

## **AINTREE STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Thursday 11 April 2024**

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Peter Crafts (Stewards' Panel Chair), Jeremy Barlow (Stewards' Panel Chair), Adrian Sharpe (Steward), Louise Moore (Steward), Ali Galliers-Pratt (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant), Lyndsay Allan (Raceday Assistant).

Going: **MILDMAY Course**  
Chase Race: Soft (Heavy in places) (GSt 3.4)  
Hurdle Race: Soft (Heavy in places) (GSt 3.7)

**NATIONAL Course**  
Chase Race: Heavy (Soft in places) (GSt 3.2)

Rail: Hurdle rails out 9yds Home & Melling Road bend; 8yds Anchor bridge bend; 10yds Western bend Mildmay Chase rails out 6yds Home & Melling Road bend; 8yds Anchor Bridge bend; 7yds Western Bend GN Chase rails in innermost position except bend approaching GN13 which is out 7yds.

### **Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:20pm	NURBURGRING (IRE), trained by Joseph Patrick O'Brien.	Vets Cert (Lame)
5:15pm	AUSTINS HILL LASS, trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Self Cert (Temperature)
5:15pm	SOLID SILVER, trained by Sir Mark Prescott Bt.	Vets Cert (Lame)

### **Race 1 - 1:45pm.**

#### **THE CLOSE BROTHERS MANIFESTO NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for BLOW YOUR WAD (IRE) and COLONEL HARRY (IRE) to both wear a red hood to post, and for COLONEL HARRY (IRE) to be mounted in the chute.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that BLOW YOUR WAD (IRE), placed fifth, was lame on its right-fore leg.

### **Race 2 - 2:20pm.**

#### **THE BOODLES ANNIVERSARY 4-Y-O JUVENILE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

### **Race 3 - 2:55pm**

**THE WILLIAM HILL BOWL STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)**

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

Following the race, the representative of Paul Nicholls reported that BRAVEMANSGAME (FR), placed sixth, made a respiratory noise.

**Race 4 - 3:30pm.**

**THE WILLIAM HILL AINTREE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for MARIE'S ROCK (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after two pieces of interference, from the approach to the second last flight of hurdles and after jumping the last flight of hurdles, involving BOB OLINGER (IRE), placed second, ridden by Rachael Blackmore; LANGER DAN (IRE), placed third, ridden by Harry Skelton; and the winner, IMPAIRE ET PASSE (FR), ridden by P. Townend. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved IMPAIRE ET PASSE (FR)'s placing as in the first instance, on jumping the second last flight of hurdles, the gelding stepped right-handed, towards BOB OLINGER (IRE), however with it being such a distance from the winning post, and no momentum lost to BOB OLINGER (IRE), the Stewards were satisfied that it had no bearing on the result. Regarding the second incident, IMPAIRE ET PASSE (FR), shifted left-handed taking Skelton slightly off his intended line, however the Stewards were satisfied that IMPAIRE ET PASSE (FR) was clear when crossing LANGER DAN (IRE), and that LANGER DAN (IRE) appeared to lose no momentum from the carry, as a result having considered both incidents they ordered the result to remain unaltered. Skelton was cautioned for careless riding as he was slow to correct LANGER DAN (IRE), after the gelding drifted right-handed after the last, resulting in LANGER DAN (IRE) taking BOB OLINGER (IRE) slightly off its intended line. Townend was also cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to drift left-handed, carrying LANGER DAN (IRE), slightly off its intended line.

**Race 5 - 4:05pm.**

**THE RANDOX FOXHUNTERS' OPEN HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2)**

Permission was given for DROP FLIGHT (FR) to go early to post.

The Raceday privilege request in relation to DROP FLIGHT (FR), trained by S. Loxton, to go early to post, was not submitted. Loxton was warned as to his responsibility to ensure that all Raceday privilege requests are submitted before 1pm on the day before racing.

ESPOIR DE GUYE (FR) trained by S. Loxton, had entered the Parade Ring after the signal to mount had been given due to saddling issues.

Following the race, Mr James King reported that SPYGLASS HILL (IRE), which was pulled up, stopped quickly, the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

**Race 6 - 4:40pm.****THE CLOSE BROTHERS RED RUM HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for DANCING ON MY OWN (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

After two false starts, the start was effected successfully on the third attempt. However, having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

The performance of UNEXPECTED PARTY (FR), which was pulled up, was considered. It was noted that Harry Skelton reported that the gelding stopped quickly, on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer examined UNEXPECTED PARTY (FR) during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, John Shinnick reported that WHISKEYWEALTH (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling, the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

**Race 7 - 5:15pm.****THE GOFFS NICKEL COIN MARES' STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 1)(Grade 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for NOT NOW NATHANIEL and MONGIBELLO to both wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Mr P. W. Mullins reported that BABY KATE (IRE), unplaced, ran flat. Henry Brooke reported NALA THE LIONESS, which was pulled up, made a respiratory noise and the Veterinary Officer reported that the filly had also lost its left-hind shoe.