

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	NZ Metropolitan Trotting Club Inc at Addington Raceway	Date:	Friday, 31 October 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Fast		
Rail:	Not applicable		
Stewards:	S Wallis (Chairman), N McIntyre, N Ydgren		
Typist:	M Harris		

General:

Selected horses on today's programme had blood samples taken for TCO2 analysis.

Supplementary:

NZ Metro TC - Friday 10th October 2014

Race 7 - 'CHRISTIAN CULLEN' CANTERBURY CLASSIC (STANDING START)

Stewards have given consideration to the manner in which S Ottley handled **PURE POWER** throughout the Canterbury Classic at Addington Raceway on the 10th of October 2014. Stewards concerns were centred around Miss Ottley allowing **PURE POWER** to establish a sizeable lead over the remainder of the field and dictate an appreciably fast tempo throughout the middle stages despite enjoying an unpressured lead. Miss Ottley submitted that she had strongly urged **PURE POWER** in the early stages to take up a forward position which had caused the horse to take up the bit and then race keenly. Miss Ottley said that after making an initial attempt to relax the horse she was reluctant to fight **PURE POWER** and attempt to steady, as in the past he had reacted poorly to this and began to race fiercely. Miss Ottley added that **PURE POWER**, in her opinion, was a horse who in the past had appreciated a solid tempo being set throughout and was known for its ability to lead and dictate a strong pace yet remain competitive. When questioned on the matter trainer Mr R Dunn explained that he had not given Miss Ottley any driving instructions but expected the horse would utilise its ability to begin well from a stand and take up a forward position. He added that in his opinion **PURE POWER** was a horse who appreciated a solid pace and even more so when he was able to lead. Mr Dunn added that **PURE POWER** had worked well during the week but had been very disappointing in this race which he attributed to it over-racing. He added that overall **PURE POWER** had been somewhat disappointing this campaign and it was his intention to discuss the merits of continuing with the horse's NZ Cup plans with the owners. A post-race veterinary examination of **PURE POWER** did not detect anything amiss with the runner.

In assessing the matter Stewards accepted that **PURE POWER** had over-raced in the early stages of the race. It was also accepted after reviewing **PURE POWER**'s racing history its most preferred racing style includes the horse taking up a forwards position and dictating a strong tempo. However on this occasion and notwithstanding **PURE POWER**'s tendency to over-race, the Stewards informed Miss Ottley that they believed she had erred in her judgement by not attempting to exercise greater restraint of **PURE POWER** in the middle stages when the gelding was running freely in the lead and was not being pressured by any other runner. As a consequence of Miss Ottley's inaction at this point of the race **PURE POWER**'s energies were unnecessarily compromised.

NZ Metro TC - Friday 24th October 2014

Race 7 - HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY LYNDA RUSSELL HANDICAP PACE

Stewards concluded an investigation into the manner in which J Dunn drove **LIGHT UP BOSS** on the final bend of this race when allowing his runner to shift up the track under pressure. Mr Dunn explained that the gelding was prone to hanging inwards and striking its knees under pressure and for that reason the stable had added a boring pole to the horse's gear. Mr Dunn added that **LIGHT UP BOSS** had run away from the pole throughout and demonstrated this on films of the middle stages.

Stewards accepted that **LIGHT UP BOSS** had hung outwards throughout however were not satisfied that Mr Dunn had made a sufficient attempt to ensure his horse did not shift outwards or to correct it once it had begun hanging.

Mr Dunn was issued with a charge alleging the manner in which he drove was likely to cause interference to other runners - Rule 869(4). Mr Dunn admitted the breach and after a Judicial hearing was fined \$200.

Ashburton TC - Monday 27th October 2014

Race 8 - THE PRES ASHBURTON TROTTERS FLYING MILE (MOBILE)

A Herlihy as the trainer of **IRISH WHISPER** has contacted Stewards and informed them that subsequent to the disappointing run of his horse he had blood taken which had showed an irregular blood count. Mr Herlihy further advised that the horse had been treated and he was anticipating an improved showing at Kaikoura on Monday the 3rd of November.

