

TAUNTON STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 12 December 2024

Stewards: Steve Drowne (Chief Steward), John Goodman (Stewards' Panel Chair), Richard Westropp (Steward), Lauren Thomson (Assistant Steward), Milly Bersey (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: Chase and Hurdle Courses on shared bends. Away Bend - Chase out by 22 yards and Hurdle out by 12 yards from innermost position. Home Bend - Chase out by 14 yards and Hurdle out by 4 yards innermost position.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
12:35pm	MILL STREET (USA), trained by Ben Pauling.	Self Cert (Infected Foot)
1:35pm	PIGEON HOUSE (IRE), trained by Jennie Candlish.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
2:05pm	IMMORTAL FAME (IRE), trained by Deborah Cole.	Self Cert (Cast in Box)
3:50pm	GATA BAN (IRE), trained by Neil Mulholland.	Going (Not changed since declaration. Horse on course and identified by VO)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:15pm	ROCK ON RITA (IRE), trained by Neil Mulholland.	Going (Not changed since declaration. Horse on course and identified by VO. Withdrawn by trainer at 2:37pm)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:50pm	DESPEREAUX (FR)	Freddie Gingell	Jonathan Burke	(Gingell signed off by RMO)
2:05pm	FLORENCETHMACHINE (IRE)	Freddie Gingell	Lorcan Williams	(Gingell signed off by RMO)

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
2:05pm	TOUT SUR MOI (FR)	Lorcan Williams	Sean Houlihan	(Williams stable jockey to Nicholls)

Race 1 - 12:35pm.

THE KINGS COLLEGE TAUNTON NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

An enquiry was held to consider interference turning out of the back straight on the final circuit involving KOTARI (FR), placed third, ridden by Freddie Mitchell; BADLANDS BOY (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Theo Gillard; BASMAN PALACE (SAF), unplaced, ridden by Michael Nolan and MINI YEATS (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Alan Johns. The interference was found to be accidental as BASMAN PALACE (SAF) hung right-handed rounding the bend despite Nolan's efforts to correct the gelding, moving KOTARI (FR) off its intended line onto BADLANDS BOY (IRE). This resulted in Gillard having to take a check, BADLANDS BOY (IRE) stumbling and MINI YEATS (IRE) being crowded for room against the rail.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that CARD DEALER (IRE), unplaced, was struck into on its left hind.

Race 2 - 1:05pm.

THE JIM WOODBORNE MEMORIAL JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Harry Atkins reported that DENZIL ,placed second, ran too free.

Race 3 - 1:35pm.

THE JETSET HOLIDAYS NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Novices' Championship Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for CALI BLACK (IRE) to go early to post; for DON'T TELL ROSIE and TUXEDO JUNCTION to both wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, Joe Anderson reported that CHEDINGTON'S GUEST, unplaced, hung right-handed and jumped poorly. The Veterinary Officer reported that YOUM JAMEEL (IRE), which was pulled up, and TORRE DEL ORO (IRE), which unseated its rider, had both bled from the nose

Race 4 - 2:05pm.

THE KIRKER HOLIDAYS NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for HALL LANE (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

Race 5 - 2:40pm

THE CLASSIC COLLECTION HOLIDAYS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

Permission was given for KAMAXOS (FR) to go early to post and to be mounted in the chute; for ILANZ (FR) and LIVERPOOL KNIGHT to both wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, Gearoid Harney reported that GETALEAD (IRE), placed fifth, hung right-handed. The Veterinary Officer reported that ILANZ (FR), placed fourth, finished lame right-fore.

Race 6 - 3:15pm.

THE DAVE CRIDDLE TRAVEL MARES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5) (Queen Boudicca Mares' Chase Series Qualifier)

An enquiry was held to consider interference on the bend leaving the home straight on the first circuit involving MISS FEDORA, placed third, ridden by Oscar Palmer and MY MATE POLLY, placed second, ridden by Harry Kimber. Being a 7lb conditional, Palmer was accompanied in the enquiry by a senior rider. The interference was found to be accidental as MY MATE POLLY shifted quickly right-handed before being corrected by Kimber, causing MISS FEDORA to become unbalanced against the rail when tightened for room.

Race 7 - 3:50pm.

THE TWIXMAS MEETING 30TH DECEMBER HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for BROOMFIELD GALE (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start; for ELUSIVENESS (IRE) to be mounted in the chute.

After an initial false start, the start was effected successfully on the second attempt. However, having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

The Starter reported that there had been a malfunction with the starting tape mechanism, so permission was given for a flag start to be used.