

# **AINTREE STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Saturday 09 April 2022**

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Jeremy Barlow (Stewards' Panel Chair), Caroline Tellwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Greg Pearson (Steward), Tom Evetts (Steward), Dan Andrews (Assistant Steward), Bethany Dowsell (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **MILDMAY Course**  
Chase Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 6.1)  
Hurdle Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 5.8)  
**NATIONAL Course**  
Chase Race: Good to Soft (GSt 5.6)

Rail: Rails in innermost position.

## Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:45pm	THIRD WIND, trained by Hughie Morrison.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:25pm	HARBOUR LAKE (IRE), trained by Alan King.	Vets Cert (Lame)
3:00pm	FUGITIF (FR), trained by Richard Hobson.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:35pm	ASHDALE BOB (IRE), trained by Mrs J. Harrington.	Vets Cert (Other)
4:15pm	MINT CONDITION, trained by Jennie Candlish.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:15pm	COMMODORE (FR), trained by Venetia Williams.	Other (Reserve for the Grand National at 5:15pm which the gelding now runs in due to NR's)
4:15pm	EMPIRE STEEL (IRE), trained by Sandy Thomson.	Vets Cert (Lame)
4:15pm	SCENE NOT HERD (IRE), trained by Charlie Longsdon.	Vets Cert (Other)
5:15pm	LORD DU MESNIL (FR), trained by Richard Hobson.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:15pm	EASYSLAND (FR), trained by Jonjo O'Neill.	Self Cert (Bad Scope)
5:15pm	PHOENIX WAY (IRE), trained by Harry Fry.	Self Cert (Temperature)
6:20pm	ROCKINASTORM (IRE), trained by Henry Daly.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
6:20pm	CRAMBO, trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Self Cert (Going)

#### Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:35pm	KOSHARI (FR)	Jonathan Moore	Denis O'Regan	Moore injured
6:20pm	CRUZ CONTROL (FR)	Tom Bellamy	Adam Wedge	Bellamy stood down by RMO

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

##### **THE EFT CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3) (GBB RACE)**

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

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

Upon rounding the first bend, EMITOM (IRE), which was later pulled up, became unbalanced and shifted right-handed, hampering WINTER FOG (IRE), unplaced, which in turn hampered POUNDING POET (IRE), unplaced, ILIKEDWAYURTHINKIN (IRE), placed second, and COEUR SEREIN (IRE), placed fifth, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Mr Ben Bromley, the rider of SAINT D'OROUX (FR), placed seventh, was suspended for 9 days, on dates to be notified to him by the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority, for using his whip above the permitted level and without time to respond from after the third last hurdle. As a 7lb claiming amateur, Mr Bromley was offered the opportunity to be accompanied in the enquiry but declined.

The performance of REMASTERED which finished unplaced, was considered. David Pipe could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance.

The performance of WINTER FOG (IRE) which started favourite before finishing unplaced, was considered. Emmet Mullins could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance; P. Townend reported that WINTER FOG (IRE), unplaced, was never travelling and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding during routine testing failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, Rachael Blackmore reported that EMITOM (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling. The Veterinary Officer reported that BUSHYPARK (IRE), which was pulled up, had lost its left-hind shoe.

#### **Race 2 - 2:25pm**

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

The performance of WALKING ON AIR (IRE) which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. Nicky Henderson's explanation that gelding had ran greenly and made several jumping errors throughout the race was noted; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of WALKING ON AIR (IRE) during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Race 3 - 3:00pm.**

**THE POUNDLAND MAGHULL NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)**

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

At the fourth last fence, THIRD TIME LUCKI (IRE), placed third, made a bad mistake which resulted in its rider, Harry Skelton, losing his right iron which he regained a short while thereafter.

Following the race, Harry Cobden reported that MICK PASTOR (FR), placed fifth, ran too freely and hung left-handed; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Race 4 - 3:35pm.**

**THE JRL GROUP LIVERPOOL HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for FLOORING PORTER (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference inside the final furlong involving the winner, SIRE DU BERLAIS (FR), ridden by Mark Walsh and FLOORING PORTER (IRE), placed second, ridden by Daniel Mullins. Walsh was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he allowed his mount to drift left-handed without sufficient correction, causing Mullins to take a check aboard FLOORING PORTER (IRE).