Race 10 - ASHBURTON GUARDIAN HANDICAP PACE

M Purdon as the co-trainer of **FLY LIKE AN EAGLE** reported to Stewards that blood tests taken subsequent to the horse's disappointing performance in this race showed the horse to have been suffering from muscle tie up. Mr Purdon explained that treatment had commenced and that he was confident of an improved showing at Kaikoura on Monday the 3rd of November.

Forbury Park TC - Thursday 30th October 2014

Race 3 - DUNEDIN CITY FORD PACE

M Jones as the trainer of **LOUIE FINN** reported to Stewards that following the disappointing performance of this runner last night the horse had been vetted this morning. This showed the horse to be suffering from a lung infection and inflamed throat. Mr Jones advised that treatment had commenced and the horse would now be sent for a freshen up.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	HAVE FAITH IN ME, NICAELA, CIMARRON, FIGHT FOR GLORY, NO DOCTOR NEEDED, THE FIERY GINGA, FLYOVER, KATE DE GOLDIE
Protests:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 2 T Williams (HAVE FAITH IN ME) [Rule 869(3)(b)] Easing Down Regs - Improving down when not entitled to.
Bleeders:	Nil
Horse Actions:	Race 4 STYX MONKEY - Warned Stands Race 9 KATE DE GOLDIE - Veterinary Clearance Received
Medical Certificates:	Nil
Driver Changes:	Nil
Late Scratchings:	Race 4 STYX MONKEY - At the start on vet's advice. Race 8 HERE WE GO AGAIN - At 8.09pm on vet's advice. Race 9 RAPHOE - Dual Acceptor in Race one. Race 9 CRACKLIN ROSIE - At 11.45am - Lamé.
Scratching Penalties:	<u>Ineligible from 01/11/2014 until 04/11/2014 inclusive (4 days):</u> STYX MONKEY, HERE WE GO AGAIN <u>Ineligible from 01/11/2014 until 10/11/2014 inclusive (10 days):</u> CRACKLIN ROSIE <u>Exceptional Circumstances:</u> DANKE

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	CLARKSONS SUPPLIER OF ADDINGTON'S TRACK SIGNAGE MOBILE PACE
MY LIFESIGN hung for the entire event. J Dunn (RAPHOE) briefly dropped his foot passing the 900 metres.	
Race 2	CLARKSON SIGNS - LOGO & BRANDING EXPERTS MOBILE PACE
SIR REDWOOD weakened from the 800 metres.	

SANS LE SOU, ASK ME MACH and **NEVERTHELESS** all had difficulty obtaining clear racing room throughout the run home. **MIDNIGHT RIDER** weakened passing the 300 metres inconveniencing the trailing **CHAMPAGNE DREAMS** who was held up for a short distance.

T Williams (**HAVE FAITH IN ME**) advised he did not activate the removable deafeners on this gelding.

Stewards spoke with T Williams as the driver of **HAVE FAITH IN ME** regarding the manner in which he drove near the 1300 metres when attempting to shift into the trailing position when not entitled to do so which briefly caused **CHAMPAGNE DREAMS** to race in the passing lane. After hearing from Mr Williams, Stewards cautioned him for the manner in which he drove at this stage of the race.

Stewards questioned horseman C DeFilippi (**ASK ME MACH**) regarding his decision to shift back down to follow **GEISHA GIRL** (K Hadfield) after he had improved off this runner's back to make a run with 550 metres to run which as a consequence affected the ability of **ASK ME MACH** to gain clear running through the majority of the run home. Mr DeFilippi explained that after easing off **GEISHA GIRL**'s back he was worried that he was going to be pushed four wide by this runner and that this would have been detrimental to his chances so he elected to take his original position on its back which he said in hind sight was the wrong decision. After viewing all available films and taking into account Mr DeFilippi's explanation, Stewards adjourned the matter for further consideration.

Race 3 | **CLARKSON SIGNS - VEHICLE BRANDING SPECIALISTS MOBILE TROT**

DARK OPS broke in the score up and lost a considerable amount of ground.

TEHORO RUBY broke just prior to dispatch and lost its chance.

COCKTAIL WAITER was about a length out of position at the start and had some difficulty maintaining contact with the body of the field throughout the early and middle stages.

SUNOVA hung inwards on the final bend.

Stewards spoke with driver M Edmonds (**KD HALL**) regarding his lack of vigour over the initial stages of the run home.

