

**WORCESTER STEWARDS' REPORT****Wednesday 05 July 2023**

Stewards: Gregory Pearson (Chief Steward), Roger Bellamy (Stewards' Panel Chair), Thomas Evetts (Steward), Polly Greco (Assistant Steward), Dan Andrews (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM (IN PLACES)

**Race 1 - 2:53pm.****THE FBC MANBY BOWDLER HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

Jumping the first fence, ABINGTON PARK, which was later pulled up, jumped left-handed, colliding with MANINTHESHADOWS (IRE), placed second, causing both runners to become unbalanced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that FRAU GEORGIA (IRE), unplaced, lost its left fore shoe and REBEL LEADER (IRE), which was pulled up, lost its right fore shoe.

**Race 2 - 3:23pm.****THE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MATTHEW FIELD HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

GUTTURAL (IRE) arrived at the start with blood in its mouth having bitten its tongue. After being examined by the Veterinary Surgeon, the gelding was deemed fit to race.

Jumping the first fence, ALGHAZAAL, which was later pulled up, landed awkwardly and shifted left-handed, hampering BLACKJACKTENNESSEE, which was later pulled up, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Lorcan Murtagh reported that TOM O'ROUGHLEY (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling and Sheila Lewis reported that the gelding was unsuited by the Good, Good to Firm in places ground and would prefer a slower surface. Alison Clarke reported that NYOUFSEA, which was pulled up, jumped left-handed. Shane Quinlan reported that DANNY STORY (IRE), which was pulled up, made several jumping mistakes and the Veterinary Officer reported the gelding lost its left hind shoe.

**Race 3 - 3:53pm.****THE RICHARD NEWLAND RACING MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)**

Entering the viaduct bend, a free running THEWEDDINGCANWAIT (IRE), placed third, edged slightly left-handed, briefly tightening up AMELIA MARIANNE (IRE), unplaced, before AMELIA MARIANNE (IRE) over reacted and jinked left-handed hitting the running rail, causing it to become badly unbalanced, 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 THEWEDDINGCANWAIT (IRE).

**Race 4 - 4:23pm.**

**THE LOWES GARAGE HOME OF MOT'S £30 HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)**

Permission was given for GENTLEMAN VALLEY (FR) to be mounted on the course.

**Race 5 - 4:58pm.**

**THE GET PULLING WITH PJ NICHOLLS SSANGYONG NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (ARC Summer Novices' Brush Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

At the final hurdle, QUICK OF THE NIGHT, unplaced, jumped sharply left-handed across the path of BAILEYS DERBYDAY, unplaced, causing that runner to make a bad jumping error, nearly unseating the rider, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Jack Quinlan reported that BAILEYS DERBYDAY, unplaced, was outpaced from turning in and made a bad mistake at the third last hurdle.

**Race 6 - 5:28pm.**

**THE WACKY WEEKENDER FESTIVAL PITCHCROFT 21ST-23RD JULY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

Joe Tizzard was fined £290 for failing to notify the Racing Calendar that MARLEY HEAD (IRE) had undergone wind Surgery, until after the gelding was declared to run.

An enquiry was held to consider interference at the end of the back straight involving ORANGE GINA, unplaced, ridden by Shane Quinlan and CHAMP ROYAL (FR), unplaced, ridden by Luca Morgan. Quinlan was suspended for 4 days for careless riding as he allowed his mount to shift left-handed towards the rail, when insufficiently clear of CHAMP ROYAL (FR), causing it to clip heels and stumble.

An enquiry was held into the running and riding of HILLSIN (IRE), ridden by Dylan Kitts and trained by Chris Honour, which was restrained at the start and dropped out early to settle at the rear of the field, before gradually improving its position throughout the final circuit to be prominent rounding the home bend, whereupon the gelding travelled strongly down the home straight, without appearing to ever be asked for its finishing effort and finished third of eleven runners, beaten 1¼ lengths. The rider and the trainer were interviewed and shown recordings of the race. The Veterinary Officer reported that two post-race examinations of HILLSIN (IRE) failed to reveal any abnormalities. The rider stated his instructions were to drop HILLSIN (IRE) out early, keep a good hold of the horses head and take his time, before mounting a late challenge. Kitts explained that the gelding settled well and found a nice jumping rhythm, and he had been able to make ground easily mid-race when the pace steadied up, however HILLSIN (IRE) made a

respiratory noise towards the end of the back straight, which continued on several more occasions throughout the race, and the gelding had also hung badly right-handed, both facts he had reported at scales and which restricted his ability to be more vigorous in the home straight. The trainer confirmed the instructions and that HILLSIN (IRE) had been ridden in accordance with them, however whilst acknowledging the gelding had hung-right handed, he did express concerns over the manner in which HILLSIN (IRE) was ridden specifically from jumping the last hurdle. Honour also reiterated that he had emphasised to the rider that HILLSIN (IRE) needed to be held together for as long as possible based on his analysis of the gelding's run at Exeter two starts back, where he didn't get home for a different yard. The matter was referred to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority and HILLSIN (IRE) was suspended from running in any race for 40 days.

The winner, BENSINI, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Ffos Las on 31 January 2023 where the gelding was pulled up. Robbie Llewellyn's explanation that BENSINI benefitted from a break and the return to Worcester, where the gelding had run well previously was noted. BENSINI was routine tested.

#### Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Shane Quinlan	Race - 5:28pm	ORANGE GINA (GB)	4	23 Jul 2023 22 Jul 2023 18 Jul 2023 19 Jul 2023

#### Fines

Person	Race	Horse	Fine
Joe Tizzard	Race 6 - 5:28pm	MARLEY HEAD (IRE)	£290.00