

AINTREE STEWARDS' REPORT

Sunday 23 October 2022

Stewards: Greg Pearson (Chief Steward), Peter Heaton (Steward's Panel Chair), Robert McCarthy (Steward), Ali Galliers-Pratt (Assistant Steward), Louise Neale (Raceday Assistant), Nathan Green (Trainee Raceday Assistant).

Going: **MILDMAY Course**
Chase Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 5.2)
Hurdle Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 5.2)

Rail: Hurdle 1 positioned by cross fence, leaving 2 flights in the home straight. All rail in innermost position, distances as advertised.

Fixture Note: Race 6: Following concerns raised by the riders at the start regarding the low sun obscuring their vision at all the fences in the home straight, the Stewards consulted with the Clerk of the Course and ordered that these obstacles should be by-passed for this race.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:30pm	LOUIS' VAC POUCH (IRE), trained by Philip Kirby.	Self Cert (Off Colour)
1:30pm	GRANGECLARE GLORY (IRE), trained by David Pipe.	Self Cert (Lame)
1:30pm	AURORA THUNDER, trained by Lucinda Russell.	Self Cert (Stiff)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
2:05pm	DINGO DOLLAR (IRE)	Ryan Mania	Conor O'Farrell	(Ryan Mania injured).

Race 1 - 1:30pm.

THE JEWSON CLICK AND COLLECT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)
(Challenger Stayers' Hurdle Series Qualifier)

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

After jumping the first hurdle the winner HONOR GREY (IRE), had to be steadied when crowded for room between a free running TIGER JET (IRE), placed fourth, which shifted right-handed and RIGGS (IRE), placed sixth, which edged slightly left-handed, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found

that no riding offence was involved.

Rounding the first bend, after initially having been crossed by RIGGS (IRE), placed sixth, a hard pulling TIGER JET (IRE), placed fourth, improved back up the inside of that runner, in a tightly packed field which resulted in HIDDEN HEROICS (FR), which was later pulled up, being badly tightened for room and in turn inconveniencing WILLASTON (IRE), placed fifth. As a result the winner, HONOR GREY (IRE), which was following had to be checked by its rider when running out of room between TIGER JET (IRE) which had shifted right after becoming unbalanced in the initial interference and GLIMPSE OF GALA, placed second, which had edged slightly left. ASK A HONEY BEE (IRE), placed third, was also carried very wide as a result of this interference, 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 TIGER JET (IRE).

At the second hurdle, THIRTYFOURSTITCHES (IRE), which was later pulled up, made a bad mistake causing the rider to lose his left iron for some distance and hampered ISTHEBAROPEN, which was later pulled up, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

At the third hurdle, THIRTYFOURSTITCHES (IRE), jumped sharply right-handed again hampering ISTHEBAROPEN, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

At the end of the back straight HURRICANE HARVEY, which was later pulled up, edged slightly left-handed making contact with RIGGS (IRE), placed sixth, causing that runner to bump TIGER JET (IRE), placed fourth, on the hind quarters resulting in them both becoming unbalanced, before RIGGS (IRE) then in turn shifted right-handed giving a significant bump to HURRICANE HARVEY, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Jack Hogan reported that he had pulled HURRICANE HARVEY up, due to his saddle slipping.

Race 2 - 2:05pm.

THE JEWSON WIDNES VIEUX LION ROUGE VETERANS' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (Leg 8 of The Veterans' Steeple Chase Series)

Permission was given for INDY FIVE (IRE) to be mounted in the chute.

Rounding the bend leaving the back straight, a weakening WINDSOR AVENUE (IRE), which was later pulled up, shifted right-handed after being briefly tightened for room to the inside of CLOTH CAP (IRE), placed fifth, causing LE PATRIOTE (FR), unplaced, to be checked and stumble before making heavy contact with the hind quarters of INDY FIVE (IRE), unplaced, which became unbalanced as result, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

At the sixth last fence, the winner, DINGO DOLLAR (IRE), was hampered by the faller, IF THE CAP FITS (IRE).

Race 3 - 2:40pm.**THE JEWSON ST HELENS OLD ROAN LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for RIDERS ON THE STORM (IRE) to wear a hood in the preliminaries.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching the last fence, when the winner, RIDERS ON THE STORM (IRE), ridden by Brian Hughes interfered with BEAKSTOWN (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Harry Skelton. Hughes was cautioned for careless riding as he had angled his mount left-handed without being fully clear of BEAKSTOWN (IRE), carrying Skelton off his intended line.

Race 4 - 3:15pm.**THE JEWSON SOUTHPORT, BISPHAM HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 5 - 3:52pm.**THE JEWSON BIRKENHEAD, PRICE STREET MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Approaching the second last hurdle, YOUNG BUSTER (IRE), unplaced, edged left-handed, moving GINNY'S DESTINY, placed fourth, which was being presented to take a gap up its inside, onto the weakening LIFETIME LEGEND (IRE), unplaced, which received a bump, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Race 6 - 4:30pm.**THE JEWSON WIGAN, VICTORIA STREET NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

CHAMPAGNE SUPEROVER (IRE) had to be reshod after spreading a plate on the way to post, causing a delay to the start of this race.

At the by-passed last fence, the winner, KINONDO KWETU, had to be steadied after becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of YOUR OWN STORY (IRE), placed second, which had taken the tight inside line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Olly Murphy reported that CHAMPAGNE SUPEROVER (IRE), placed fourth, lost both its front shoes.

Race 7 - 5:05pm.**THE SINIAT EBF MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 4) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)**

Approaching the final set of wings, TRUDIEMADLYDEEPLY, unplaced, edged slightly left-handed taking CLARAROSE (IRE), placed sixth, off its intended line and caused that filly to bump with REDEEMABLE, unplaced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