Mr Edmonds explained that his gelding was inclined to hang inwards at this stage of the race and trot slightly uneven. Mr Edmonds added that it was his belief that if he had urged the gelding any more there was a high chance of it breaking stride.

Mr Edmonds further added that the more vigour he showed closer to the finishing line the more uneven **KD HALL** trotted.

Mr Edmonds explanation was accepted and no further action was necessary.

Race 4 | **CLARKSON SIGNS - LARGE FORMAT PRINT. PACE**

STYX MONKEY reared when attempting to address the barriers and fell to the track. This runner underwent a veterinary examination which found the gelding unfit to start and was declared a late scratching at 7pm.

This caused the start to be delayed by six minutes.

A warning was placed on the standing start record of **STYX MONKEY**.

CIMARRON and **BUONO AMICI** broke at the start.

BUONO AMICI again broke near the 2100 metres when being improved forwards wider on the track.

BUONO AMICI broke passing the 500 metres and lost its chance.

THINGAMAJIG over-raced in the parked position in the middle stages and then hung inwards and paced roughly before breaking passing the 150 metres.

The off side number on **BUONO AMICI** came unattached during the running.

Race 5 | **ALABAR SIRES' STAKES FILLIES SERIES NO.31 (HT 2) MOBILE PACE**

MISS DAISY had some difficulty obtaining clear racing room in the early stages of the run home.

Race 6 | **CLARKSON SIGNS - TRADITIONAL SIGNWRITING MASTERS MOBILE PACE**

NO DOCTOR NEEDED was examined by the vet prior to starting and cleared to race.

PARRAMATTA (T Quate), **HIGHVIEW HIGHLANDER** (K Cox), **FRANCO SALISBURY** (S Golding), **RED HOT TODDY** (R Close), **JOEY MAGUIRE** (T Bagrie) and **ABBEY CULLEN** (J Anderson) were out of position at the start with all drivers spoken to and reminded of their obligations to remain in position until the starting point.

PARRAMATTA was held up in the middle stages of the run home and had to shift ground inwards to continue to improve.

SOMEARDENSOMEWHERE was inclined to over-race when in front through the middle stages.

Race 7 | **HYDROFLOW HANDICAP TROT**

SUNCHITA broke at the start.

FORAY was slow over the early stages.

VALMAGNE had to be restrained near the 900 metres when **ALL LIT UP** shifted down the track towards the pylons crowding the gelding's racing room. Stewards showed driver J Smith the films of this incident and spoke to him advisedly regarding shifting ground.

FORAY broke with 300 metres remaining.

VALMAGNE was held up in the early stages of the run home.

THE FIERY GINGA shifted up the track under pressure throughout the final straight.

Race 8	CLARKSON SIGNS - BUILDING & WINDOW SIGNAGE MOBILE PACE
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HERE WE GO AGAIN was a late scratching at 8.09pm on veterinary advice due to colic.

MADIBA MAGIC was well back from the unruly position at dispatch.

UNCLE TREVOR and **MADIBA MAGIC** raced keenly in the middle stages.

GIVETHEJOBTOBARNSY raced roughly on the final bend and had to be steadied by driver J Versteeg.

MADIBA MAGIC raced wide and paced roughly rounding the final turn.

Horseman B Orange advised he was unable to activate the removable deafeners on **JOHNNY FOX** due to the cord becoming entangled.

Race 9	CLARKSON SIGNS - THE COMPLETE SIGN STUDIO PACE
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A veterinary clearance was received for **KATE DE GOLDIE**.

CRACKLIN ROSIE was a late scratching at 11.45am due to being lame.

RAPHOE was a late scratching after starting in Race One.

EASTBURN MARA, **SHADOW RIDER** and **SPEEDY JACK** broke at the start.

CAESAR'S QUEST raced keenly through the middle stages.

BHAPPY was held up in the early stages of the run home.

CAESAR'S QUEST and **SHE'S GOT IT** were unable to gain clear racing room throughout the final straight with driver D Dunn not activating the removable deafeners on **CAESAR'S QUEST**.

The all clear was delayed until Stewards deemed that **EASTBURN MARA** had not galloped in excess of 150 metres at the start of this event.