

## **EXETER STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Tuesday 18 March 2025**

Stewards: Fergus Sweeney (Chief Steward), George Welch (Stewards' Panel Chair), Tomas O'Brien (Steward), Margaret Groves (Assistant Steward), Milly Bersey (Raceday Assistant), Mark Elgar (Trainee Stewards' Panel Chair)

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM (IN PLACES)

Rail: Exeter Bend (away), Chase course out by 8 yards, Hurdle course out by 3 yards  
Plymouth Bend (home), Chase course out by 4 yards, Hurdle course out by 4 yards.

### **Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:52pm	INVESTMENT MANAGER, trained by Joe Tizzard.	Self Cert (Rash)
4:27pm	KEPAGGE (IRE), trained by David Pipe.	Self Cert (Cast in Box)
4:27pm	SAINT CYR DE PAIL (FR), trained by Mrs Jane Williams.	Going (Not changed since declaration but horse on course and ID checked by VO)
4:27pm	BREDON HILL (IRE), trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
5:02pm	FILANDERER, trained by Hughie Morrison.	Going (Not changed since declaration but horse on course and ID checked by VO)
5:35pm	KING ORRY (IRE), trained by J. Shaw.	Self Cert (Lame)

### **Withdrawals**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:17pm	STONER'S CHOICE, trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Going (Not changed since declaration but horse on course and ID checked by VO)

### **Race 1 - 2:15pm.**

**THE IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

**Race 2 - 2:45pm.**

**THE VISIT IRISH BLOODSTOCK SALES WITH ITM MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

**Race 3 - 3:17pm.**

**THE UNIBET MIDDLE DISTANCE SERIES VETERANS' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (Qualifier)**

Nothing to report

**Race 4 - 3:52pm.**

**THE THINK IRELAND - THINK THOROUGHBRED HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)**

Nothing to report

**Race 5 - 4:27pm.**

**THE BUY AT IRISH BLOODSTOCK SALES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)**

When turning for home, THE LONG POINT (IRE), placed fifth, drifted slightly right-handed at the same time as IRIS DES ISSARDS (FR), placed fourth, was angled slightly left-handed, causing TEORIE (IRE), placed second, to become short for room, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of THE LONG POINT (IRE), which started favourite and finished fifth, was considered. The representative of Emma Lavelle could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance.

**Race 6 - 5:02pm.**

**THE EXPERIENCE IRISH RACING WITH ITM HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for TACTICAL AFFAIR (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

After an initial false start, the start was effected successfully on the second attempt. However, having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

The apparent improvement in form of the winner, TIME TO BITE (IRE), compared with its previous run at Exeter on 9 February 2025, where the gelding finished seventh of nine runners, beaten by 44½ lengths, was considered. It was noted that Chris Honour could offer no explanation for the gelding's improved form other than a comment that the gelding seems to find it's form in the spring.

**Race 7 - 5:35pm**



THE TOTNES AND BRIDGETOWN RACES LTD NOVICES' HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Nothing to report