

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Wellington Race Club WELLINGTON RACECOURSE

Thursday 11th February, 2010

Weather: Fine

Track: Dead (4), Good (3) 3:36pm

Rail: True

STEWARDS: T.W. Smith (Chairman), M.A. Holloway & B.J. Day

RACE 1: Maiden Handicap 1000m

Visa Boy was a late scratching at 1:40pm by order of the stewards after it reared and flipped over dislodging rider M Hackett. M Hackett was uninjured in the incident. Stewards ordered that all bets placed on **Visa Boy** were to be refunded and all successful bets placed on the race with bookmakers prior to 1:40pm were ordered to be paid less a deduction in the dollar on the face value of the ticket of 3 cents win and 4 cents place. Trainer Mr G Wright was advised that a warning would be recorded against the pre race manners of **Visa Boy**.

Burrawondoo and **Snip the Roses** were crowded on jumping between **True Course** and **Bodkin Arrow** both of which shifted ground. **True Course** was bumped by **Burrawondoo** shortly after the start and became unbalanced. **Bodkin Arrow** laid out passing the 700m and bumped **Magic Crystal**. **Magic Crystal** laid in under pressure in the early stages of the straight. J Kehoe (**Double Header**) was reprimanded (AR137A(4)(g)) for using his whip when clearly winning.

RACE 2: Maiden Handicap 1600m Div (1)

My Harry and **Chronic** were slow to begin. Near the 1300m **Beautiful Luskin** was steadied when crowded by **Melbourne Letter** which was steadied and carried in by **My Peregrine** (A Robinson) which shifted in. A Robinson was advised to exercise care when his mounts are shifting ground. Near the 400m **Beautiful Luskin** was steadied after improving onto the heels of **Bold Joker**. Near the 300m **Melbourne Letter** was steadied when crowded by **My Peregrine** which laid in. Rounding the home turn and early part of the straight **Beautiful Luskin** was held up on the heels **Chronic** and was obliged to shift out to improve. When questioned regarding the performance of **Blue Boy** rider M Hackett stated that his mount failed to travel at any stage of the race and was under pressure to keep in contact with the field. A post race veterinary examination of **Blue Boy** failed to reveal any obvious abnormality. foreman Mr D Jeffries advised that **Blue Boy** would now be spelled.

RACE 3: Maiden Handicap 1600m Div (2)

M Cahill replaced D Edmonds as the rider of **Pull Up Your Socks**. D Edmonds was reprimanded (AR85(B)) for failing to fulfil his riding engagements. **Redfern Express** began awkwardly and shifted out crowding **A Summer Place**. **Redfern Express** and **Pull Up Your Socks** raced ungenerously in the early stages. Near the 1300m **Redfern Express** hung out across the heels of **Lord of the Song** and was checked. A Robinson pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR137a) in that passing the 200m he permitted **Bold Issue** to shift in whilst riding his mount along which resulted in **Allamore** losing its rightful running and

being steadied for some distance. A Robinsons license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on 12th February 2010 and to expire on 16th February 2010 on which day he may ride. On straightening **Lord of the Song** was momentarily steadied after improving onto the heels of **Flash Academy**. Near the 100m **Lord of the Song** was steadied when crowded between **Allamore** (App Ms T Jeffries) which shifted out to improve and **Flash Academy** (App Ms K Chater) which laid in under pressure in the straight. App Ms K Chater and App Ms T Jeffries were advised to exercise care when their mounts are shifting ground.

RACE 4: Open Handicap 1000m

On jumping App J Saiki lost his balance on **Reigning to Win** and as a result **Reigning to Win** lost ground (2L). Trainer Mr T Mulholland master of App J Saiki was advised that his permit to ride in races would be revoked until stewards are satisfied that he is able to get his mounts to jump cleanly from the barriers. Near the 100m **Reigning to Win** was steadied after improving onto the heels of **Nobragnow**.

RACE 5: BM 55 Handicap 1100m Div (2)

Pitamiss was a late scratching at 12:25pm by order of the stewards due to a float breakdown. **Catcher Playin** was a late scratching at 3:42pm acting on veterinary advice.

