

HEREFORD STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 21 December 2024

Stewards: Guy Upton (Chief Steward), Thomas Evetts (Steward), Ali Galliers-Pratt (Assistant Steward), Margaret Groves (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**
(GSt 5.6)

Hurdle Course
(GSt 6.4)

Rail: All bends divided. Distances TBC

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
12:28pm	GUINESSED (IRE), trained by Jim & Suzi Best.	Travel (Box driver unwell).
2:13pm	JILAIJONE (FR), trained by David Pipe.	Running in 1st Preference Race
2:13pm	STONER'S CHOICE, trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
2:48pm	BEN BUIE (IRE), trained by Martin Keighley.	Self Cert (Going)
3:23pm	MASKED MISTRESS (FR), trained by Jim & Suzi Best.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Race 1 - 11:58am.

THE JOIN THE 2025 HEREFORD RACING CLUB NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Having reviewed the start the Stewards were satisfied that MARYAH ISLAND had refused to race and was deemed to be a runner.

An enquiry was held to consider the unruly behaviour of MARYAH ISLAND which had refused to race. Oliver Signy was interviewed and shown recordings of the incident. As the gelding had also refused to race at Fontwell on 19 April 2024 and had been unruly at Chepstow on 26 April 2024, the matter was referred to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that MASTER DUNRAVEN (IRE), unplaced, lost its right-hind shoe.

Race 2 - 12:28pm.

THE ACCASION MARQUEES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

The winner, TIMEFORARUM, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at

Chepstow on 29 October 2024 where the gelding finished ninth of fourteen runners, beaten by 43 lengths. It was noted that Brian Eckley could offer no explanation for TIMEFORARUM's improved form. TIMEFORARUM was routine tested.

Following the race, Rex Dingle reported that GOODWIN FACE (FR), unplaced, hung left-handed; Joe Anderson reported that PENNA ROSSA (IRE), unplaced, ducked sharply left-handed at the start and the Veterinary Officer reported that the gelding lost its right-hind shoe; the Veterinary Officer also reported that GREENWAYS (IRE), placed fourth, had lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 3 - 1:03pm.

THE DRAGONBET IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DAVE'S COACHES HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 1:38pm.

THE DRAGONBET BETTER ODDS THAN NESSA'S SLOTS MARES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)

Permission was given for LILTING VERSE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

The performance of HARRY'S HOPE (IRE), which was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Ben Pauling's explanation that HARRY'S HOPE (IRE) was unsuited by the Going which was officially described as Good to Soft, Soft in places, and would appreciate a sounder surface, and would also benefit from a break which is scheduled for after this run, was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined HARRY'S HOPE (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

The performance of MOONLIT POTTER, which was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Henry Daly could offer no explanation for MOONLIT POTTER's performance on this occasion, other than James Bowen reported that the mare was never travelling. The Veterinary Officer examined MOONLIT POTTER post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that GLIMPSE OF GALA, which was pulled up, lost its left-hind shoe.

Race 5 - 2:13pm.

THE DRAGONBET, CHICKEN-BHUNA, LAMB-BHUNA, PRAWN-BHUNA HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

The performance of BELOW THE RADAR (IRE), which started joint-favourite and finished fourth of four runners, was considered. The representative of Paul Nicholls could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer examined BELOW THE RADAR (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 6 - 2:48pm.

THE BOOK YOUR FISHING TRIPS WITH DRAGONBET HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)



Permission was given for LARGY FORCE (IRE) and PADDY IN THE CADDY (IRE) to both wear a red hood to post.

Race 7 - 3:23pm.

THE HAVE A LUSH CHRISTMAS FROM DRAGONBET "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5)
(Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for CAITRIN'S DREAM and RISKY SPIN to both wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Joshua Bryan reported that CAITRIN'S DREAM, unplaced, ran green. Ben Jones reported that RISKY SPIN, which was pulled up, stopped quickly and he thought the gelding had lost its action, the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post race and had nothing to report.