



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Ellerslie
Date: Saturday, 27 January 2024
Weather: Overcast becoming showery
Track: Good 4
Rail: True
Stewards: J Oatham (Chair), B Jones, A Dooley, L Selvakumaran
Vet: N Houston BVSc, B Vosloo BVSc
Op Support: K Verner

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Nil
Fines: Nil
Warnings: Nil
Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil
Horse Actions: Race 2 **MASTER FAY**
Veterinary clearance required
Follow Up: Race 2 **MAVEN BELLE**
2 **MASTER FAY**
3 **ZECORA**
3 **LUBERON**
Rider Changes: Nil
Late Scratchings: Nil
Medical Certificates: Received from W Kennedy
Received from C Grylls
Swabbing: CROCETTI, MERCHANT QUEEN, MASTER FAY, PETRUCCI, BELCLARE, FARAGLIONI,
KARMAN LINE, VELOCIOUS, DAMASK ROSE, FULL FORCE, DESERT LIGHTNING, LEGARTO,
RUDYARD, ORCHESTRAL, PENDRAGON, JUST AS SHARP
Pre-race blood and hair testing was carried out at today's race meeting.

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Auckland Thoroughbred Racing at Pukekohe Park - Sunday, 21 January 2024

Race 3 BRIGHTHILL FARM YEARLING DRAFT MAIDEN 1300

OUR PRECIOUS (E Nicholas) – Co-trainer J Vance advised Stewards **OUR PRECIOUS** is being rested from all exercise for seven days after developing a respiratory infection which is now being treated.

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 | **CAMBRIDGE STUD ALMANZOR TROPHY 1200 (G3)**

EGYPTIAN QUEEN (B Shinn) - Slow to begin.

CROCETTI (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly.

DECEMBER (C Grylls) – Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from a wide barrier.

TONIA'S DRAGON (K Myers) – Raced wide in the early stages before being allowed to improve forward to sit outside the leader near the 800 metres. Hung outwards rounding the final bend.

JUST A FLOOZIE (W Pinn) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages having to be firmly restrained off heels passing the 800 metres. Briefly held up having to shift ground near the 250 metres.

TOSSUFORIT (S Spratt) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

STAR OF JUSTICE (O Bosson) – Raced keenly through the middle stages.

Race 2

BRIGHTHILL FARM CONCORDE HANDICAP 1200 (G3)

MEGLIO DI FALCREST (K Myers) – Jumped away awkwardly.

MAVEN BELLE (O Bosson) - After being fractious in the barriers, began awkwardly losing ground. When questioned regarding the performance the rider was unable to offer any excuse advising that the mare had been disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

PETRUCCI (M McNab) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from an wide barrier.

ROMANCING THE MOON (B Shinn) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Lay outwards rounding the final bend forcing IMPREVU and DAZZLED over extra ground. When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the mare had not felt comfortable on the right-handed track and was of the opinion that it may be better suited to racing on left-handed tracks. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

MASTER FAY (V Colgan) – Raced keenly through the middle stages. Held up entering the final straight making contact with COVERMEINSUNSHINE when shifting outwards to obtain clear running near the 300 metres. Required post-race veterinary treatment being 3/5 lame in the right hind leg with a veterinary clearance now required prior to racing again.

IMPREVU (W Pinn) - Forced over extra ground rounding the final turn.

DAZZLED (W Kennedy) - Forced over extra ground rounding the final turn.

COVERMEINSUNSHINE (U Holmquist) – Contacted near the 300 metres.

Race 3

WESTBURY CLASSIC 1400 (G2)

KARMAN LINE (B Shinn) - Slow to begin.

FASHION SHOOT (O Bosson) - Slow to begin.

MARIA FARINA (S Weatherley) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover. Held up for clear running until approaching the 300 metres. Came together with LA CRIQUE passing the 50 metres.

EXPRESS YOURSELF (M Cameron) - Began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the mare may be questionable at today's 1400 metre distance and on a right-handed track, further adding that the mare may also be feeling the effects of recent racing.

ZECORA (L Satherley) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from the outside barrier. When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the mare had felt indifferent in its action once placed under pressure in the straight. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

TEVERE (M McNab) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Briefly lost its footing rounding the home turn near the 400 metres.

