respectively, whereby both horses established a considerable lead from the rest of the field through the early and middle stages of the race.

Initial evidence was taken on the day from rider W Kennedy, A Forsman trainer of ARMINO along with N Bishara trainer of SELVA VERDE via mobile phone, and apprentice rider K Bakker. The matter was opened and adjourned to a date to be fixed due to the unavailability of any representation for K Bakker. Stewards directed K Bakker to meet with NZTR riding mentor N Harris for remedial training after consulting with a NZTR Rider Skills Review Panel member.

Subsequent to the day, further evidence has been taken from W Kennedy, K Bakker assisted by N Harris.

During the inquiry it was established that both W Kennedy and K Bakker were instructed to be positive from the start and lead in accordance with the normal racing pattern of their respective mounts. However, K Bakker was left with the option to take a trail behind the leader if circumstances permitted. K Bakker advised that after being positive at the start and finding the early lead together with ARMINO her mount commenced to over-race and hang outwards. K Bakker further advised that when she attempted to restrain SELVA VERDE, she was unable to do so with the mare continuing to over-race and hang outwards for a distance. W Kennedy advised that it was not his intention to establish a considerable lead from the rest of the field through the early and middle stages. However, after viewing the replays W Kennedy agreed with Stewards that he had allowed his mount to stride too freely through the middle stages and in retrospect should have attempted to restrain and afford his mount some respite. He added that it was his first ride on ARMINO, and he was reluctant to disrupt its rhythm during the middle stages. After considering all the evidence, which included a review of betting on the race, Stewards have determined that W Kennedy and K Bakker erred in judgement when they rode ARMINO and SELVA VERDE in a manner which allowed their mounts to set the fast pace they did through the early and middle stages, (as evidenced by the sectional times), a pace which, in the circumstances, was unsustainable. W Kennedy and K Bakker were both advised that they would be expected to show better judgement when riding in similar circumstances in the future.

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 | SHERLOCK CONTRACTING MAIDEN 1950

DENZEL (J Allen) - Slow to begin.

MISTA STITCH (U Holmquist) - Slow to begin.

MCENROE (T Newman) – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Improved onto heels near the 300 metres having to be steadied.

WAR OF SUCCESSION (O Bosson) – Raced keenly in the early stages.

IRISH TWIST (N Parmar) - Raced wide in the early stages before being allowed to improve forward to sit outside the leader near the 1200 metres.

S Wenn (MISTA STITCH) - Issued with a warning for failing to declare a rider by the required time with Stewards taking into account his clear recent record with regards to a breach of this rule.

U Holmquist (MISTA STITCH) - Issued with a warning for using her whip with an action which raised the rider's arm above shoulder height with Stewards taking into account her clear recent record with regards to a breach of this rule.

S Marsh (GROOMSMAN & THE STORYTELLER) - Admitted a charge in that he was neglectful in saddling GROOMSMAN and THE STORYTELLER by presenting these runners to the plate inspection with the incorrect saddles. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a fine of \$400.

Race 2	ARAWA PARK HOTEL MAIDEN 3YO 1230
<p>EMPHATIC (J Doyle) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 700 metres.</p> <p>BACK SEAT BABE (J Allen) - Slow to begin.</p> <p>MCKENZIE (W Kennedy) – Raced keenly in the early stages.</p> <p>DON'T TELL RACHEL (M Cameron) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages when leading.</p> <p>DEALERS CHOICE (V Colgan) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.</p> <p>SARNAI (L Satherley) - Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 700 metres.</p> <p>BEE ON TIME (M Hashizume) - Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 700 metres. Held up rounding the final bend then shifted wider on the track to obtain clear running passing the 200 metres.</p> <p>SENSE OF TIMING (C Grylls) - Held up for clear running until passing the 50 metres.</p>	
Race 3	HAVE YOUR FUNCTION AT ARAWA PARK MAIDEN 3YO 1230
<p>NAVY CHIEF (M Hashizume) - Began awkwardly losing ground.</p> <p>THINK I GOT CHA (R Elliot) - Began awkwardly losing ground.</p> <p>ARDY (J Doyle) - Raced keenly in the early stages.</p> <p>PERICLES (V Colgan) - Raced keenly in the early stages when outside the leader.</p> <p>FORSETI (C Grylls) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.</p> <p>FORCE OF NATURE (M McNab) - Steadied near the 700 metres when there was a slight easing of the pace.</p> <p>SILKDEGREES (B Grylls) – Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.</p> <p>RIDGEVIEW VICKY (N Parmar) - Improved onto heels approaching the 100 metres having to shift ground inwards.</p>	
Race 4	MACMILLAN ACCOUNTANTS MAIDEN 1230
<p>DRAKON (U Holmquist) - Contacted at the start losing ground. Improved onto heels having to be steadied approaching the 900 metres when the pace eased slightly.</p> <p>SHAWSHANK (J Doyle) - Jumped away awkwardly contacting FALCON FALCON.</p> <p>FALCON FALCON (N Parmar) - Contacted leaving the barriers. Improved onto heels having to be steadied passing the 900 metres.</p> <p>KAI MOANA (R Elliot) – Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from an outside barrier. Then raced keenly getting its head up when being restrained.</p> <p>DIAMONDS FOR JEN (C Grylls) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.</p> <p>GASGAL (V Colgan) - Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 900 metres.</p>	

MAD MAX (O Bosson) - When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the gelding was disappointing and may appreciate a step up in distance.

