

AINTREE STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 13 April 2024

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

Going: **MILDMAY Course**
Chase Race: Good to Soft (Soft in places) (GSt 5.0)
Hurdle Race: Good to Soft (Soft in places) (GSt 4.3)
NATIONAL Course
Chase Race: Soft (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 4.2)

Rail: All rails in innermost position except Western Bend Hurdle which is out 2yds.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:20pm	HONOR GREY (IRE), trained by Ben Pauling.	Vets Cert (Lame)
1:55pm	CALDWELL POTTER (FR), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Self Cert (Infected Foot)
3:05pm	PROSCHEMA (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (Changed since Declarations).
3:05pm	SIRE DU BERLAIS (FR), trained by Gordon Elliott.	Vets Cert (Lame)
4:00pm	CHAMBARD (FR), trained by Venetia Williams.	Self Cert (Lame)
4:00pm	RUN WILD FRED (IRE), trained by Gordon Elliott.	Vets Cert (Lame)
5:35pm	TAILORMAN (FR), trained by Ian Williams.	Self Cert (Infected Foot)

Race 1 - 1:20pm.

THE WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for JOHNSON'S BLUE (IRE) and AILIE ROSE (IRE) to both wear a red hood to post.

Jumping the first flight of hurdles, BLACK BAMBOO (IRE), placed sixth, jumped right-handed, which resulted in FLOUEUR (FR), which was later pulled up, clipping heels and stumbling, 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 BLACK BAMBOO (IRE).

The performance of CUTHBERT DIBBLE (IRE), which finished fifteenth of twenty-one runners, was

considered. Nigel Twiston-Davies could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer examined CUTHBERT DIBBLE (IRE) during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that FLOUEUR (FR), which was pulled up, bled from the nose.

Race 2 - 1:55pm.

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

Permission was given for BRIGHTERDAYS AHEAD (FR) and MAHON'S WAY (IRE) to both wear a red hood to post.

Race 3 - 2:30pm.

THE WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (REGISTERED AS THE FREEBOOTER HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for CRUZ CONTROL (FR) to wear a red hood to post and for TWIG to wear a hood in the preliminaries.

The performance of THE KING OF RYHOPE, which started favourite and finished eighth of thirteen runners, was considered. The representative of Dan Skelton could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance on this occasion.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that TWIG, placed fifth, was showing signs of post-race ataxia.

Race 4 - 3:05pm.

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

The performance of FLOORING PORTER (IRE), which started favourite and finished fifth of ten runners, beaten by 2¾ lengths, was considered. Gavin Cromwell could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer examined FLOORING PORTER (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Jonathan Burke reported that CRAMBO, placed eighth, ran flat, and the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 5 - 4:00pm.

THE RANDOX GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for NOBLE YEATS (IRE), GALVIN (IRE), and CHEMICAL ENERGY (IRE) to all wear a red hood to post; and for PANDA BOY (IRE) to wear a hood in the preliminaries.

JANIDIL (FR) was kicked at the start but having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon, the gelding was

deemed fit to race.

DELTA WORK (FR), placed second, did not return to the winner's enclosure after the race on Veterinary advice.

The performance of PANDA BOY (IRE), which finished seventeenth of thirty-two runners, beaten by 53 lengths, was considered. It was noted that J. J. Slevin reported that the gelding was never travelling.

The Veterinary Officer examined CORACH RAMBLER (IRE), which unseated at the first fence and subsequently fell when riderless, and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Harry Cobden reported that NOBLE YEATS (IRE), unplaced, was never travelling; Mr P. W. Mullins reported that STATTLER (IRE), which was pulled up, made a respiratory noise. The Veterinary Officer reported that ADAMANTLY CHOSEN (IRE), unplaced, bled from the nose; MAC TOTTIE, which was pulled up, was lame on its right-fore leg; and DELTA WORK (FR), placed second, had struck into its right-hind leg.

Race 6 - 5:00pm.

THE MY PENSION EXPERT MAGHULL NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for MATATA (IRE) to go early to post, wearing a red hood; for SILENT APPROACH (IRE) to be mounted in the chute and go early to post, wearing a red hood; for NICKLE BACK (IRE) to be mounted in the chute and go early to post; and for FOUND A FIFTY (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

MATATA (IRE), unplaced, ducked right-handed as the tape was released, bumping NICKLE BACK (IRE), unplaced, the winner FOUND A FIFTY (IRE), and HERCULE DU SEUIL (FR), placed fourth, carrying them all right-handed off their intended lines, and resulted in the riders of ETALON (IRE), placed seventh, and LIBBERTY HUNTER, placed third, having to steady, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Race 7 - 5:35pm.

THE WEATHERBYS nhstallions.co.uk STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 1)(Grade 2) (GBB RACE)

ELECTRIC MASON (IRE) collided with the running rail coming out onto the course, having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon at the start, the gelding was deemed fit to race.

An enquiry was held to consider interference rounding the first bend, involving TRIPOLI FLYER (IRE), placed second, ridden by Paddy Brennan and STEP OUT (IRE), unplaced, ridden by J. J. Slevin. The interference was found to be accidental as TRIPOLI FLYER (IRE), when running keen and under pressure from horses on its outside, edged left-handed to avoid heels, causing STEP OUT (IRE) to be short of room and stumble.

An enquiry was held to consider interference rounding the final bend involving ELECTRIC MASON (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Rex Dingle; CASTLE IVERS (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Sean Bowen; I'M A LUMBERJACK, unplaced, ridden by Tom Cannon; and MISTER MEGGIT (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Jonjo



O'Neill Jr. The interference was found to be accidental as rounding the bend, ELECTRIC MASON (IRE), steadied causing CASTLE IVERS (IRE) to become short of room, which in turn caused MISTER MEGGIT (IRE) to run on heels and stumble and Cannon, who was following, having to take a slight check.

Following the race, Sean Bowen reported that CASTLE IVERS (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly and the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report; Tom Bellamy reported that MA SHANTOU (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly and the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race had nothing to report; and the representative of Jonjo O'Neill reported that MISTER MEGGIT (IRE), unplaced, bled from the nose.