

NEWCASTLE STEWARDS' REPORT**Friday 02 August 2024**

Stewards: Robbie McCarthy (Chief Steward), Franki Clark (Stewards' Panel Chair), Michael Eyre (Steward), Philippa Hardy (Assistant Steward), Lyndsay Allan (Raceday Assistant), Jane Blades (Trainee Stewards' Panel Chair)

Going: STANDARD TO SLOW

Stalls: 1m2f and 1m4f - Outside 2m - Inside Straight course - Centre

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:45pm	CALLOUT (IRE), trained by Edward Bethell.	Vets Cert (Pulled Shoe Off)
6:05pm	SASSY SOPRANO (IRE), trained by Ann Duffield.	Self Cert (Not Sound)

Race 1 - 2:10pm.**THE JPS CEILINGS AND PARTITIONS NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for LARCHILL LASS to go early to post wearing a red hood and for SYBARIS JEWEL (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Pierre-Louis Jamin reported that LARCHILL LASS, unplaced, hung right-handed throughout. The Veterinary Officer examined the filly post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 2 - 2:45pm.**THE JPS CEILINGS AND PARTITIONS RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Bands C and D) (DIV I) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 3 - 3:20pm.**THE JPS CEILINGS AND PARTITIONS RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Bands C and D) (DIV II) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 3:55pm.**THE JPS CELEBRATING 30 YEARS IN BUSINESS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

The performance of GASTRONOMY, which finished unplaced, was considered. Philip Kirby could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance and the Veterinary Officer examined GASTRONOMY post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 5 - 4:30pm.

THE JPS CEILINGS AND PARTITIONS CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for FOOTONTHEGAS (USA) to go early to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference 2 furlongs out, involving TOP FLIGHT CENTURY (FR), unplaced, ridden by Luke Morris, LANG TOON LAD (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Paul Mulrennan and VISITANT, placed second, ridden by David Allan. Morris was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to drift right-handed without sufficient correction taking LANG TOON LAD (IRE) slightly off its intended line, which in turn, caused the rider of VISITANT to take a precautionary check.

Inside the final furlong, STRIKE RATE (IRE), placed fifth, edged marginally left-handed for one hit, causing TOP FLIGHT CENTURY (FR), unplaced, to be crowded for room and the rider to momentarily ease, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and that it had not improved the placing of STRIKE RATE (IRE).

The winner, STAND FREE, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Beverley on 18 June 2024 where the mare finished tenth of ten runners, beaten by 49 lengths. Ivan Furtado's explanation that STAND FREE may have benefited from a return to Newcastle, where the mare had previously won was noted.

The performance of ANGELICA CATALANI, which finished unplaced, was considered. Nicola Barron could offer no explanation for the filly's performance. ANGELICA CATALANI was routine tested.

Race 6 - 5:05pm.

THE JPS CEILINGS AND PARTITIONS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for STONEACRE GIRL to wear a red hood to post.

Leaving the stalls, DILIGENT HENRY, unplaced, jumped right-handed, giving a bump to LADY OF THE GARR (IRE), placed third, resulting in the rider of LADY OF THE GARR (IRE) becoming unbalanced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Approaching 1 furlong out, MISS RAINBOW (IRE), unplaced, hung marginally right-handed causing the rider of GRID IRON MAIDEN, unplaced, to ease momentarily, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

1 furlong out, NORTHERN PRINCE, placed fourth, lugged quickly right-handed taking EXPONENTIAL, placed second, slightly off its intended line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Andrew Elliott reported that LADY OF THE GARR (IRE), placed third, suffered interference leaving the stalls.

Race 7 - 5:35pm.

THE MAIN AUTISM SUPPORT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Approaching 1 furlong out, SAISONS D'OR (IRE), placed third, hung slightly right-handed moving the winner, PROFIT STREET (IRE), off its intended line which briefly tightened JESMOND DAWN (IRE), placed fourth, for room against the rail, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and that it had not improved the placing of any runner.

Just inside the 1 furlong marker, KRISTAL KLEAR (IRE), unplaced, shifted quickly left-handed moving NOVAK, placed second, off its intended line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Race 8 - 6:05pm.

THE ST CUTHBERTS HOSPICE CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for ALEXTRICIAN (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Shane Gray reported that SHE'SASHAMBLES (IRE), unplaced, never travelled and James Sullivan reported that HARD SOLUTION, unplaced, was restless in the stalls and slowly away as a result.