

STRATFORD-ON-AVON STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 09 May 2024

Stewards: Thomas Evetts (Chief Steward), Heather Kemp (Stewards' Panel Chair), Fergus Sweeney (Steward), Tracey Hamilton (Assistant Steward), Kelly O'Boyle (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: Bend entering Back Straight is shared.

Fixture Note: After Race 2, the Going changed to Good (from Good, Good to Soft in places).

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
4:40pm	GASMANI (IRE), trained by David Dennis.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
4:40pm	JUST GINO (FR), trained by Donald McCain.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
4:40pm	LUD'OR (FR), trained by Tom Symonds.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
6:20pm	INVINCIBLE DE MEE (FR), trained by Tim Vaughan.	Vets Cert (Other)
6:20pm	ERIC CARMEN (IRE), trained by Gary Hanmer.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
6:50pm	ETINCELLE ARTISTE (FR), trained by Fiona Shaw.	Vets Cert (Other)
6:50pm	ASTROMAN, trained by Syd Hosie.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
6:50pm	KINGS JUSTICE, trained by Sam Allwood.	Self Cert (Not Sound)
8:20pm	CHEVINGTON, trained by Alastair Ralph.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
8:20pm	CULLIGRAN (IRE), trained by John O'Shea.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
8:20pm	NORTHERN ROSE (IRE), trained by Gary Hanmer.	Self Cert (Cut Leg)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
7:50pm	MILITARY TYCOON (IRE), trained by Neil Mulholland.	Going (Changed Since Declaration) withdrawn by the Trainer at 7.37pm

Race 1 - 4:40pm.**THE FOXTROT RACING SYNDICATES MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

An enquiry was held into the running and riding of GET THE VALUE (IRE), ridden by Ben Poste, and trained by John O'Shea, which was ridden towards the mid to rear of the field until being asked for a degree of effort midway down the back straight on the final circuit. Having jumped the second last hurdle and on approaching the home turn, the gelding proceeded to run into a pocket and was unable to improve its position until turning in when it was ridden under a hands and heels effort, to finish sixth of eleven runners, beaten 15 ½ lengths. The rider stated that his instructions were to drop GET THE VALUE (IRE) in with the focus of giving the gelding time and getting it into a rhythm in order to build its confidence throughout the race. He continued that GET THE VALUE (IRE) has a habit of racing keenly and that he was running through his hands for the majority of the first circuit, before CAIRO KING (FR), unplaced, jumped across him at the fourth hurdle, which had the effect of lighting the gelding up, a fact he had reported at scales. Thereafter GET THE VALUE's (IRE) jumping worsened and Poste added that on the approach to the second last, having begun to ask the gelding for some effort, GET THE VALUE (IRE) made a slight noise, a fact he again reported at scales, resulting in him focusing on keeping the bit up in the gelding's mouth to enable him to finish the race. Poste finished by informing the Stewards that once he had extricated himself from the aforementioned pocket, he was able to ride the gelding through to the line, giving him a couple of flicks after the last, with GET THE VALUE (IRE) finishing the race at the one pace, neither gaining nor losing any ground on SHIBUYA SONG, unplaced, which it had followed up the straight. The trainer confirmed the instructions and was satisfied that the ride accorded with those instructions. Their explanations were noted.

Following the race, James Bowen reported that CAIRO KING (FR), unplaced, stopped quickly, the Veterinary Officer examined CAIRO KING (FR) and had nothing to report. Charlie Deutsch reported that GERROTS (FR), unplaced, jumped poorly throughout; Finn Lambert reported that SHIBUYA SONG, unplaced, hung right-handed throughout and made a respiratory noise.

Race 2 - 5:20pm.**THE RACING TV MEMBERS NIGHT NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Brian Hughes reported that HOME SWEET HIGHWAY (IRE), unplaced, made a jumping error at the second last fence on the final circuit.

