

NEWBURY STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 22 March 2025

Stewards: Steve Drowne (Chief Steward), Georgina Cartwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Fergus Sweeney (Steward), Sophie Candy (Steward), Joseph Chan (Steward), Ben Ford (Assistant Steward), Margaret Groves (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**
(GSt 4.4)
Hurdle Course
(GSt 4.3)

Rail: Hurdle: Centre (minimum 2 panels of fresher ground). Chase: Outside (fresher ground). Pull up bend: Common Bend (fresher ground). 7f & 5f bend: Split bends in place (fresher ground).

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:05pm	CALIMYSTIC (IRE), trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (Going changed since declaration)
2:05pm	SERIOUS CHALLENGE (IRE), trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Going (Going changed since declaration)
2:40pm	NUMITOR, trained by Heather Main.	Going (Going changed since declaration)
2:40pm	REAL STONE, trained by Dan Skelton.	Self Cert (Going)
3:15pm	CRAZIERTHANDAISY, trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (Going changed since declaration)
3:50pm	I PLAY COUNTY (IRE), trained by Toby Lawes.	Going (Going changed since declaration)
3:50pm	JASMIN BELLEVUE (FR), trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (Going changed since declaration)
3:50pm	RENE'S WALK, trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (Going changed since declaration)
3:50pm	DON'T MIND IF I DO (IRE), trained by Alan King.	Going (Going changed since declaration)
3:50pm	COCONUT GROVE (FR), trained by Harry Fry.	Going (Going changed since declaration)
4:25pm	BLUE DU NEUF (FR), trained by S. R. B. Crawford.	Vets Cert (Lame)
4:25pm	HALF HOPING (FR), trained by Nick Gifford.	Going (Going changed since declaration)
5:35pm	SMARTY WILD, trained by Philip Hobbs & Johnson White.	Going (Going changed since declaration)

Race 1 - 2:05pm.**THE GET BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT BetVictor NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 2 - 2:40pm.**THE BetVictor HOME OF THE SATURDAY SUPERBOOST HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for SAINT SEGAL (FR) to go to post early.

The winner, BHALOO (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Kempton Park on 22 February 2025, where the gelding was pulled up on going officially described as Good to Soft. Nicky Henderson's explanation that the gelding appreciated the better ground at Newbury, which was officially described as Good, Good to Soft in places on this occasion, was noted. BHALOO (IRE) was routine tested.

Race 3 - 3:15pm.**THE BETVICTOR BRITISH EBF "NATIONAL HUNT" MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (A LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE)(CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (SERIES FINAL) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for ROCKSTOWN GIRL (IRE) and PISMO BEACH (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference exiting the first bend, leaving the back straight, involving ROCKSTOWN GIRL (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Oakley Brown, OF COURSE YOU CAN, unplaced, ridden by Richie McLernon and SUNSET MARQUESA (IRE), which later fell, ridden by Brendan Powell. Brown was suspended for 3 days, for careless riding as he had allowed his horse to shift left-handed for a number of strides, which took OF COURSE YOU CAN off its intended line, resulting in Powell having to take a significant check.

Following the race, Luke Scott reported that SCARLET O'TARA, unplaced, was slowly into stride and Adam Wedge reported that EITHER WAY (IRE), unplaced, hung badly right-handed on the final turn.

Race 4 - 3:50pm.**THE JOHN HAINE MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Richie McLernon reported that LASTING LOVE, unplaced, ran too free.

Race 5 - 4:25pm.**THE GOFFS HUNDRED GRAND BUMPER (AN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE) (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

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

AT THE OCHE (IRE), arrived at the start with a small amount of blood in its mouth. Having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon, the gelding was deemed fit to race.

An enquiry was held to consider interference just inside the final furlong, involving TALK TO THE MAN (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Harry Cobden and KLUB DE REVE (FR), placed third, ridden by Paul O'Brien. Cobden was cautioned for careless riding as he had allowed his horse to drift right-handed without timely correction, resulting in O'Brien being taken off its intended line.

Race 6 - 5:00pm.

THE BUSINESS COLLEAGUES & FRIENDS HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for TEDDY BLUE (GER) to be mounted on the course.

Following the race, David Noonan reported that JAVERT ALLEN (FR), placed fifth, made a mistake at the fifth-last fence.

Race 7 - 5:35pm.

THE BetVictor A RUN FOR YOUR MONEY HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Oakley Brown	Race - 3:15pm	ROCKSTOWN GIRL (IRE)	3	8 Apr 2025 7 Apr 2025 6 Apr 2025