

SANDOWN PARK STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 29 April 2023

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Lucinda Cavendish (Stewards' Panel Chair), Fergus Sweeney (Steward), Sophie Candy (Steward), Polly Greco (Assistant Steward), Kate Smith (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**
Chase Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 5.5)
Hurdle Course
Hurdle Race: Soft (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 4.9)

Rail: All distances as advertised.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:05pm	DANCILA (IRE), trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:15pm	ORGANDI (FR), trained by Richard Phillips.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:15pm	MUCHO MAS (IRE), trained by Ben Pauling.	Self Cert (Cut Leg)
2:50pm	BLACK GERRY (IRE), trained by Gary Moore.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
4:00pm	TEXARD (FR), trained by David Pipe.	Self Cert (Stiff)
4:35pm	PRESS YOUR LUCK (IRE), trained by Chris Gordon.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:25pm	MUMBO JUMBO (IRE), trained by Emma Lavelle.	Vet advice Withdrawn by the Veterinary Officer at 15.20.

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
2:15pm	COURT MASTER (IRE)	Beau Morgan	Liam Harrison	(Morgan unable to do the weight)
4:35pm	ICEO (FR)	Harry Cobden	Lorcan Williams	(Cobden stood down by RMO)

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
2:50pm	SOLO (FR)	Harry Cobden	Bryony Frost	(Cobden stood down by RMO)
4:00pm	KNAPPERS HILL (IRE)	Harry Cobden	Bryony Frost	(Cobden stood down by RMO)
3:25pm	CAP DU MATHAN (FR)	Harry Cobden	Lorcan Williams	(Cobden stood down by RMO)

Race 1 - 1:05pm.

THE bet365 NOVICES' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for TAPLEY to go early to post wearing a red hood and for MILLDAM (FR) and ARQOOB (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

On the approach to the last hurdle, IBERICO LORD (FR), placed second, was inconvenienced when awkwardly placed on the heels of a weakening BEAU BALKO (FR), placed fifth, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of KILLALOAN (IRE), which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Paul Nicholls' explanation that the gelding was never travelling was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that KILLALOAN (IRE) had lost its right hind shoe.

Following the race, the representative of Paul Nicholls reported that HOLETOWN HERO (FR), which was pulled up, was unsuited by the going which was officially described as Soft, Good to Soft in places and would prefer a quicker surface. The Veterinary Officer reported that MILLDAM (FR), unplaced, lost its right fore shoe and SERGEANT WILSON (IRE), which was pulled up, was treated for post-race heat stress.

Race 2 - 1:40pm.

THE bet365 CELEBRATION STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 3 - 2:15pm.

THE bet365 GOLD CUP HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that MORODER (IRE), placed second, and BROKEN HALO, unplaced, were treated for post-race heat stress.

Race 4 - 2:50pm.

THE bet365 OAKSEY STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2)(For the Menorah Challenge Trophy) (GBB RACE)

MCFABULOUS (IRE) made contact with the running rail in the chute and unseated Lorcan Williams.

Having been examined by the Veterinary Surgeon and Doctor at the start, both the rider and the gelding were deemed fit to race.

Jumping the last fence, the winner, HEWICK (IRE), jumped right-handed despite the rider's best efforts, giving a brush to FIRST FLOW (IRE), placed second, 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 HEWICK (IRE).

The performance of SOLO (FR), which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Paul Nicholls' could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that MCFABULOUS (IRE), which was pulled up, was found to have an irregular heartbeat and FIRST FLOW (IRE), placed second, lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 5 - 3:25pm.

THE bet365 JOSH GIFFORD NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

The performance of HUDSON DE GRUGY (FR), which started joint favourite and was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Gary Moore could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of HUDSON DE GRUGY (FR) during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

The performance of CAP DU MATHAN (FR), which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Paul Nicholls' could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of CAP DU MATHAN (FR) during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, Nico de Boinville reported that FABLE (FR), which was pulled up, was never travelling and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the mare failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 6 - 4:00pm.

THE bet365 SELECT HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)

Jumping the second last hurdle, the winner, KNAPPERS HILL (IRE), jumped right-handed at the same time as THEATRE GLORY (IRE), placed third, jumped left-handed causing THYME HILL, placed fourth, and CALL ME LORD (FR), placed fifth, to become momentarily short for room, 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 any runner.

Race 7 - 4:35pm.

THE bet365 HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)



Following the race, the representative of Paul Nicholls reported ICEO (FR), placed fourth, didn't stay the trip of 2 miles 3 furlongs on this occasion and Charlie Hammond reported that ERNE RIVER (IRE), unplaced, was never travelling.