RACE 6: BM 55 Handicap 1100m Div (1)

Angle Fighter reared on jumping and lost ground. **Dash O'Hennessey** was slow to begin. **Sippa Bubbly** laid out rounding the home turn and carried **Misstippytoes** wider. When questioned regarding the performance of **Sippa Bubbly** rider A Cavallo stated that his mount travelled poorly throughout the race and when placed under pressure near the 400m his mount failed to respond and weakened when under pressure in the straight. A post race veterinary examination of **Sippa Bubbly** failed to reveal any obvious abnormality. Trainer Mr T Bartley advised stewards that **Sippa Bubbly** would now be spelled. A post race veterinary examination of **Commissioner Mac** failed to reveal any obvious abnormality.

RACE 7: BM 60 Handicap 900m

Jewel Queen was a late scratching at 5:24pm by order of the stewards when it refused to go to the barriers. **Difuyung** was a late scratching at 5:27pm by order of the stewards acting on veterinary advice after it was kicked behind the barriers by another runner. Stewards ordered that all bets placed on **Difuyung** and **Jewel Queen** were to be refunded and all successful bets placed on the race with bookmakers prior to 5:24pm were ordered to be paid less a deduction in the dollar on the face value of the ticket of 25 cents win and 24 cents place. Stewards further ordered that all bets placed on the race after 5:24pm be subject to a deduction in the dollar on the face value of the ticket of 9 cents win and 10 cents place. Trainer Mr P Cornish was advised that **Jewel Queen** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards before being permitted to race again. **Grand Light** was slow to begin. **Parkour** hung out passing the 600m. **Eindarab** hung out rounding the turn at the 600m and rounding the home turn. P Payne (**Clare Wyne**) was reprimanded AR137A(4)(b)) for using a whip action that raises his arm above shoulder height.

RACE 8: Class 1 Handicap 1400m

Across the Road was buffeted on jumping between **The Black Ace** and **Dusty Crown**. **Jack the Man** was crowded on jumping by **Prince Jackorelli** which shifted in. **Across the Road** was steadied near the 1300m when crowded by **The Black Ace** which shifted in momentarily. Near the 1000m **The Black Ace** was steadied after improving onto the heels of **Togetherseven**. Near the 300m **Jack the Man** shifted out around the heels of the weakening

Racine Avenue and carried **Wyngrave** wider. B Clark (**Across the Road**) was fined \$300 (AR145) for returning to scale overweight. A post race veterinary examination of **Across the Road** failed to reveal any obvious abnormality. A post race veterinary examination of **Racine Avenue** revealed the gelding to have a poor post race recovery and to be displaying respiratory distress. Trainer Mr B Thompson was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required before **Racine Avenue** is permitted to race again.

RACE 9: BM 55 Handicap 1600m

Near the 150m **Star of Universe** was steadied when momentarily crowded by **Noble Crown** which laid in. **Corso Vannucci** was held up on the heels of **French Academy** from the 200m until winning post and subsequently went to the line without being fully tested. Approaching the winning post **Noble Crown** blundered for no apparent reason and fell dislodging App J Geppert. **Generous Huka** which was trailing **Noble Crown** was inconvenienced by the fallen horse and rider. App J Geppert was transported to Wellington Hospital for treatment to a shoulder injury. Trainer Ms A Smith was advised that **Noble Crown** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards before being permitted to race again.

SWABS:

Swab samples were taken from the following runners.

Race 1: **Double Header**

Race 2: **Kingston Letter**

Race 6: **Imbolc**

Race 7: **Clare Wyne**

Race 9: **Prince Raheed**

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 8: B Clark - \$300 (AR145)
Reprimands:	Race 1: J Kehoe – (AR137A(4)(g)) Race 3: D Edmonds – (AR83(B)) Race 7: P Payne – (AR137A(4)(b))
Suspensions:	Race 3: A.G. Robinson (AR137a) – 12/2/10 – 16/2/10
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 1: Visa Boy – pre race behaviour
Trials:	Race 9: Noble Crown – blundered and dislodged rider
Certificates:	Race 8: Racine Avenue – Respiratory distress
Falls/Injuries:	Race 9: App J Geppert – broken collarbone