Daniel Mullins, the rider of FLOORING PORTER (IRE), placed second, was suspended for 2 days, for using his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line.

**Race 5 - 4:15pm.**

**THE BETWAY HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, David Bass reported that ESPOIR DE ROMAY (FR), which was pulled up, made several jumping errors and Harry Cobden reported that OSCAR ELITE (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling; Colin Tizzard reported that the race may have come too soon for the gelding having run at Cheltenham on 15 March 2022. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding during routine testing failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Race 6 - 5:15pm.**

**THE RANDOX GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3) (GBB RACE)**

LONGHOUSE POET (IRE) wore earplugs in the parade ring which were removed before going to the start and NOBLE YEATS (IRE) wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

Permission was given for NOBLE YEATS (IRE) to go early to post and to be mounted in the chute, for TWO FOR GOLD (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start, be mounted in the chute and to go early to post, for GOOD BOY BOBBY (IRE) to wear a red hood to post and for SNOW LEOPARDESS to go early to post.

Mr Sam Waley-Cohen, the rider of the winner, NOBLE YEATS (IRE), was suspended for 9 days and fined £400, for using his whip above the permitted level from after jumping the last fence and in the incorrect place on the run to the line.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that CLOTH CAP (IRE), which was pulled up, bled from the nose, and COKO BEACH (FR), placed eighth, lost its left-hind shoe.

#### **Race 7 - 6:20pm.**

#### **THE WEATHERBYS [nhstallions.co.uk](http://nhstallions.co.uk) STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 1)(Grade 2) (GBB RACE)**

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

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after the start involving CHIANTI CLASSICO (IRE), unplaced, ridden by David Bass and WESTERN ZEPHYR (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Sean Bowen. Bowen was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he manoeuvred his mount left-handed when insufficiently clear of a free running CHIANTI CLASSICO (IRE), causing the latter to slightly clip heels and stumble.

Shortly before turning into back straight on the final circuit, HENRI THE SECOND (FR), which was pulled up, drifted slightly left-handed, causing the riders of RATH GAUL BOY (IRE), placed fifth, and HULLNBACK, placed second, to become short of room for a number of strides, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Upon entering the home straight, HOULANBATORDECHAIS (FR), unplaced, was switched left-handed to avoid the heels of a weakening WESTERN ZEPHYR (IRE), unplaced, which lugged left-handed causing SWAPPED (FR), unplaced, to be hampered and ERNEST GRAY (IRE), unplaced, to be carried off its intended line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Approximately ½ furlong out, HULLNBACK, placed second, shifted quickly right-handed, away from the whip, slightly inconveniencing RATH GAUL BOY (IRE), placed fifth, 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 HULLNBACK.

Following the race, Harry Cobden reported that HENRI THE SECOND (FR), which was pulled up, lost its action; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities other than it had lost its right-hind shoe and had some superficial cuts to the area around its left-hind hock. Paddy Brennan reported that HULLNBACK, placed second, hung right-handed, Stan Sheppard reported that BLOW YOUR WAD (IRE), placed fourth, ran green and hung left-handed and

Sean Bowen reported that WESTERN ZEPHYR (IRE), unplaced, hung right-handed in the home straight.

#### Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Ben Bromley	Race - 1:45pm	SAINT D'OROUX (FR)	9	17 May 2022 13 May 2022 12 May 2022 11 May 2022 7 May 2022 5 May 2022 4 May 2022 3 May 2022 29 Apr 2022
Danny Mullins	Race - 3:35pm	FLOORING PORTER (IRE)	2	2 May 2022 12 Apr 2022
Mark Walsh	Race - 3:35pm	SIRE DU BERLAIS (FR)	2	2 May 2022 12 Apr 2022
Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	Race - 5:15pm	NOBLE YEATS (IRE)	10	29 Apr 2022 3 May 2022 4 May 2022 5 May 2022 7 May 2022 11 May 2022 12 May 2022 13 May 2022 17 May 2022 1 Jan 1970
Sean Bowen	Race - 6:20pm	WESTERN ZEPHYR (IRE)	2	2 May 2022 19 Apr 2022