

AINTREE STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 14 April 2018

Stewards: Ian Stark (Chairman), Rosie Pearson, Mr Rupert Sweeting, Jeremy Barlow, Robert Earnshaw (Stipendiary), Adie Smith (Stipendiary), Greg Pearson (Stipendiary), Stephanie Farmer (Stewards' Secretary), Chris Hill (Stewards' Secretary)

Going:

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:45pm	STAMP YOUR FEET (IRE), trained by Tom George.	Going (changed since declaration)
1:45pm	DREAM BERRY (FR), trained by Jonjo O'Neill.	Self Cert (Going)
2:25pm	COUNT MERIBEL, trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies.	Self Cert (Sore)
2:25pm	BEDROCK, trained by Iain Jardine.	Vets Cert (Burst Blood Vessel)
3:40pm	VICENTE DU NOYER (FR), trained by Colin Tizzard.	Vets Cert (Lame) (Issued on course by Veterinary Officer)
4:20pm	L'AMI SERGE (IRE), trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (changed since declaration)
5:15pm	BEEVES (IRE), trained by Jennie Candlish.	Going (changed since declaration)
5:15pm	VICENTE (FR), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Going (changed since declaration)
5:15pm	MINELLA ROCCO (IRE), trained by Jonjo O'Neill.	Self Cert (Going)
5:15pm	WALK IN THE MILL (FR), trained by Robert Walford.	Self Cert (Lame)
5:15pm	REGAL ENCORE (IRE), trained by Anthony Honeyball.	Vets Cert (Blood Analysis Not Normal)
6:20pm	NOT THAT FUISSE (FR), trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (changed since declaration)
6:20pm	CHESTERFIELD (IRE), trained by Seamus Mullins.	Self Cert (Going)
6:20pm	ALWAYS RESOLUTE, trained by Brian Ellison.	Self Cert (Cast in Box)
6:20pm	AMOUR DE NUIT (IRE), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Vets Cert (Infected Foot)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
4:20pm	THE WORLDS END (IRE)	A. P. Heskin	Paddy Brennan	Heskin stood down by RMO
5:15pm	SAINT ARE (FR)	A. P. Heskin	Ciaran Gethings	Heskin stood down by RMO
6:20pm	ALL SET TO GO (IRE)	Charlie Deutsch	Sam Coltherd	Deutsch stood down by RMO

Race 1 - 1:45pm.

THE GASKELLS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3)

The performance of GOLAN FORTUNE (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. Phil Middleton explained that the gelding weakened quickly from the third last hurdle. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of GOLAN FORTUNE (IRE) during routine testing failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, Harry Cobden reported that CONNETABLE (FR), unplaced, was never travelling and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities. The Veterinary Officer reported that SYKES (IRE), unplaced, lost its right hind shoe and FIXE LE KAP (FR), placed eighth, lost its left fore shoe.

Race 2 - 2:25pm.

THE BETWAY MERSEY NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1)

Following the race, Nico de Boinville reported that ON THE BLIND SIDE (IRE), placed sixth, weakened quickly from the second last hurdle and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities. The Veterinary Officer also reported that BETTER GETALONG (IRE), which was pulled up, lost its left hind shoe.

Race 3 - 3:00pm.

THE DOOM BAR MAGHULL NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1)

PETIT MOUCHOIR (FR) and SHANTOU ROCK (IRE) wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

It was noted that PETIT MOUCHOIR (FR), ridden by Davy Russell, went the wrong way to the start. Being satisfied that it was due to circumstances beyond the rider's control, no further action was taken.

LADY BUTTONS, ridden by Adam Nicol, was not dismounted in the appointed place. Being satisfied that the mare was receiving veterinary treatment, no further action was taken.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that DELEGATE, placed sixth, was lame on its left fore.

Race 4 - 3:40pm.**THE BETWAY HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3)**

Having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

Following the race, Brian Hughes reported that HAMMERSLY LAKE (FR), which was pulled up, was hampered by the faller on the first circuit. The Veterinary Officer reported that WAKANDA (IRE), unplaced, was lame on its right fore.

Race 5 - 4:20pm.**THE RYANAIR STAYERS HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (REGISTERED AS THE LIVERPOOL HURDLE RACE) (Grade 1)**

Following the race, Nico de Boinville reported that THOMAS CAMPBELL, which was pulled up, stopped quickly and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities. Trevor Whelan reported that LIL ROCKERFELLER (USA), which was pulled up, was never travelling and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities. Harry Cobden reported that OLD GUARD, placed seventh, was never travelling and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding during routine testing failed to reveal any abnormalities. The Veterinary Officer also reported that SHELFORD (IRE), placed sixth, was suffering from post-race heat stress.

Race 6 - 5:15pm.**THE RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3)**

ALPHA DES OBEAUX (FR) wore earplugs which were removed at the start and PLEASANT COMPANY (IRE) and TOTAL RECALL (IRE) wore earplugs throughout the race.

ANIBALE FLY (FR), placed fourth, did not enter the winner's enclosure on veterinary advice.

An enquiry was held to ascertain why Danny Cook, the rider of I JUST KNOW (IRE), which had fallen on the first circuit, proceeded to wave the riders around Becher's Brook on the second circuit. After being interviewed and shown recordings of the incident, his explanation that he was attempting to help the racecourse staff by guiding the runners and loose horses around the bypassed fence was noted. He was reminded of his responsibilities to not become involved in these procedures.

MILANSBAR (IRE), ridden by Bryony Frost, left the Parade early. After being interviewed and shown recordings of the incident, Frost's explanation that she had misheard the Clerk of the Course's instructions due to the noise of the crowd was noted.

Following the race, Richard Hobson reported that SHANTOU FLYER (IRE), which was pulled up, had a breathing problem. The Veterinary Officer reported that SEEYOUATMIDNIGHT, unplaced, was lame on its left fore and MILANSBAR (IRE), placed fifth, was lame on its left hind. The Veterinary Officer also reported

that ANIBALE FLY (FR), placed fourth, CARLINGFORD LOUGH (IRE), which was pulled up, and RAZ DE MAREE (FR), unplaced, all suffered from post-race heat stress. The Veterinary Officer further reported that CHASE THE SPUD, which was pulled up, bled from the nose.

Race 7 - 6:20pm.

THE PINSENT MASONS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' AND AMATEUR RIDERS' RACE)

Permission was given for DEAR SIRE (FR) to be mounted in the chute and go early to post.

James Nixon, the rider of the winner, HAVANA BEAT (IRE), was suspended for 2 days for using his whip above the permitted level from approaching the third last hurdle.

Lorcan Murtagh, the rider of DEAR SIRE (FR), placed second, was suspended for 4 days for using his whip above the permitted level from after the second last hurdle.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
James Nixon	Race - 6:20pm	HAVANA BEAT (IRE)	2	5 May 2018 20 Apr 2018
Lorcan Murtagh	Race - 6:20pm	DEAR SIRE (FR)	4	5 May 2018 7 May 2018 8 May 2018 4 May 2018