

HUNTINGDON STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 05 May 2022

Stewards: Louise Moore (Chief Steward), Ian Comer (Stewards' Panel Chair), Polly Greco (Raceday Assistant), Helen Kinsella (Assistant Steward)

Going: **Chase Course**
(GSt 5.8)

Hurdle Course
(GSt 5.6)

Fixture Note: Permission was given for HAZARD COLLONGES (FR) to be mounted in the chute and go early to post wearing a red hood.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:40pm	JUSTIFIED, trained by Neil King.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
2:50pm	WILLIAM OF YORK, trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (Not changed since declaration, horse on course and identified by the Veterinary Officer)
2:50pm	THE BANDIT (IRE), trained by Neil King.	Self Cert (Swelling)
3:20pm	ECUME ATLANTIQUE (FR), trained by Richard Bandey.	Going (Not changed since declaration, horse on course and identified by the Veterinary Officer)
3:55pm	RIVER LEGEND (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (Not changed since declaration, horse on course and identified by the Veterinary Officer)
3:55pm	FLINTEUR SACRE (FR), trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (Not changed since declaration, horse on course and identified by the Veterinary Officer)
5:05pm	DOMINIC'S FAULT, trained by Olly Murphy.	Self Cert (Going)
5:05pm	BENEFAC (IRE), trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (Not changed since declaration, horse on course and identified by the Veterinary Officer)

Race 1 - 1:40pm.

THE PERTEMPS MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS NURSING NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 2 - 2:15pm.

THE PERTEMPS MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS MENTAL HEALTH MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference on the run to the line involving KENTFORD MALLARD, placed second, ridden by Michael Nolan and CZECH HER OUT (IRE), placed third, ridden by Luca Morgan. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved KENTFORD MALLARD's placing as although CZECH HER OUT (IRE) received a slight bump moving her marginally off a line, she barely lost either ground or momentum and was not gaining sufficiently quickly to have accounted for the margin of a neck at the line. Nolan was cautioned for careless riding as he had been slow to correct his mount from drifting left causing interference to CZECH HER OUT (IRE).

Rounding the final bend, SONGBIRD'S TALE, placed fifth, became short for room on the rail but after viewing the available video footage, the Stewards were unable to determine the cause and so could not apportion blame to any horse or rider.

The performance of TANORA (IRE) which finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of Sam England could offer no explanation for the mare's performance, and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, A.P. Heskin reported that DANCING DANI (IRE), unplaced, ran too freely and Mark Galligan reported that SONGBIRD'S TALE suffered interference on the final bend.

Race 3 - 2:50pm.

THE PERTEMPS MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS OPERATING THEATRES 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 3:20pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK GROUP HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for BANNISTER (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

LARCH HILL (IRE) ran freely to post. Having been examined by the veterinary surgeon on arrival at the start, the gelding was deemed fit to race.

Race 5 - 3:55pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK GROUP HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for HAZARD COLLONGES (FR) to be mounted in the chute and go early to post wearing a red hood.

The performance of FOREVER DES LONG (FR), placed fifth, was considered. The explanation from the representative of Philip Hobbs that the gelding was outpaced on the Good going and would prefer a slower surface was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination, during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 6 - 4:30pm.

THE PERTEMPS MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS COMPLIANCE NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Luca Morgan, the rider of LE GRAND LION (FR), placed fifth, was suspended for 2 days for using his whip with excessive force having jumped the open ditch in the home straight on the second circuit.

The performance of THUNDERSOCKSSUNDAE (IRE), placed fourth, was considered. The explanation from the representative of Fergal O'Brien, that the gelding was possibly feeling the effects of a long season, was noted and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

At the open ditch on the first circuit, CLEAR ON TOP (IRE), placed second, jumped left on take-off unsighting LE GRAND LION (FR) resulting in that gelding making a bad mistake but after viewing a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved, and it had not improved the placing of CLEAR ON TOP (IRE).

Following the race, Michael Nolan reported that CANASTERO (IRE), placed third, made a bad mistake at the open ditch in the back straight on the second circuit and the Veterinary Officer reported that the gelding lost its left fore shoe.

Race 7 - 5:05pm.

THE PERTEMPS MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS PAYROLL OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 3 Elimination) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 8 - 5:35pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK GROUP OPEN HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 6)

Nothing to report

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Luca Morgan	Race - 4:30pm	LE GRAND LION (FR)	2	11 May 2022 19 May 2022