SANIBEL (J Doyle) - Raced wide without cover.

LA CRIQUE (C Grylls) - Came together with MARIA FARINA passing the 50 metres.

MALT TIME (V Colgan) - When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the mare had been fractious in the barriers but had been disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

LUBERON (W Kennedy) - When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the mare had been fractious in the barriers making contact with the front of its barrier stall but had been a beaten runner at the 600 metres and may be feeling the effects of recent racing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the filly to have some blood in the right nostril possibly as a result of having struck its head in the barriers with an endoscopic examination being clear.

Race 4	TAB KARAKA MILLIONS 2YO 1200 (Listed Race)
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BEAU DAZZLER (R Dolan) - Began awkwardly then restrained to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

BELLATRIX STAR (W Kennedy) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

HARD ATTACK (S Spratt) - Jumped away awkwardly making contact with SAVAGLEE then shifting outwards away from that runner inconveniencing COOL 'N' FAST. Made contact with FORCE OF LAW near the 1100 metres unbalancing both runners.

COOL 'N' FAST (O Bosson) - Fractious prior to the start then slow to begin before being further inconvenienced. When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that the colt had never travelled well during the running, and it was his understanding that COOL 'N' FAST was now likely to be spelled. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no significant abnormality other than small lacerations to the right elbow and right hind heel.

SAVAGLEE (M Zahra) – Contacted start. Held up for clear running rounding the final turn and early in the straight.

FORCE OF LAW (M Cameron) – Unbalanced when contacted near the 1100 metres then raced ungenerously for a distance losing ground.

FULL FORCE (R Elliot) – Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to sit outside the leader approaching the 800 metres.

MACALUSO (M Hashizume) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

WHEN STARS ALIGN (M McNab) - Raced wide without cover in the early to middle stages.

POETIC CHAMPION (C Grylls) – Raced wide throughout.

SO NAIVE (J Doyle) - Improved onto heels near the 900 metres having to be steadied.

Following this race comment was made by some riders that their mounts were shifting in the ground. Films from Race 3 were also further reviewed where it was apparent that TEVERE had lost its footing rounding the final turn. Stewards convened a meeting with all riders and after viewing available film footage it was agreed that the meeting should continue.

Race 5	ELSDON PARK AOTEAROA CLASSIC 4YO 1600
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CHANNEL SURFER (R Dolan) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

ARBY (S Weatherley) - Slow to begin.

ACCIDENTAL TOURIST (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

WESSEX (J Doyle) - Raced clear in the lead through the middle stages.

HOLYMANZ (W Kennedy) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Briefly lost its footing passing the 600 metres.

SIR STERLING (M Cameron) - Raced wide throughout.

LEGARTO (R Elliot) - Held up rounding the final turn before shifting ground inwards to obtain clear running.

WILD NIGHT (O Bosson) - When questioned regarding performance the rider was unable to offer any excuse.

Following further comment from riders regarding the footing including W Kennedy who reported that his mount lost its footing passing the 600 metres, a further meeting was convened with all riders. After reviewing film footage and considering submissions from all riders present the decision was made to run the last race as scheduled.

Race 6	TAB KARAKA MILLIONS 3YO 1600 (Listed Race)
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ORCHESTRAL (J McDonald) - Slow to begin then ridden with urgency to recover.

JUST AS SHARP (C Grylls) – Began awkwardly unbalancing its rider.

ROYAL DESTROYER (J Doyle) - Slow to begin.

THE WEAPON (M Cameron) - Reacted poorly getting its head in the air when being restrained approaching the 1300 metres.

ETHEREAL STAR (M Hashizume) - Raced wide in the early stages before being allowed to improve forward to sit outside the leader near the 1100 metres.

GLAMOUR TYCOON (S Spratt) – Raced wide without cover throughout.

PENDRAGON (M Zahra) – Lost its footing entering the final straight.

LUPO SOLITARIO (R Elliot) – Rider reported that the gelding had failed to handle today's shifty track conditions.

MOLLY BLOOM (B Shinn) - When questioned regarding the performance the rider advised that it had appeared difficult to make ground from the back today adding that the filly had then peaked on its run over the concluding stages.

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