

SEDGEFIELD STEWARDS' REPORT

Tuesday 03 October 2023

Stewards: Alan Dempsey (Chief Steward), Rosie Pearson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Michael Eyre (Steward), Helen Kinsella (Assistant Steward), Philippa Hardy (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD

Rail: All on fresh ground with significant maintenance since last meeting on 14th April Major project to enhance Top Bend with realignment and 1:40 Camber achieved (inside lower to raised outside). New Top Bend rode well on Friday 22nd September when passing the BHA Pre-Race Trial Gallop Racing 8 yards off inside line of Top Bend - a common bend Other Rail positions and any Race Distance Variations TBC

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:35pm	LEXIE'S MOON, trained by Laura Horsfall.	Self Cert (Infected Foot)
2:35pm	TRICK OF THE TAIL (IRE), trained by Donald McCain.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
4:50pm	MELTON MOSSY (IRE), trained by Laura Horsfall.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:35pm	BUSHMILL BOY, trained by David Thompson.	Vet advice (Withdrawn at the start on Veterinary Advice at 2.32pm)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:10pm	THE NAVIGATOR (GB)	Danny McMenamin	Ross Chapman	(McMenamin Stood Down by the RMO)

Race 1 - 1:30pm.

THE BEST ODDS GUARANTEED DAILY WITH VICKERS.BET HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Go North Cab On Target Series Qualifier)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that CABRAKAN (IRE), placed third, lost its right hind shoe and DREAM JET (IRE), unplaced, lost its left fore shoe.

Race 2 - 2:00pm.

THE PAXTONS NO1 CASEIH DEALER IN UK&IRELAND JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Go North Grey Bomber Juvenile Hurdle Qualifier) (GBB RACE)

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

Race 3 - 2:35pm.

THE JTC PIZZALICIOUS MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for CITY VAULTS to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Tom Midgley reported that BLUE BEAR, which was pulled up, ran too freely and Jonathan England reported that RICCIRELLA, unplaced, hung left-handed throughout. The Veterinary Officer reported that WHOLEOFTHEMOON (IRE), unplaced, and BRADFORD LADY, which was pulled up, bled from the nose. The Veterinary Officer further reported that CITY VAULTS, unplaced, finished lame on its left fore.

Race 4 - 3:10pm.

THE JOIN THE VICKERS.BET CUSTOMER RACING CLUB NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 5 - 3:45pm.

THE BREEDON HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (Go North One Man Series Qualifier)

An enquiry was held into the riding of FEARLESS (IRE), ridden by Henry Brooke and trained by Danny Brooke, which was settled towards the rear of the field before being asked for its effort at the top of the hill when turning into the home straight to finish third, beaten by 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths. The rider was interviewed and shown recordings of the race; and the Veterinary Officer examined FEARLESS (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report. The rider stated his instructions were to drop in and sit in rear, as it is a hold up horse. He explained that having sat towards the rear for the first circuit, he attempted to make a move on the inside, but was blocked by BLUEBERRY WINE (IRE) and had to switch out from behind a wall of horses. He further explained that he wanted to get to the top of the hill on the bridle as his mount wouldn't have finished its race if he had asked any earlier, as he felt that the eventual winner was setting a very strong pace. He further explained that given the way the race was run, he felt that his mount was staying on at the one pace under pressure and in his opinion, he had obtained the best possible placing. His explanation was noted.

Race 6 - 4:20pm



THE SHINE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for FERRYBRIDGE (IRE) to go early to post, and the gelding wore earplugs throughout the race.

Race 7 - 4:50pm.

**THE PAXTONS SUPPORTING WITH PEREGRINE FINANCE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5)
(Category 1 Elimination) (Go North Jodami Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report