

WETHERBY STEWARDS' REPORT
Wednesday 26 February 2025

Stewards: Alan Dempsey (Chief Steward), Rosie Pearson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Michael Eyre (Steward), Philippa Hardy (Assistant Steward), Sarah Russell (Assistant Steward), Katie Dowson (Raceday Assistant), Charlie Proctor (Trainee Stewards' Panel Chair)

Going: SOFT, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: We will be operating with the usual shared 'A1' bend and split 'away' bends into the back straight. The 'A1' bend is located 10yds out from its official line. The Away Chase & Hurdle bends are positioned on their official lines. Race Distances affected as per the summary.

Race Delay: At the request of the BHA Racing Department, the following races have been delayed:

Race 6 - 4:28 +1 minutes (now 4:29)

Race 7 - 5:00 +2 minutes (now 5:02)

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:15pm	MOVEONBUY, trained by Andrew Crook.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
2:45pm	ULTRA BEAT (IRE), trained by Henry Daly.	Self Cert (Blood Analysis Not Normal)
4:28pm	BRING THE ACTION (IRE), trained by Nigel Hawke.	Going (Not changed since declaration - Horse on course and ID checked by the Veterinary Officer)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:18pm	FLASH IN THE PARK (IRE)	Sean Bowen	Adam Wedge	(Bowen Injured)

Race 1 - 1:45pm.
THE wetherbyracing.co.uk EBF FILLIES' JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that MYSTICAL MARTIKA (IRE), which was pulled up, had bled from the nose.

Race 2 - 2:15pm.**THE RACINGTV 100% PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 3 - 2:45pm.**THE racingtv.com NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Kevin Brogan reported that SUPPORT ACT (IRE), which was pulled up, weakened quickly in the home straight. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race during routine testing and reported that the gelding had lost its left-hind shoe.

Race 4 - 3:18pm.**THE ENTERTAIN IN STYLE AT WETHERBY RACECOURSE HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (Go North Monet's Garden Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of SCENE ONE (IRE), which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Lucy Wadham could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined SCENE ONE (IRE) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 5 - 3:53pm.**THE JOIN RACING TV NOW HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (Qualifier for The Challenger Stayers Hurdle Series Final)**

Permission was given for OFF THE JURY (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

The performance of GRAND GESTE (IRE), which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. Joel Parkinson could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined GRAND GESTE (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, the representative of Adam Nicol reported that BOWLING BUDDY (IRE), which was pulled up, had made a respiratory noise. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 6 - 4:28pm.**THE BET NOW AT racingtv.com HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for SHADY B to be mounted in the chute and wear a red hood to post.

The performance of SHADY B, which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Clive Boulton-Brooks's explanation that the gelding had made a respiratory noise was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined SHADY B post-race and had nothing to report.



Following the race, Philip Armson reported that GIBBERWELL (IRE), which was pulled up, never travelled, the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 7 - 5:00pm.

THE RACING TV FOR THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Go North Lady Buttons Series Qualifier)

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

An enquiry was held to consider the circumstances surrounding an incident on the way to post, involving CHOSEN HERO (IRE), ridden by Miss Brodie Hampson and trained by Archie Watson. The Clerk of the Course, the Managing Executive, a member of the Ground Staff and Miss Hampson were interviewed and shown recordings of the incident. After hearing their evidence, a report was forwarded to the Head Office of the British Horse Racing Authority for further consideration.

The performance of HARD AS NAILS, which started favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of Fergal O'Brien could offer no explanation for the mare's performance.