

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Wellington Racing Club @ Trentham

Date: Saturday, 27 January 2024

Weather: Overcast

Track: Soft 5, Downgraded to Soft 6 prior to Race 1 @ 11.13am

Track further Downgraded to Soft 7 @ 1.10pm retrospective to Race 1

Rail: Out 6 metres

Stewards: N Goodwin (Chair), K Coppins, K Jillings (Trainee)

Vet: E Simpson BVSc

Op Support: S Shirriffs

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Nil

Fines: Nil

Warnings: Race 3 S O'Malley STOLEN RUBIES

Shifting ground 400 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Protests: Nil Request for Ruling: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 1 NINJA TURTLE

Required to barrier trial on three occasions

3 **THEMOONSTOODSTILL** Required to barrier trial

4 JAKLION

Required to barrier trial

Follow Up: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 2 MIDNIGHT SPECIAL

J Riddell replaced E Nicholas (injured)

6 **HASSTOBEPERFECT**

K Asano replaced E Nicholas

7 **ENDEAN AFFAIR**

S O'Malley replaced E Nicholas

Late Scratchings: Race 1 NINJA TURTLE

@ 12.58pm - refusing to parade to the start

6 TITLED

@ 1.28pm - due to track downgrade

6 **HASSTOBEPERFECT**

@ 2.46pm - due to track downgrade

7 **O'RIORDAN**

@ 1.28pm - due to track downgrade

7 **WALKINTHEPARK**

@ 12.07pm - due to track downgrade

Medical Certificates:

Swabbing: BRAZENBELLE, SINBIN, IT'S DORIS, BLACK BETTY.

GENERAL

The explanation for the late declaration of rider for ISLAND HOP was accepted by Stewards on this occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY

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Race 5 NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK DESERT GOLD STAKES (G3) 1600m

MARS (S Spratt) – Co-trainer Mr. B Foote reported to Stewards, the stable was satisfied with the post-race condition of MARS, and it is their intention to continue on with the filly's current preparation.

Race 8 HARCOURTS TEAM GROUP THORNDON MILE (G1) 1600m

HABANA (W Kennedy) – Trainer Mr. L Noble advised Stewards, the gelding underwent a veterinary examination on Sunday 21 January, which included an endoscopic examination and blood tests with results showing no obvious abnormalities. L Noble further advised it is his intention to carry on with HABANA'S current preparation.

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 HAPPY HIRE MAIDEN 1000m

The start of Race 1 was delayed approximately 2 minutes due to NINJA TURTLE refusing to parade to the start.

NINJA TURTLE (L Sutherland) - Late scratching at 12.58pm after refusing to parade to the start. Trainer was advised NINJA TURTLE must trial on three occasions to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next this being due to its history of refusing to parade. Trainer J Zuppicich advised Stewards the mare's future would be reassessed.

ACORN (M Singh) - Began awkwardly, hampering PERFECT POSY.

PERFECT POSY (T Allan) - Hampered at the start.

BRAZENBELLE (K Hercock) - Over-raced in the early stages.

HEADLINE NEWS (K Asano) - Lay outwards under pressure over the concluding stages. Received post-race veterinary treatment to a small laceration to the left hind.

Track Downgraded to Soft 7 retrospective to Race 1, after persistent rain.

Race 2 NATURAL LIVING HOMES ASBESTOS REMOVAL 1200m

The start of Race 2 was delayed approximately 4 minutes at the request of the TAB due to the delay at Riccarton Park.

ZIVJELI (K Hercock) - Finished towards the rear. When questioned rider advised the mare had hung throughout.

Race 3 NZ CAMPUS OF INNOVATION & SPOR MAIDEN 1600m

THEMOONSTOODSTILL (L Hemi) - Very slow away (5L). L Hemi had no excuse. Connections were advised THEMOONSTOODSTILL must trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

STOLEN RUBIES (S O'Malley) - Shifted outwards passing the 400 metres when not clear of UNCLE ARCH, which had to be steadied.

UNCLE ARCH (K Hercock) - Steadied 400 metres.

ROCKING LIGHT (J Allen) - Rider dropped her whip near the 450 metres.

S O'Malley (STOLEN RUBIES) - Issued with a warning after allowing her mount to shift outwards passing the 400 metres when not clear of UNCLE ARCH, which had to be steadied.

Race 4 DEVAN PLASTICS MAIDEN 1600m

JAKLION (C Barnes) - Slow to begin. Finished a distant last. When questioned rider could offer no excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Connections were advised the gelding must trial prior to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next. Trainer D Parry advised Stewards JAKLION would not be persevered with as a racing proposition from her stable.

REDANA (A Lawson-Carroll) - Slow to begin.

GIANNIS (J Riddell) - Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

ZACKERY (K Asano) - Finished towards the rear. When questioned rider reported that his mount had slipped near the 600 metres.

Following the running of this race, riders expressed concern regarding an area of the track near the 600 metres, where ZACKERY (K Asano) lost its footing and slipped. A Lawson-Carroll also reported his mount REDANA also slipped. A track Safety Review Panel consisting of Stewards, Senior Jockeys and Club Officials was convened. Following a track inspection, which clearly identified a slip, a subsequent meeting with riders and club officials was convened and the remainder of the race meeting was abandoned.

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