

SANDOWN PARK STEWARDS' REPORT**Saturday 01 February 2020**

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Lucinda Cavendish (Stewards' Panel Chair), Richard Westropp (Steward), Chris Hill (Assistant Steward), Guy Upton (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**
Chase Race: Soft (Heavy in places) (GSt 4.9)

Hurdle Course
Hurdle Race: Heavy (Soft in places) (GSt 4.4)

Rail: All race distances as advertised.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:35pm	CRIEVEHILL (IRE), trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies.	Going (not changed since declaration but horse on course and ID checked by VO)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:35pm	MISTER MALARKY, trained by Colin Tizzard.	Going - Horse Identified on Course (Withdrawn by the Trainer at 2.53pm due to Going - not changed since declaration but horse on course and ID checked by VO)

Race 1 - 12:40pm.**THE BETWAY NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (Novices' Championship Hurdle Series Qualifier)**

PALLADIUM wore earplugs throughout the race.

Following the race, Fergal O'Brien reported that GOLDEN TAIPAN (IRE), which was pulled up, was unsuited by the ground, which was officially described as Heavy, Soft in places on this occasion, and would prefer a faster surface.

Race 2 - 1:15pm.**THE BETWAY CASINO HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2)**

Having reviewed the start, the Stewards were satisfied that DIAKALI (FR) had refused to race and was deemed to be a runner.

Race 3 - 1:50pm.**THE BETWAY CONTENDERS HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Listed Race)**

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 2:25pm.**THE BETWAY SCILLY ISLES NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1)**

LAURINA (FR) wore earplugs throughout the race.

The performance of LAURINA (FR), which started favourite and was pulled up, was considered. Nico de Boinville reported that the mare was never travelling and the representative of W. P. Mullins added that LAURINA (FR) had jumped the first few fences carefully. Their explanations were noted and the mare was routine tested.

Race 5 - 3:00pm.**THE BETWAY HEROES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3)**

CAPTAIN TOMMY (IRE) wore earplugs which were removed at the start and ECHIQUIER (FR) wore earplugs throughout the race.

Leaving the back straight on the final circuit, the winner, LIMITED RESERVE (IRE), edged slightly left-handed at the same time as GO WHATEVER (IRE), placed third, drifted marginally right-handed, causing COOLE CODY (IRE), which was later pulled up, to be checked and lose its position, 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 LIMITED RESERVE (IRE) or GO WHATEVER (IRE).

Following the race, Kielan Woods reported that ASK BEN (IRE), which started favourite and was pulled up, stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer reported that the gelding finished lame on its left-hind. The Veterinary Officer further reported that DAN MCGRUE (IRE), placed eighth, lost its left-hind shoe.

Race 6 - 3:35pm.**THE BETWAY MASTERS HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2)**

Permission was given for CLOUDY GLEN (IRE) to be mounted in the chute.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that AMI DESBOIS (FR), which was pulled up, lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 7 - 4:10pm.**THE HEED YOUR HUNCH AT BETWAY NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)**



Permission was given for SPECIAL ACCEPTANCE to wear a hood in the Parade Ring only.

Following concerns raised by the riders at the start regarding the low sun obscuring their vision at the second-last hurdle in the home straight, the Stewards consulted with the Clerk of the Course and ordered that this obstacle should be by-passed for this race.