



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Wellington Racing Club @ Trentham
Date: Saturday, 7 December 2024
Weather: Fine
Track: Soft 5; Good 4 retrospective to Race 1; Good 3 following Race 3
Rail: True
Stewards: J Oatham (Chair), N Goodwin, M Davidson, K Jillings (Trainee), R Greig (Trainee)
Vet: E Simpson BVSc, S Perko BVSc
Op Support: S Shirriffs

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Nil
Fines: Nil
Warnings: Race 9 **Trainer J Millar TINY DIAMOND**
Presenting runner in incorrect gear [Rule 616(4)]
Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil
Horse Actions: Nil
Follow Up: Race 8 **EL VENCEDOR**
8 **TOWN CRYER**
Rider Changes: Nil
Late Scratchings: Race 4 **IT'S AMELIA**
@ 8.19am - veterinary advice
7 **CROSS ROADS**
@ 1.04pm - due to track upgrade
Medical Certificates: Nil
Swabbing: MAROKOPA FALLS, SEAMSEW, WINGMAN, MACALUSO, CONOR O'CEIRIN, THE PROPHET, CROUCH, LADIES MAN, LA CRIQUE, PERFECT SCENARIO, UTOPIAN WINE, PLATINUM ATTACK.

GENERAL

Due to equipment issues, no Photo Finish or Official Timing was available for Races 1 and 3, with the inside Photo Finish camera only being operational for Race 2.

SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 | **DEVAN PLASTICS 2YO 1000m**

MY FERRARI (J Doyle) - Began awkwardly.

TOO SWEET (L Currie) - Lay outwards crossing the junction onto the course proper. Raced greenly when placed under pressure in the straight and lay outwards over the concluding stages having to be straightened by its rider just short of the finish.

Track Upgraded to Good 4 retrospective to Race 1.

Race 2 | **LIFE DIRECT 1000m**

FONSI (K Hercock) - Fractious in its barrier prior to the start.

COVERMEINSUNSHINE (L Sutherland) - Began awkwardly losing ground after being fractious in its barrier then continued to lose ground in the early stages. Had to be angled wider to improve passing the 200 metres.

ANDIT HURTS (M Singh) - Raced keenly in the early stages.

DISCOVERY BAY (L Allpress) - Raced keenly in the early stages.

BEAST OF BURDEN (T Mitchell) - Held up near the 350 metres before obtaining clear running near the 250 metres.

RABEGA (S Weatherley) - When questioned regarding performance rider advised that the gelding would derive benefit from today's fresh-up race.

Race 3 | **AZTECH ENGINEERING 3YO 1400m**

WINGMAN (L Currie) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

WIRE ROPE (L Sutherland) - When over-racing was steadied outwards off the heels of the runner in front passing the 1200 metres. Held up passing the 350 metres and was then inclined to lay outwards under pressure, being reluctant to improve into a tight run, then having to be checked just short of the finish when becoming awkwardly placed near the heels of **ONLY THE LONELY**, which shifted inwards slightly simultaneously as **VELTON** (S Weatherley) shifted outwards. S Weatherley was advised to exercise ease.

STAR SHADOW (M McNab) - Made contact with **LEICA LUCY** when shifting outwards to obtain clear running near the 400 metres. When questioned regarding performance, M McNab advised that the filly had travelled well but once placed under pressure had failed to quicken as expected, had been disappointing and was unable to offer any excuse other than possibly not being suited by today's firmish track conditions.

LEICA LUCY (J Doyle) - Contacted near the 400 metres.

Track Upgraded to Good 3 following Race 3.

Race 4 | **JENNIAN HOMES WELLINGTON 1400m**

LAGARDE (H Grace) - Underwent and passed a veterinary examination behind the barrier after being kicked at the start area. Began awkwardly losing ground. Steadied when placed in restricted room near the 750 metres when **MACALUSO** shifted inwards abruptly despite the efforts of its rider. Also inconvenienced was **LAST SOUVENIR**.

TESTING (M McNab) - Slow away.

OUR ALI (M Singh) - Slow to begin. Hampered 750 metres. Steadied away from heels when racing keenly near the 800 metres.

MACALUSO (L Sutherland) - Raced keenly through the early to middle stages and near the 750 metres, when racing ungenerously, shifted inwards abruptly placing **LAGARDE** in restricted room resulting in that runner having to be steadied with **OUR ALI** also being hampered as a consequence. When being corrected by its rider had to be shifted outwards to avoid the heels of the runner in front.

LAST SOUVENIR (C Grylls) - Inconvenienced near the 750 metres.

LETS ALL BOOGIE (K Hercock) - Improved onto the heels of the runner in front passing the 650 metres having to be steadied.

Race 5 | **TOTARA LODGE 1400m**

DUNCAN CREEK (T Comignaghi) - Became fractious in its barrier prior to the start.

MAKE TIME (J Chung) - Jumped away awkwardly contacting EL VIENTO. Raced in restricted room near the 150 metres.

EL VIENTO (J Doyle) - Jumped away awkwardly then was further hampered shortly after the start. Held up rounding the final bend having to be angled outwards across heels. Lay inwards over the concluding stages having to be straightened passing the 50 metres.

CONOR O'CEIRIN (C Grylls) - Raced keenly in the early stages.

TIMES TICKING (A Riddell) - Angled outwards to obtain clear running near the 150 metres.

Race 6 | **DUNSTAN HORSEFEEDS STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER 2100m**

CALL A FRIEND (J Chung) - Restrained to obtain cover from a wide draw. Held up near the 350 metres, then again being held up improving onto the heels of WALKINTHEPARK near the 150 metres having to steady and shift ground inwards.

