

**PONTEFRAC T STEWARDS' REPORT****Monday 18 October 2021**

Stewards: Tom Evetts (Chief Steward), Peter Crafts (Stewards' Panel Chair), Gordan Markham (Steward), Helen Kinsella (Assistant Steward), Michael Eyre (Social Distancing Officer / Raceday Assistant)

Going: SOFT, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Stalls: Inside all races

Fixture Note: Following Race 2, the Going was officially changed to SOFT (from SOFT, GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

**Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:45pm	ADJUDICATOR (IRE), trained by Joseph Tuite.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
2:20pm	GRENOBLE, trained by William Haggas.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

**Race 1 - 1:15pm.****THE NORTHERN COMMERCIALS IVECO AND FIAT RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Bands C and D) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Graham Lee reported that THIN LIZZY, unplaced, bronked for the first two furlongs, resulting in the filly becoming significantly detached from the rest of the field. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of THIN LIZZY failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Race 2 - 1:45pm.****THE HARRIET BETHELL'S IJF PONTEFRAC T COURSE WALK NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

The Starter reported that YOUNG WINSTON was the subject of a third criteria failure. Edward Bethell was informed that the gelding could not run until the day after passing a stalls test. As it was the second occasion within the previous 12 months that YOUNG WINSTON had been reported, a further report within the same period would mean the gelding would be prevented from having a stalls test for 6 months.

Approximately 1 ½ furlongs out, BATTYEFORD BOY (IRE), placed fifth, drifted right-handed away from the whip making slight contact with ZIMMERMAN, placed third, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that there was no riding offence involved.

Following the race, Ryan Moore reported that SHABANO (GER), placed fourth, jumped awkwardly.

**Race 3 - 2:20pm.****THE BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF SILVER TANKARD STAKES (CLASS 1) (Listed Race)**

Approximately, 2 ½ furlongs out, FLASH THE DASH (IRE) hung sharply right-handed resulting in Jack Garritty being unseated. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no other horse or rider was involved.

Following the race, Hollie Doyle reported that SWEEPING, unplaced, weakened quickly; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities, other than SWEEPING had lost its right fore shoe.

**Race 4 - 2:55pm.****THE PHIL BULL TROPHY CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS 2)**

WARRANTY (FR) wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

HERE AND NOW arrived at the start with a small amount of blood in its mouth. Having been examined by the Veterinary Surgeon at the start, the gelding appeared to have bitten its tongue and was deemed fit to race.

The performance of HERE AND NOW, which finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of Ralph Beckett reported that the gelding was unsuited by the rain softened going which was officially described as Soft.

**Race 5 - 3:30pm.****THE ALLEN HINCHCLIFFE MEMORIAL HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Following the race, Hollie Doyle reported that ARCTIC EMPEROR, unplaced, was never travelling; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the colt failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Race 6 - 4:05pm.****THE STEVE LUMB QUEST FOR THE CHEAPEST PINT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5) (DIV I)**

The winner, PATSY FAGAN (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Pontefract on 4 October 2021, where the gelding finished eleventh of seventeen, beaten by 16 lengths. It was noted that the representative of Richard Fahey could offer no explanation for PATSY FAGAN (IRE)'s improved form, other than, in their opinion, the race fell apart on today's Soft ground. PATSY FAGAN (IRE) was routine tested.

**Race 7 - 4:40pm.****THE STEVE LUMB QUEST FOR THE CHEAPEST PINT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5) (DIV II)**



Permission was given for DRIFTWOOD to go early to post and for ELLADORA to be mounted in the chute.

The raceday privilege request in relation to DRIFTWOOD, trained by Scott Dixon, was late being submitted. Dixon was warned as to his responsibility to ensure that all raceday privilege requests are submitted by 1pm on the day before racing.

Following the race, Andrew Breslin reported that GOLD ZABEEL (IRE), unplaced, was slowly away.

**Race 8 - 5:15pm.**

**THE RACING TV CLUB DAY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Leaving the stalls, VAN GERWEN, unplaced, jumped left giving a slight bump to SIR TITUS (IRE), unplaced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Approaching 3 furlongs out in a tightly packed field, SIR TITUS (IRE) when running keenly, edged right tightening GLORIOUS RIO (IRE), placed sixth, which bumped ROYDMOOR, unplaced, and turned its hind quarters but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Tom Marquand reported that EHRMANN (IRE), unplaced, was never travelling.