

CHELMSFORD CITY STEWARDS' REPORT**Thursday 22 June 2023**

Stewards: Anthony McGlone (Chief Steward), Ian Comer (Stewards' Panel Chair), Christopher Bennett (Trainee Stewards' Panel Chair), Gordan Markham (Steward), Ben Ford (Assistant Steward), Polly Greco (Raceday Assistant).

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 6f centre, remainder inside.

Race 1 - 1:30pm.**THE EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Bands B, C and D) (EBF Restricted Race Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

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

The Starter reported that Robert Tart, the rider of SUMMER BAY had originally entered the wrong stall. The rider and Starter were interviewed and shown recordings of the incident. Tart's explanation, corroborated by the Starter, was that he inquired which stall he was drawn and that he was mistakenly informed that it was stall 2 and not his correct stall, 4. Having entered that wrong stall, the situation was quickly rectified. His explanation was noted.

Following the race, Thore Hammer Hansen reported that ASPIRE TO GLORY (IRE), unplaced, ran too free.

Race 2 - 2:05pm.**THE KAREN MILLEN HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for LIBERTUS to wear a red hood to post.

Tommie Jakes, the rider of LIBERTUS, had fallen on leaving the stalls. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no other horse or rider was involved, and that the incident was accidental and caused by his mount stumbling badly after jumping out of the stalls.

Following the race, Joey Haynes reported that MUNIFICENT, placed fifth, ran too free and Taylor Fisher reported that TOMSHALFBROTHER, unplaced, never travelled. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 3 - 2:40pm.**THE CCR LADIES DAY 2023 RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Bands C and D) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for ARLECCHINO'S STAR to go to post early.

An enquiry was held to consider interference just inside the final furlong, involving the winner, PARADISE ROW (IRE), ridden by Callum Shepherd and POURQUOI, unplaced, ridden by Joey Haynes. Shepherd was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he had allowed his horse to drift left-handed, without sufficient correction which caused Haynes to become short of room and take a check.

Race 4 - 3:15pm.

THE RACEDAY AFTERNOON TEA SUNDAY 9TH JULY FILLIES' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Following the race, Adam Farragher reported that DELAGATE THE LADY, unplaced, hung right-handed.

Race 5 - 3:50pm.

THE LADY MCADDEN BREAST CANCER TRUST HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3)

Permission was given for ARTHUR'S REALM (IRE) to be mounted on the course and wear a red hood to post and for WYVERN to be mounted on the course.

The performance of ZAINALARAB, which finished last of eight runners, beaten 10 ½ lengths, was considered. It was noted that Roger Varian's representative could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance.

Race 6 - 4:30pm.

THE MINISTRY OF SOUND 2ND SEPTEMBER HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

The winner, MUKHA MAGIC, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Nottingham on 7 June 2023, where the gelding finished seventh of eight runners, beaten 24 lengths. It was noted that Gay Kelleway's representative could offer no explanation for the gelding's improved form. MUKHA MAGIC was routine tested.

Race 7 - 5:05pm.

THE LADIES DAY 2024 ON SALE AUGUST HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for MAY NIGHT to be mounted on the course and for NIKOVO to be mounted on the course and wear a red hood to post.

Turning into the home straight, SWEET FANTASY, unplaced, shifted slightly left-handed, which moved IDEE FIXEE, placed fifth and GOLDEN MAYFLOWER, unplaced, slightly off their intended line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that FIRST DYNASTY, unplaced, had bled from the nose.

Suspensions

| Person | Race | Horse | Days | Suspended Days |
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| Callum Shepherd | Race - 2:40pm | PARADISE ROW (IRE) | 2 | 7 Jul 2023 25 Jun 2023 |