

SANDOWN PARK STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 05 February 2022

Stewards: Anthony McGlone (Chief Steward), Adam Barker (Stewards' Panel Chair), Gordan Markham (Steward), Chris Hill (Assistant Steward), Kelly O'Boyle (Assistant Steward), Cody Watkins (Social Distancing Officer)

Going: **Chase Course**
Chase Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 5.5)
Hurdle Course
Hurdle Race: Good to Soft (GSt 5.4)

Rail: Rail on innermost configuration on both courses with all distances as advertised.

Fixture Note: After Race 2, the Going was changed to GOOD TO SOFT on both the Hurdle and Chase course.

Race 6: The Open ditch in front of the stands will be omitted in this race due to damage sustained in Race 4 with the adjacent plain fence jumped in its place on both circuits.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:55pm	THE BRIMMING WATER (IRE), trained by Samuel Drinkwater.	Travel (horse box broken down on the M4)
4:05pm	SPIKE JONES, trained by Samuel Drinkwater.	Travel (horse box broken down on the M4)
4:05pm	WHISTLEINTHEDARK (IRE), trained by Richard Hawker.	Self Cert (Bad Scope)

Race 1 - 12:40pm.

THE VIRGIN BET NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (Novices' Championship Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 2 - 1:15pm.

THE VIRGIN BET HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

The winner, DOLOS (FR), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Ascot on 18 December 2021 where the gelding finished eighth of nine runners, beaten by 45¾ lengths. Paul Nicholls' explanation that DOLOS (FR) had benefitted from a 49 day break since its last run and appreciated the

return to Sandown Park where the gelding has previous winning form, was noted. DOLOS (FR) was routine tested.

Race 3 - 1:50pm.

THE VIRGIN BET CONTENDERS HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Listed Race) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 2:20pm.

THE VIRGIN BET SCILLY ISLES NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Paul Nicholls reported that PIC D'ORHY (FR), placed third, had a respiratory issue.

Race 5 - 2:55pm.

THE VIRGIN BET HEROES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that FLEMCARA (IRE), which was pulled up, had bled from the nose and REE OKKA, placed seventh, was showing mild signs of post-race heat stress.

Race 6 - 3:30pm.

THE VIRGIN BET MASTERS HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

The performance of KAPCORSE (FR), which was pulled up, was considered. Paul Nicholls could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of KAPCORSE (FR) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, Tom Buckley reported that REAL STEEL (FR), which was pulled up, was never travelling. The representative of Olly Murphy reported that LINELEE KING (FR), which was pulled up, jumped without any fluency and the Veterinary Officer reported that the gelding was struck into on its left-fore.

Race 7 - 4:05pm.

THE VIRGIN BET NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for PEEJAYBEE (FR) to wear a red hood in the parade ring.