

## **MUSSELBURGH STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Tuesday 03 January 2023**

Stewards: Adrian Smith (Chief Steward), Philip Spottiswood (Stewards' Panel Chair), Robbie McCarthy (Steward), Helen Kinsella (Assistant Steward), Lyndsay Allan (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**  
Chase Race: Soft  
**Hurdle Course**  
Hurdle Race: Soft

Rail: Fresh bottom bend on hurdle track from the 1st January

Fixture Note: An inspection was held as a result of concerns raised regarding the racing surface following overnight frost. Riders, Richie McLernon, Brian Hughes, Sean Quinlan; Trainers, Olly Murphy, D.J. Jeffries and Laura Morgan; the BHA Veterinary Officer and the Clerk of the Course and the Head Groundsman were interviewed. Having considered the evidence and inspected the track, the Stewards ordered racing to commence.

Amended race times:  
12.15pm now 12.43pm  
12.45pm now 1.13pm  
1.15pm now 1.43pm  
1.45pm now 2.13pm  
2.15pm now 2.43pm  
2.45pm now 3.13pm  
3.15pm now 3.43pm

1st Chase fence in back straight shall be omitted due to ground repair.

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

Race 1 - 12:15 +28 minutes (now 12:43)  
Race 2 - 12:45 +28 minutes (now 1:13)  
Race 3 - 1:15 +28 minutes (now 1:43)  
Race 4 - 1:45 +28 minutes (now 2:13)  
Race 5 - 2:15 +28 minutes (now 2:43)  
Race 6 - 2:45 +28 minutes (now 3:13)  
Race 7 - 3:15 +28 minutes (now 3:43)

### Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
12:15pm	GARDE DES CHAMPS (IRE), trained by Keith Dalgleish.	Going (Inspection)
12:15pm	THE PLAYER QUEEN (IRE), trained by Rose Dobbin.	Self Cert (Abscess)

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:45pm	FIRST ACCOUNT, trained by Keith Dalglish.	Going (Inspection)
1:45pm	JACK DEVINE (IRE), trained by Rose Dobbin.	Vets Cert (Coughing)
2:15pm	SCOTS POET, trained by Ewan Whillans.	Going (Inspection)
2:45pm	SNOWY CLOUDS (IRE), trained by Nicky Richards.	Going (Inspection)
2:45pm	HOLD ONTO THE LINE (IRE), trained by James Ewart.	Self Cert (Abscess)
2:45pm	ANTEY (GER), trained by Lucinda Russell.	Self Cert (Stiff)
3:15pm	HEER HE GOES, trained by Harriet Graham & Gary Rutherford.	Going (Inspection)

#### Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
2:15pm	FLYLIKEANEAGLE (IRE)	Alan Doyle	Derek Fox	(Doyle Injured)
3:15pm	OLD GREGORIAN (GB)	Alan Doyle	Stephen Mulqueen	(Doyle Injured)

#### **Race 1 - 12:15pm.**

##### **THE FITZDARES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Go North Cab On Target Series Qualifier)**

Permission was given for RED MISSILE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

#### **Race 2 - 12:45pm.**

##### **THE FITZDARES MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

#### **Race 3 - 1:15pm.**

##### **THE FITZDARES NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

#### **Race 4 - 1:45pm.**

##### **THE FITZDARES HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)**



Permission was given for CREATIVE CONTROL (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

**Race 5 - 2:15pm.**

**THE FITZDARES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (Go North Sea Pigeon Series Qualifier)**

Nothing to report

**Race 6 - 2:45pm.**

**THE FITZDARES NEW YEAR HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for MOORE CLOUDS (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood.

FIX IT ALL (FR) ran yesterday at Ayr, finishing third of four. Having been examined by the Veterinary Officer, the gelding was deemed fit to race.

An enquiry was held to consider interference after the last fence involving the winner, ARTHUR'S QUAY (IRE), ridden by Richie McLernon and MOORE CLOUDS (IRE), placed second, ridden by Callum Bewley. The interference was found to be accidental as MOORE CLOUDS (IRE) had shied away from ARTHUR'S QUAY (IRE), causing the mare to become unbalanced and bump the rail.

**Race 7 - 3:15pm.**

**THE FITZDARES OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 4) (Go North Jodami Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Sean Bowen, the rider of ACT OF AUTHORITY (FR), placed second, was suspended for 4 days for using his whip in the incorrect place approaching the line.

Following the race, Sean Bowen reported that ACT OF AUTHORITY (FR), placed second, hung right-handed.