

PLUMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT

Monday 11 March 2024

Stewards: Cody Watkins (Chief Steward), Nigel Stafford (Stewards' Panel Chair), Steve Drowne (Steward), Lauren Thomson (Assistant Steward), Kate Smith (Raceday Assistant).

Going: **Chase Course**

Chase Race: Soft (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 6.1)

Hurdle Course

Hurdle Race: Soft (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 5.7)

Rail: Split bends in use for this meeting. Chase bends 2yds from innermost line. Hurdle- Top bend: 13yds from innermost line. Bottom bend: 15yds from innermost line.

Fixture Note: For all Hurdle races, the hurdle approaching the stable yard was omitted due to unsuitable ground.

For all Chase races, the first fence in the back straight was omitted due to standing water.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:30pm	NATHAN WALKER, trained by Keiran Burke.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:00pm	UNCLE ARTHUR, trained by James Owen.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:00pm	GARITSA BAY (IRE), trained by Ian Williams.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:00pm	SANITISER, trained by Gary Moore.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:30pm	SMALL BAD BOB (IRE), trained by Chris Gordon.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:30pm	ON MY COMMAND (IRE), trained by Martin Keighley.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Race 1 - 2:00pm.

THE BETTING.BET 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Sean Bowen reported that RECORD HIGH (IRE), unplaced, ran too free.

Race 2 - 2:30pm.

THE BETTING.BET CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL FREE BETS NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

The winner, BADDESLEY (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Newbury on the 23 January when the gelding finished ninth of thirteen runners beaten 45 lengths. It was noted that Chris Gordon could offer no explanation for BADDESLEY (IRE)'s improved form, the gelding was routine tested.

Race 3 - 3:00pm.

THE BETTING.BET HORSE RACING TIPS AGGREGATOR NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 3:30pm.

THE nagsbet.com £10 FREE BET HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

Nothing to report

Race 5 - 4:00pm.

THE cheltenhamfestival.com HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

An enquiry was held to consider interference rounding the final bend involving the winner, BORN AT MIDNIGHT, ridden by Harry Kimber and HEAD ON (IRE), placed fifth, ridden by Charlie Todd. Bradley Harris, rider of HILLTOWN (IRE), placed second, was interviewed but found not to be involved. The interference was found to be accidental in that as Kimber improved his position around DELGANY MONARCH (IRE), placed third, his mount stepped marginally right-handed causing HEAD ON (IRE) to be tightened for room and clip the heels of BORN AT MIDNIGHT.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that HILLTOWN (IRE), placed second, had lost its right-fore shoe. Andy Irvine reported that FLEMEN'S TIPPLE (IRE), unplaced, was unsuited by the Soft, Good to Soft in places going on this occasion, which in his opinion was riding tacky.

Race 6 - 4:30pm.

THE JOHN ELLIS MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

The Clerk of the Scales reported that Marc Goldstein, the rider of RAY'S THE ONE, placed fourth, trained by Mark Pattinson, had weighed in at 10 stone 6lbs having weighed out at 10 stone 4lbs. The rider, the trainer and the Clerk of the Scales were interviewed. Goldstein was suspended for 3 days for weighing in at 2lb overweight.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
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Marc Goldstein	Race - 4:30pm	RAY'S THE ONE (GB)	3	25 Mar 2024 27 Mar 2024 26 Mar 2024
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