

WINDSOR STEWARDS' REPORT**Friday 17 January 2025**

Stewards: Steve Drowne (Chief Steward), William Barlow (Stewards' Panel Chair), Fergus Sweeney (Steward), Philippa Hardy (Assistant Steward), Chris Hill (Raceday Assistant)

Going: SOFT, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: Both the Winning post bend and the Marina bend are 4 yards off the inside line to provide fresh ground.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:15pm	JOHNNYWHO (IRE), trained by Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill.	Other (Prefer to Run at Windsor on Sunday 19 January 2025) - £500 fixed penalty imposed as JOHNNYWHO (IRE) was made a non- runner after 9am on the day of racing without an acceptable reason.

Race 1 - 12:40pm.**THE FITZDARES BERKSHIRE WINTER MILLION NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

An enquiry was held to consider interference on the run to the line, involving HONKY TONK HIGHWAY (IRE), placed second, ridden by Harry Skelton and the winner, DERRYHASSEN PADDY (IRE), ridden by Craig Nichol. The interference was found to be accidental as Skelton had dropped his left rein, as HONKY TONK HIGHWAY (IRE) hung right-handed making contact with DERRYHASSEN PADDY (IRE) causing both horses to become unbalanced.

Following the race, Harry Skelton reported that HONKY TONK HIGHWAY (IRE), placed second, hung right-handed. The Veterinary Officer reported that CLONDAW GENERAL (IRE), placed fourth, lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 2 - 1:15pm.**THE FITZDARES NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for both GERICAULT ROQUE (FR) and HERAKLES WESTWOOD (FR) to wear red hoods to post.

Following the race, Sam Twiston-Davies reported that KYNTARA, placed fourth, was badly hampered by a fall at the third last fence.

Race 3 - 1:50pm.**THE FITZDARES LIGHTNING NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of YOU WEAR IT WELL, which started second favourite and finished fourth of four runners, beaten by 26 ¼ lengths was considered. The representative of Jamie Snowden's explanation that the mare appeared to not appreciate jumping fences on this occasion was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined YOU WEAR IT WELL post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 4 - 2:25pm.**THE LETS BET PERSONAL WITH FITZDARES MARES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of PARTY VIBES (IRE), which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Henry Daly's explanation that the mare stopped quickly was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined PARTY VIBES (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 5 - 3:00pm.**THE WEATHERBYS CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL BETTING GUIDE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for SALVER (FR) to go early to post wearing a red hood.

Race 6 - 3:35pm.**THE FITZDARES SOVEREIGN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for GO DANTE to wear a red hood to post.

Race 7 - 4:08pm.**THE BERKSHIRE WINTER MILLION SUPPORTS INJURED JOCKEYS FUND HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

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.

An enquiry was held to consider interference, turning into the straight on the last circuit, involving HITITI (FR), unplaced, ridden by Harry Kimber, the winner, HASTHING (FR), ridden by Jonjo O'Neill Jr., and HOLD UP LA COLMINE (FR), placed third, ridden by Micheal Nolan. After interviewing the riders and viewing recordings of the incident, the Stewards found that interference did take place but were unable to apportion blame.

Approximately ½ a furlong out, HOLD UP LA COLMINE (FR), placed third, was carried right-handed by the loose horse, STORMY FLIGHT (IRE), which had unseated its rider, taking TYRE KICKER (FR), placed second, off its intended line and its rider having to switch, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.



Following the race, Micheal Nolan reported that HOLD UP LA COLMINE (FR), placed third, hung right-handed.