



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Otago Racing Club at Wingatui
Date: Tuesday, 26 December 2023
Weather: Initially raining then showery
Track: Heavy 9, downgraded to Heavy 10 retrospective to Race 1
Rail: True
Stewards: M Davidson (Chair), R Haley, N McIntyre
Vet: P Gillespie BVSc
Op Support: C McMullan

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Nil
Fines: Race 1 **P Harris** PETE'S PRIDE
Late declaration of rider [Rule 537(a)] \$50
Warnings: Race 3 **C Campbell** MOVE ON
Shifting ground 1100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
8 **J Parsons/V Ramhit** KOPUTAROA
Presenting runner with incorrect gear (blinkers not visor blinkers) [Rule 616(4)]
Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil
Horse Actions: Race 7 **ARCTIC GLOW**
Required to barrier trial
Follow Up: Nil
Rider Changes: Race 1 **GRAVITY**
S Wynne replaced K Chowdhooory (transport difficulties)
Late Scratchings: Race 7 **ARCTIC GLOW**
3:57pm Refusing to load
8 **MADAME GISELLE**
1:46pm Track downgrade
Medical Certificates: Nil
Swabbing: I HOPE I NEVER, THE HANGOVER, HAKADECREE, NOBLE KNIGHT, ASTRADEEL, KAI, ADANNAYA, CORISTA, SESTINA

GENERAL

Riders **K Chowdhooory**, **S Toolooa** and **Y Atchamah** underwent a medical examination upon arrival on-course and were cleared to ride.

SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 | SPEIGHTS MAIDEN 1400m

P Harris (PETE'S PRIDE) - Fined \$50 under the Minor Infringement Schedule for the late declaration of rider for PETE'S PRIDE.

THE IBERIAN (J Kamaruddin) - Slow to begin. Crowded and buffeted passing the 200 metres when VADARA was taken inwards by CHERRYVILLE.

PETE'S PRIDE (T Jonker) - Slow to begin.

SALAAM NAMASTEY (D Bothamley) - Slow to begin.

VADARA (K Williams) - Raced keenly for a distance passing the 900 metres when being steadied to take a trailing position. Crowded and bumped when **CHERRYVILLE** shifted in when under pressure near the 200 metres before being straightened by the rider.

GRAVITY (S Wynne) - Placed in restricted room when tiring by **SPEEDRUN** which lay out under pressure near the 200 metres.

CHERRYVILLE (T Comignaghi) - Lay in under pressure passing the 200 metres making contact with **VADARA** before being straightened by the rider.

I HOPE I NEVER (L Callaway) - Lay inwards passing the 100 metres having to be straightened by the rider.

The track was downgraded to Heavy 10 retrospective to Race 1.

Race 2	NELLIES RESTAURANT & BAR 1200m
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MAGNETO (K Chowdhoo) - Slow to begin.

THE HANGOVER (K Williams) - Began awkwardly shifting out making contact with **PATTON**.

PATTON (Y Atchamah) - Contacted and crowded shortly after the start. Raced three wide without cover.

JUSTANACE (A Najib) - Raced keenly in the early stages and wide from the 600 metres. Inclined to lay in throughout the run home and could not be ridden to full advantage.

LEROY (R Mudhoo) - Raced fiercely through the middle stages having to be shifted across heels near the 600 metres.

ATOMIC (J Kamaruddin) - Had to be shifted inwards across heels near the 250 metres to find clear racing room.

FOREVER BABE (T Comignaghi) - Rider reported that the mare had not been comfortable in today's heavy track conditions.

MISS BRITTANY (R Beeharry) - Rider reported that the mare had not been comfortable in today's heavy track conditions.

Race 3	DUNEDIN CITY MOTORS 1200m
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EL ULTIMO (R Beeharry) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

HAKADEGREE (J Kamaruddin) - Crowded and had to steady passing the 1100 metres then began to race keenly and got its head up when being steadied to take up a trailing position.