Race 3 - 5:50pm.**THE BET AT RACINGTV.COM NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (DIV I)**

The apparent improvement in form of the winner, NO MORE NO (IRE), which had never previously been placed, was considered. The representative of Lawney Hill's comments that the gelding appreciated the better ground on this occasion, officially described as Good, the fitting of a first-time visor and also running for the first time in a handicap were noted and the gelding was routine tested.

Following the race, Jonathan England reported that DIXIE COWBOY (IRE), unplaced, was unsuited by Going, which in his opinion was riding quicker than the official description of Good.

Race 4 - 6:20pm.

THE BET AT RACINGTV.COM NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (DIV II)

Permission was given for SPIRITUS MUNDI (IRE) to wear a red hood and go to post early.

Following the race, Jonathan Burke reported that STAR OF AFFINITY (IRE), which was pulled up, jumped poorly throughout. The Veterinary Officer examined STAR OF AFFINITY (IRE) and had nothing to report.

Race 5 - 6:50pm.

THE NH RACING CLUB LOVES COTSWOLD LARDER HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for ROYAL SAM to wear a red hood to post.

Following concerns raised by the riders at the start regarding the low sun obscuring their vision at all fences in the home straight, the Stewards consulted with the Clerk of the Course and ordered that these obstacles should be by-passed for this race.

Following the race, Jonathan England reported that GOING MOBILE (IRE), unplaced, was unsuited by Going, which in his opinion was riding quicker than the official description of Good. The Veterinary Officer reported that ROYAL SAM, placed fifth, lost its left-hind shoe and also its right-fore shoe.

Race 6 - 7:20pm.

THE HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY POPPY TIMBRELL MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for PILLAR OF STEEL to go to post early and GREYVAL (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

Following concerns raised by the riders at the start regarding the low sun obscuring their vision at all hurdles in the home straight, the Stewards consulted with the Clerk of the Course and ordered that these obstacles should be by-passed for this race.

Race 7 - 7:50pm.

THE JOIN RACING TV NOW NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (DIV I)

Permission was given for DIXIE FLYER (IRE) to go early to post.

An enquiry was held to consider two incidents of interference rounding the final bend when the winner, FANDABIDOZI (IRE), ridden by Lilly Pinchin interfered with DIXIE FLYER (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Richie McLernon. The first incident of interference, which occurred shortly after leaving the back straight, was found to be accidental as FANDABIDOZI (IRE) lugged quickly left-handed towards the rail before being quickly corrected, causing McLernon to become short of room. In the second incident which occurred on turning in, Pinchin was suspended for 2 days for careless riding, as having already shown a

tendency to lug in towards the rail, she picked up and used the whip in her right hand, which again resulted in FANDABIDOZI (IRE) moving towards the rail, resulting in McLernon becoming short of room and to have to take a slight check.

The winner, FANDABIDOZI (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Huntingdon on 1 April 2024 where the gelding finished seventh of eight finishers, beaten by 63 ¼ lengths. Gary Hanmer's explanation that the gelding appreciated the better ground and the return to Stratford where he had run well previously was noted. FANDABIDOZI (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Elizabeth Gale reported that BASMAN PALACE (SAF), unplaced, was never travelling and was unsuited by Going, which in her opinion was riding quicker than the official description of Good. The Veterinary Officer examined BASMAN PALACE (SAF) and had nothing to report. Henry Brooke reported that SILVERBRIDGE, unplaced, was unsuited by Going, which in his opinion was riding quicker than the official description of Good. The Veterinary Officer examined SILVERBRIDGE and had nothing to report. Charlie Deutsch reported the CHARMING GETAWAY (IRE), placed fourth, hung badly right-handed on the final circuit; Bradley Harris reported that HAAFBACK, unplaced, was fractious in the preliminaries.

Race 8 - 8:20pm.

THE JOIN RACING TV NOW NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (DIV II)

Permission was given for GARITSA BAY (IRE) and LUMINARIES (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Lilly Pinchin	Race - 7:50pm	FANDABIDOZI (IRE)	2	20 May 2024 23 May 2024