

PONTEFRACT STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 20 September 2018

Stewards: Graham Rowles Nicholson (Chairman), Rosie Pearson, Louise Moore (Stipendiary), Anna-Louise Powell (Stipendiary), Helen Kinsella (Stewards' Secretary)

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM (IN PLACES)

Rail: The dolling on the strip of ground on the outside of the home straight is still in place

Stalls: Inside all races

Fixture Note: After race 2, the going changed to Soft (from Good, Good to Firm in Places)
Following reports from riders in race 2 that they slipped, sand was applied to the bend.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:40pm	BILLY ROBERTS (IRE), trained by Richard Guest.	Other (Gone back to the owners for recouperation)
2:40pm	RUNNING CLOUD (IRE), trained by Eve Johnson Houghton.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
2:40pm	CHRISTOPHER WOOD (IRE), trained by Michael Bell.	Self Cert (Heat in Leg)
2:40pm	LAQAB (IRE), trained by Ivan Furtado.	N/A
3:15pm	VICTORY CHIME (IRE), trained by Ralph Beckett.	Vets Cert (Colic)
3:45pm	TRICKSY SPIRIT, trained by Mick Channon.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
3:45pm	GORGEOUS NOORA (IRE), trained by Luca Cumani.	N/A
4:20pm	CRAY (IRE), trained by James Bethell.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
5:25pm	SEAMSTER, trained by David Loughnane.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
5:25pm	CASTLEREA TESS, trained by Sarah Hollinshead.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:45pm	GORGEOUS NOORA (IRE), trained by Luca Cumani.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:40pm	LAQAB (IRE), trained by Ivan Furtado.	Self Cert (Other) (Ownership Dispute)

Race 1 - 2:10pm.

THE NAPOLEONS CASINO BRADFORD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5)

The winner, RED SAREE (IRE), appeared to show improved form, compared with its previous run at Great Yarmouth on 26 August 2018 where the filly finished tenth of thirteen, beaten by 8 ¾ lengths. The explanation from Michael Wigham's representative that the filly appreciated the drop back to 5 furlongs from 6 furlongs and was suited by being able to race prominently was noted. RED SAREE (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Cam Hardie reported that CHAMPAGNE ON ROCKS (IRE), unplaced, was slowly away and Connor Murtagh reported that FAIRY STORIES, unplaced, jumped right leaving the stalls.

Race 2 - 2:40pm.

THE MATTY BOWN HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for FASHAAK (IRE) to go early to post.

Following the race, Royston Ffrench reported that BILLY WEDGE, unplaced, ran too freely.

Race 3 - 3:15pm.

THE ROA/RACING POST OWNERS' JACKPOT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Following the race, the representative of Owen Burrows reported that NAJASHEE (IRE), which started favourite and finished unplaced, had a breathing problem and Callum Shepherd reported that MAGILLEN (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer reported that post-race examination of the gelding, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 4 - 3:45pm.

THE EBF 'BREEDERS' SERIES' FILLIES' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Permission was given for ZIP ALONG (IRE) to go early to post.

The Starter reported that QUEEN PENN was the subject of a third criteria failure. Richard Fahey was informed that the filly could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

Leaving the stalls, there was interference between ZIP ALONG (IRE), unplaced, and the winner, MAID IN INDIA (IRE), but 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 MAID IN INDIA (IRE).

Race 5 - 4:20pm.

THE PONTEFRACST STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Following the race, Rob J. Fitzpatrick reported that BECKY THE THATCHER, placed eighth, was slowly away and John Egan reported that FORBIDDING (USA), placed fifth, hung badly left throughout.

Race 6 - 4:55pm.

THE BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 3)

Nothing to report

Race 7 - 5:25pm.

THE NEVER MISS A RACE ON RACING UK APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

An enquiry was held to consider interference approximately 2 ½ furlongs out, when the winner, ROUND THE ISLAND, ridden by Rob J. Fitzpatrick, interfered with FULL INTENTION, placed fifth, ridden by Rowan Scott, which caused interference to SHORTBACKANDSIDES (IRE), placed eighth, ridden by Robert Dodsworth, which in turn caused interference to DAWN BREAKING, unplaced, ridden by Lewis Edmunds. The interference was found to be accidental as ROUND THE ISLAND edged left despite the rider's attempts to keep the gelding straight, intimidating FULL INTENTION, which then lugged left into an already packing field.

Following the race, Conor McGovern reported that SULTAN BAYBARS, unplaced, fly leapt leaving the stalls and the representative of Martin Smith reported that AFFLUENCE (IRE), unplaced, was unsuited by the Soft going and would prefer a quicker surface.