

PERTH STEWARDS' REPORT**Wednesday 15 May 2024**

Stewards: Louise Moore (Chief Steward), James Vestey (Stewards Panel Chair), Adie Smith (Steward), Lyndsay Allan (Assistant Steward), Lauren Thomson (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD TO SOFT

Rail: Bends have been moved, distances updated.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
6:22pm	THANK YOU BLUE, trained by Jennie Candlish.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
8:22pm	FAME VALLEY (IRE), trained by Ian Duncan.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
6:52pm	BOLLIN MATILDA, trained by Donald Whillans.	Going (Withdrawn by Trainer 6.11pm - Changed Since Declaration)

Race 1 - 5:50pm.**THE MURRAYSHALL COUNTRY ESTATE MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Patrick Wadge reported that BISHOP HILL (IRE), placed third, ran too free.

Race 2 - 6:22pm.**THE JOE STRATTON 60TH BIRTHDAY BASH NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 3 - 6:52pm.**THE MURRAYSHALL GOLF HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for ARTIC MANN to be mounted in the chute and go to post early.

At the final hurdle, the winner ARTIC MANN, lugged quickly right-handed giving a bump to JEM IN EM (IRE), placed third. However, 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 JEM IN EM (IRE).

The Clerk of the Scales reported that Conor O'Farrell, the rider of MAURA JEANNE, trained by Ian Duncan, had weighed in at 10st 5lbs having weighed out at 10st 3lbs. The rider, the trainer's representative and the Clerk of the Scales were interviewed. O'Farrell was suspended for 3 days for weighing in more than 2lb overweight.

Race 4 - 7:22pm.

THE MURRAYSHALL CAIRNS HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Nothing to report

Race 5 - 7:52pm.

THE 125 YEARS OF BRUCE FARMS "GRASSROOTS" HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5) (CORINTHIAN SPIRIT QUALIFIER)

Nothing to report

Race 6 - 8:22pm.

THE MURRAYSHALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

An enquiry was held to consider the fall of BE THE DIFFERENCE (IRE), ridden by Joe Williamson, rounding the bend turning into the home straight. They interviewed Williamson, Aaron Anderson, rider of VICTORY MARCH (IRE), unplaced, Dylan Johnston, rider of JOANNA I'M FINE (IRE), unplaced, and Conor Rabbitt, rider of THE BEST WAY (FR), which was pulled up following the incident. The interference was found to be accidental as JOANNA I'M FINE (IRE) had lugged slightly right-handed, moving THE BEST WAY (FR) slightly inwards, at the same time as VICTORY MARCH (IRE) had moved into a legitimate gap on its inside and held its line, which then caused BE THE DIFFERENCE (IRE) to be caught on heels of the retreating THE BEST WAY (FR) and clip heels and fall.

Following the race, Conor Rabbitt reported that he pulled up THE BEST WAY (FR) after the gelding suffered interference turning into the home straight. Peter Kavanagh reported that I DOUBT THAT (IRE), unplaced, ran too free.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Conor O'Farrell	Race - 6:52pm	MAURA JEANNE (GB)	3	25 May 2024 30 May 2024 29 May 2024