JACKAROO (K Hercock) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend.

TUTIN CANS (J Riddell) - Slow to begin.

GRAND PROSPECT (T Davies) - Steadied away from heels when racing keenly near the 1800 metres.

VERARDINO (T Newman) - Raced wide in the early stages.

KEEN ON BUBBLES (L Sutherland) - Raced three-wide without cover from the 1700 metres.

THE PROPHET (S Weatherley) - Inclined to lay inwards in the final straight.

Race 7 | **DUNSTAN HORSEFEEDS STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER 2100m**

PINKERTON (T Mitchell) - Removed from the barrier after becoming fractious, prior to being reloaded. Began awkwardly crowding NEVER LOOK BACK which lost ground.

NEVER LOOK BACK (L Hemi) - Crowded at the start losing ground.

DONNYBROOK (J Chung) - Restrained from a wide draw to obtain cover. Hung inwards shortly after the start contacting the running rail.

INMYSHADOW (M Hudson) - Jumped away awkwardly shifting outwards contacting CROUCH.

CROUCH (T Comignaghi) - Contacted at the start.

PRINCESS ELLY (L Currie) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground. Held up early in the straight then continuing to have some difficulty obtaining clear running for the remainder of the race.

YELLOW JERSEY (L Sutherland) - Shifted inwards at the start contacting **LANTERN WAY**

LANTERN WAY (J Riddell) - Contacted at the start.

ZAPPA JAK (T Davies) - Raced three-wide without cover for the majority of the event.

ENRICO (S Weatherley) - Lay inwards entering the straight near the 400 metres.

KATTEGAT (C Grylls) - Held up rounding the final turn. When questioned regarding performance, rider advised that the mare had not been suited by the inside barrier draw today, becoming awkwardly placed on the inside during the running and in his opinion is better suited to racing in the open.

TRAV (M Singh) - When questioned regarding performance rider was of the opinion that the gelding had failed to back up.

Race 8 | **TAB MUFHASA CLASSIC (G1) 1600m**

EL VENCEDOR (J Doyle) - Slow to begin then further hampered when contacted by **MATSCOT**, losing ground as a result. Then allowed to improve forward to sit outside the leader near the 1200 metres. When questioned regarding performance, rider advised that although after its poor beginning had had to do some work to take up a prominent position but nevertheless had been beaten very quickly when placed under pressure. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

MATSCOT (L Hemi) - Began awkwardly making contact with **EL VENCEDOR** losing some ground as a result. Over-raced in the middle stages.

BELARDO BOY (T Newman) - Got its head up when over-racing in the early stages.

PUNTURA (M Hudson) - Over-raced for a distance passing the 1300 metres and near the 1100 metres had to be steadied away from heels. Lost the left-hind plate during the running.

HE'S A DOOZY (T Comignaghi) - Held up rounding the bend and had difficulty obtaining clear running until inside the final 100 metres.

TOWN CRYER (L Currie) - When questioned regarding performance, rider advised that when asked to quicken in the straight the mare had failed to let down and had been disappointing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

MALI STON (S Weatherley) - Held up in the straight and did not obtain clear running until inside the final 100 metres.

Race 9 | **HARRISONS FLOORING 1600m**

Trainer J Miller - issued with a warning after presenting her runner **TINY DIAMOND** with blinkers rather than the notified visor blinkers.

FIVE BELLS (A Mudhoo) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Held up near the 300 metres having to be steadied away from the heels of **FLYING CELEBRATION**.

BETTERBEYOU (L Sutherland) - Taken back from a wide draw to obtain cover shortly after the start.

FLYING CELEBRATION (J Chung) - Raced keenly in the early stages. Steadied when improving onto the heels of **SCOTCH BONNET** near the 350 metres and shifted inwards to obtain clear running.

LYNX (T Comignaghi) - Raced three-wide without cover throughout.

JUST A DROP (C Lyndsay) - Over-raced outside the leader in the middle stages.

HE'S A BATTLER (J Riddell) - Steadied and shifted outwards across the heels of JUST A DROP to obtain clear running near the 300 metres.

SCOTCH BONNET (A Riddell) - Held up early in the run home when disappointed for a run to the inside of CRUNCHIE BOY then when attempting to shift outwards became awkwardly placed on the heels of CRUNCHIE BOY for a distance before gaining clear running near the 200 metres.

UTOPIAN WINE (L Currie) - Briefly held up early in the run home.

CRUNCHIE BOY (O Bosson) - When questioned regarding performance, rider advised the gelding had hung throughout and in his opinion may not have been suited by the firmish nature of the track. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

Race 10

GEE & HICKTON FUNERAL DIRECTORS 1200m

INSATIABLE (M McNab) - Slow to begin. Held up passing the 200 metres and did not obtain clear running until the concluding stages.

MALMAISON (O Bosson) - Slow to begin. Improved onto the heels of DUNEAGLE over the concluding stages having to be steadied. When questioned rider O Bosson advised the gelding had not let down on today's firmer track conditions. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

LHASA (T Mitchell) - Blundered leaving the barriers. Over-raced through the early to middle stages.

BEDTIME STORY (L Sutherland) - Over-raced through the middle stages.

POPSAGOOSEY (L Currie) - Slow to begin.

DUNEAGLE (C Dell) - Lay outwards making the junction onto the course proper near the 600 metres and continued to lay outwards in the run home.

IMA BRAZEN ONE (T Comignaghi) - Lay outwards throughout the running.

ARDROE (J Doyle) - Failed to respond when placed under pressure in the straight and was not persevered with over the concluding stages with the rider advising that the gelding had not felt comfortable on today's firmish track conditions.

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