Race 5 | **GREENLIGHT INSURANCE BROKERS 1400**

BILLY BUNTER (J Doyle) - Slow to begin. Had to be steadied off the heels of GRACE 'N' GLORY passing the 350 metres and as a result was forced wider on the track.

KICK START (R Elliot) - Slow to begin.

HEY HEY BABY (M McNab) – Raced wide without cover throughout. Contacted and forced wider passing the 350 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

MARMAC BOY (C Barnes) - Raced keenly passing the 1000 metres having to be steadied.

MADIRAN (S Spratt) - Checked off heels passing the 350 metres.

GRACE 'N' GLORY (M Hashizume) - Contacted and forced wider passing the 350 metres.

D Danis (LORD JIMMY) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift outwards when not sufficiently clear of MADIRAN which had to check off LORD JIMMY'S heels and as a result HEY HEY BABY, GRACE 'N' GLORY and BILLY BUNTER all suffered interference to varying degrees passing the 350 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of D Danis' licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 16 December up to and including racing on Thursday 28 December, 8 national riding days.

Following the running of this race connections of the 2ND placed horse BILLY BUNTER lodged a protest alleging interference entering the final straight by the 1ST placed horse LORD JIMMY. After considering submissions the Adjudicator upheld the protest with the amended placings 1ST BILLY BUNTER, 2ND LORD JIMMY, 3RD INVINCIBEEL, 4TH ABANDON.

Race 6 | **LANCE LAWSON MAIDEN 1400**

GNATS WHISKER (D Danis) - Slow to begin. Trailed the field for the entirety of the race. Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the gelding's racing manners for being uncompetitive.

HE'S SO FINE (S Spratt) - Raced ungenerously and became detached from the body of the field in the early stages. When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the gelding raced greenly throughout and would derive benefit from today's race.

EVER CHARM (J Doyle) – Improved onto heels having to be steadied passing the 900 metres. Lay out rounding the final bend.

WREN (M Hashizume) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

HIGHLY GIFTED (C Barnes) - Over-raced through the middle stages when the pace eased slightly.

NOTABADSPILLANE (M McNab) - Improved into restricted room to the outside of SAVAGE LOVE and inside of COMMANDING ASPECT having to briefly steady near the 200 metres.

Race 7 | **ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES MAIDEN 1400**

DRAGON BLOSSOM (V Colgan) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Held up for clear running throughout the final straight.

MAPALICIOUS (M Cameron) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from an outside barrier. Raced keenly passing the 1000 metres having to be steadied off heels.

LADY GREY (B Rogerson) – Raced keenly in the early stages.

SPRING QUEEN (T Newman) – Raced keenly in the early stages when being restrained.

LET’S ROCKNROLL (N Parmar) - Had to be steadied off heels approaching the 1000 metres.

STICKTO THE ORDERS (C Grylls) – Raced wide from near the 1000 metres.

J Doyle (SASSY LASS) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of LET’S ROCKNROLL which had to be checked off the heels of SASSY LASS near the 1100 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of J Doyle’s licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 16 December up to and including racing on Sunday 24 December, 5 national riding days.

Race 8 | **CAMPBELL INFRASTRUCTURE MAIDEN 1400**

LA MEZQUITA (J Doyle) - Raced three wide without cover

THE CHOSEN TOSEN (C Grylls) – Raced keenly in the early stages having to be steadied off heels.

I AM GROOT (W Kennedy) - Disappointed for a run near the 300 metres when ALL FIRED UP hung outwards.

ALL FIRED UP (N Parmar) - Hung outwards rounding the final bend despite the efforts of its rider. When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the gelding hung outwards throughout. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Connections advised the gelding will be retired from racing.

JUSTADUDE (R Elliot) - When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the gelding had felt indifferent in its action. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to be 2/5 lame in the off foreleg. Stewards will follow up the post-race condition with trainer A Forsman in the coming days.

Race 9 | **THE ROTORUA CLUB 1230**

COMPOSURE (J Doyle) - Slow to begin. Had to be checked off heels near the 100 metres.

STYLISH OFFICER (M Cameron) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

ARROWETTE (W Kennedy) - Held up entering the final straight until near the 250 metres.

FRANCEE (V Colgan) - Held up entering the final straight until passing the 200 metres.

AEQUUS (C Grylls) - Had to be steadied off heels near the 100 metres.

W Kennedy (ARROWETTE) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of AEQUUS which had to steady off heels and as a result COMPOSURE had to be checked off heels near the 100 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of W Kennedy’s licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 16 December up to and including racing on Sunday 24 December, 5 national riding days.

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