

PLUMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT

Sunday 09 April 2023

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Henry Pelly (Stewards' Panel Chair), Cody Watkins (Steward), Gwen Thomas (Assistant Steward), Josie Brown (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**
Chase Race: Good (GSt 7.4)
Hurdle Course
Hurdle Race: Good (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 7.2)

Rail: Common bends in use for this meeting. Top bend- Chase: 7yds from innermost line.
Hurdle: -3yds from innermost line. Bottom bend- Chase: 6yds from innermost line.
Hurdle -4yds from innermost line.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:55pm	SAN PEDRO DE SENAM (FR), trained by Gary Moore.	Going (Changed since declaration)
1:55pm	ROYAL MER (FR), trained by David Pipe.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:30pm	MORDRED (IRE), trained by Milton Harris.	Self Cert (Cut Leg)
3:05pm	CHANKAYA, trained by Mitchell Hunt.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:15pm	HYSTERY BERE (FR), trained by Tom Symonds.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
4:15pm	BLUEKING D'OROUX (FR), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Vets Cert (Lame)
4:50pm	GODOT (IRE), trained by Andy Irvine.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:50pm	TIGHTENOURBELTS (IRE), trained by Emma Lavelle.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:50pm	EL MUCHACHO (IRE), trained by Milton Harris.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
5:25pm	BIG 'N BETTER, trained by Michael Madgwick.	Vets Cert (Other)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
1:55pm	MISS GET THE VEUVE (GB)	Ben Bromley	Niall Houlihan	Houlihan's intended mount a NR

Race 1 - 1:55pm.**THE STRONG FLAVOURS CATERING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

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

When jumping the second-last hurdle, the winner, ABINGWORTH, jumped sharply left-handed, making contact with PROPER TWELVE (IRE), placed second, causing ABINGWORTH itself to become unbalanced on landing. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that OSCARSMAN (IRE), unplaced, had lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 2 - 2:30pm.**THE SOUTH DOWNS CIDER NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for AGENT SAONOIS (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

Having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

An enquiry was held to consider the unruly behaviour of CHECKITSME which had refused to jump the fourth fence, causing ALBERT VAN ORNUM (FR) to be brought down. Cynthia Woods was interviewed and shown recordings of the incident. As the mare had also been unruly at Warwick on 30 March 2023, Woods was informed that any future similar behaviour from CHECKITSME may result in the horse being reported to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority.

Race 3 - 3:05pm.**THE TIE THE KNOT WEDDING CATERING MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 3:40pm.**THE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF RACECOURSE OWNERSHIP HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)**

Nothing to report

Race 5 - 4:15pm.**THE BETGOODWIN SUSSEX CHAMPION HURDLE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for LUTTRELL LAD (IRE) to wear a red hood to post and for GLIMPSE OF GOLD to go early to post and to be mounted on the chute.

Following the race, Tom Cannon reported that DR T J ECKLEBURG (IRE), unplaced, was never travelling and Tom Bellamy reported that GLORIOUS ZOFF (IRE), which was pulled up, stopped quickly.

Race 6 - 4:50pm.

THE WILLIAM HILL EPIC VALUE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)

Entering the home straight on the final circuit, the winner, BASHER'S REFLECTION, lugged quickly right-handed, taking BADDESLEY (IRE), placed third, off its intended line, which in turn, resulted in CHERRY COLA, placed second, and LAST OF LEGEND, placed fifth, being taken off their intended racing lines. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held to consider interference on the run to the final hurdle when CHERRY COLA, placed second, ridden by Caoilin Quinn interfered with LAST OF A LEGEND, placed fifth, ridden by Ben Bromley. Quinn was cautioned for careless riding as he was slow to correct his mount from drifting right-handed, resulting in LAST OF A LEGEND being taken off its intended line.

The Veterinary Officer reported that LOVE IS GOLDEN (IRE), unplaced, finished lame on its left-fore.

Race 7 - 5:25pm.

THE WILLIAM HILL PICK YOUR PLACES HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Jumping the first fence on the second circuit, THE CATHAL DON (IRE), placed fourth, made a bad mistake on landing, veering sharply right-handed, heavily bumping CONCEAL (IRE), and causing the rider of CONCEAL (IRE) to become unbalanced and to be unseated. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

When jumping the first fence in the back straight on the second circuit, the riderless CONCEAL (IRE) shifted left-handed into the path of DINDIN (FR), placed second, severely hampering its take off stride and causing the gelding to lose momentum; which in turn, resulted in KILFORDS QUEEN (IRE), placed fifth, to jump slowly and become unbalanced on landing, losing all momentum. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The winner, RAMORE WILL (IRE), appeared to show improvement in form compared with its previous run at Plumpton on 13 March 2023 where the gelding finished fourth of eight runners, beaten 122½ lengths. Chris Gordon's explanation that the horse was better suited to the shorter distance on quicker ground today was noted.