

NEWTON ABBOT STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 20 April 2019

Stewards: Chris Rutter (Chief Steward), Roger Bellamy (Stewards' Panel Chair), Richard Westropp (Steward), Sarah Reeves (Assistant Steward), Guy Upton (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD

Rail: All Steeple Chase bends are at innermost positions, distances not effected. Hurdle bend after W/Post is 17 yards out, bend into back straight 13 yards out and bend into home straight is 15 yards out. Effects distances as follows: Race 1 & 7 adds approx 126 yards Race 2 adds approx 211 yards Race 4 adds approx 145 yards

Fixture Note: After Race 1 the going was changed to Good, Good to Firm in places (from Good)

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:45pm	POLISHED ROCK (IRE), trained by Johnny Farrelly.	N/A
3:20pm	RUSSIAN'S LEGACY, trained by Gail Haywood.	Going (changed since declaration)
3:20pm	STEADY AWAY (IRE), trained by Nicky Martin.	Going (changed since declaration)
3:20pm	CHAMPAGNE MIST (IRE), trained by Alastair Ralph.	Self Cert (Lame)
3:20pm	ELTON DES MOTTES (FR), trained by Dan Skelton.	N/A
3:55pm	YORKIST (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (changed since declaration)
3:55pm	DUHALLOW LAD (IRE), trained by Alan Jones.	Going (changed since declaration)
4:25pm	LIZZIE LANGTON, trained by Colin Tizzard.	Going (changed since declaration)
5:00pm	KARL MARX (IRE), trained by Mark Gillard.	Self Cert (Other) (declared in error)
5:00pm	HOT SMOKED, trained by Robert Walford.	Going (changed since declaration)
5:00pm	SEHAYLI (IRE), trained by Johnny Farrelly.	N/A
5:00pm	STAND BY ME (FR), trained by Alan Jones.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:00pm	SEHAYLI (IRE), trained by Johnny Farrelly.	Going Withdrawn by the trainer at 16.38 (Going - changed since declaration)

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:20pm	ELTON DES MOTTES (FR), trained by Dan Skelton.	Going Withdrawn by trainer at 14.54 (Going - changed since declaration)
2:45pm	POLISHED ROCK (IRE), trained by Johnny Farrelly.	Going Withdrawn by the trainer at 14.07 (Going - changed since declaration)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
4:25pm	ROYBUOY (GB)	Daniel Hiskett	Charlie Todd	Daniel Hiskett injured

Race 1 - 1:35pm.

THE EMILY EGGLESTONE'S 21ST BIRTHDAY NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Novices' Championship Hurdle Series Qualifier)

The performance of MONSIEUR D'ARQUE (IRE), which started favourite and finished fourth, beaten 26 lengths, was considered. Dan Skelton could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of MONSIEUR D'ARQUE (IRE), during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 2 - 2:10pm.

THE RACING PARTNERSHIP HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Following the race Seamus Mullins' representative reported that FENLONS COURT (IRE), placed fifth, did not stay the 3 miles 2 furlongs.

Race 3 - 2:45pm.

THE IN MEMORY OF JOHN DINGLEY RACING ENTHUSIAST HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)

An enquiry was held to consider the placings following an objection from Mr Kieren Buckley, the rider of CALIN DU BRIZAIS (FR), placed second, to the winner, PRIMAL FOCUS (IRE), ridden by Nick Scholfield on the grounds of interference on the run to the line. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved PRIMAL FOCUS (IRE)'s placing as the winner was going away from the second at the line and the winning distance was a length and three-quarters. Scholfield was suspended for 3 days for careless riding as he had allowed his horse to drift left-handed, away from the whip, without sufficient correction.

Following the race the Veterinary Officer reported that BRAMBLE BROOK, placed third, had been struck into left hind.

Race 4 - 3:20pm.

THE ACTUATE MARKETING 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Nothing to report

Race 5 - 3:55pm.

THE newtonabbotracings.com HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)

Nothing to report

Race 6 - 4:25pm.

THE SAVE THE CHILDREN CELEBRATING 100 YEARS NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Turning out of the back straight on the final circuit THE MAJOR, which later fell, shifted off the heels of OLD HARRY ROCKS (IRE), placed second, causing THE BOOLA BEE (IRE), placed fourth, to have to be checked, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race Nick Scholfield reported that BIG CHIP AND PIN, which was pulled up, jumped poorly throughout and the Veterinary Officer reported that OLD HARRY ROCKS (IRE), placed second, lost its left hind shoe.

Race 7 - 5:00pm.

THE SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Mr Charlie Todd, the rider of GINJO, placed third, had appeared to stop riding shortly before the winning post. After being interviewed and shown recordings of the incident, Mr Todd's explanation that he had ridden hands and heels all the way to the line and had not stopped riding at any time, was noted.

Following the race Harry Skelton reported that GRANDE WALTZ (GER), which was pulled up, was never travelling. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of GRANDE WALTZ (GER) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Nick Scholfield	Race - 2:45pm	PRIMAL FOCUS (IRE)	3	4 May 2019 6 May 2019 23 Apr 2019