EPEE BEEL (K Chowdhoo) - Briefly crowded and buffeted near the 1000 metres when **EMPRESS SUIKO** shifted in and away from **MOVE ON** which was taken in by **TRADER** (K Williams). K Williams was advised to exercise greater care. Rider reported the filly was not entirely comfortable in today's Heavy track conditions.

TRADER (K Williams) - Lay inwards under pressure throughout the run home and had to be continually straightened.

VALORIOUS (T Comignaghi) - Rider reported the gelding had not handled today's testing track conditions.

C Campbell (MOVE ON) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount MOVE ON to shift in near the 1100 metres crowding HAKADECREE which had to steady.

Race 4 | **GRAND CASINO 2200m**

AQUATTACK (T Comignaghi) - Taken back from a wide draw to obtain cover in the early stages.

HUMBUCKER (K Williams) - Made the bend near the 1400 metres awkwardly, shifting out forcing KAHMA SUITSYA wider on the track.

KAHMA SUITSYA (A Najib) - Forced wider on the track near the 1400 metres and was obliged to race wide without cover for a short distance thereafter.

NOBLE KNIGHT (S Wynne) - Rider dropped the whip passing the 75 metres.

Race 5 | **POSITIVE SIGNS + PRINT 2200m**

VALYRIAN (B May) - Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout.

ZA BEAUTEOUS (K Williams) - Slow to begin.

ASTRADEEL (D Tait) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

QUICK STORY (J Fawcett) - Lay inwards in the run home having to be straightened on a number of occasions.

POMANDER (T Comignaghi) - Rider advised that the mare had not been comfortable in today's Heavy track conditions.

Race 6 | **PROPERTY BROKERS – RAY KEAN HAZLETT STAKES 1200m**

GOODANYA (T Jonker) - Slow to begin.

HENRY HUBBER (D Bothamley) - Slow to begin. Rider reported in his opinion the gelding had not handled today's track conditions.

ADANNAYA (K Chowdhoo) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Shifted ground outwards under pressure over the concluding stages.

WATCH OUT (J Fawcett) - Rider reported the mare had not handled today's Heavy track conditions.

THE RADIANT ONE (T Comignaghi) - Raced wide throughout, with the rider reporting the mare had not handled today's Heavy track conditions but in her opinion would take some benefit from today's race.

Race 7 | **ODT SOUTHERN MILE QUALIFIER 1600m**

ARCTIC GLOW (J Kamaruddin) - Declared a late scratching at 3.57pm after refusing to load into the gates, with the connections advised that ARCTIC GLOW must barrier trial to the satisfaction of a Stipendiary Steward prior to racing next. As a result the start was delayed approximately 4 minutes.

POVERTY BAY (K Chowdhoo) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

STOLEN DECREE (J Fawcett) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Rider reported the mare had not been suited to today's Heavy track conditions.

THE GREY GOOSE (R Mudhoo) - Held up early in the run home and had to steady passing the 250 metres shifting inwards across heels to find clear racing room and in doing so made contact with **POVERTY BAY**. Again being briefly held up shifting outwards across heels passing the 225 metres to find clear racing room.

Following the running of this race the rider of third placed **THE GREY GOOSE** viewed replays of the incident passing the 250 metres before deciding not to proceed with a protest.

Race 8

ODT SOUTHERN MILE QUALIFIER 1600m

J Parsons/V Ramhit (**KOPUTAROA**) - Issued with a warning after presenting **KOPUTAROA** to race in blinkers not the notified visor blinkers.

BAUBLE (C Campbell) - Began awkwardly losing some ground. Rider advised the gelding had not been suited to the prevailing heavy track conditions.

SESTINA (S Wynne) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground when **RICHARD STOMPER** shifted outwards.

COUNTRY BOY (K Williams) - Raced wide throughout.

KOPUTAROA (M Singh) - Finished a distant last, with the rider reporting the gelding had never travelled well in today's Heavy track conditions. Underwent a post-race veterinary inspection which revealed no obvious abnormalities. Lost both front plates during the running.

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