

DONCASTER STEWARDS' REPORT

Friday 17 November 2023

Stewards: Louise Moore (Chief Steward), Peter Crafts (Stewards' Panel Chair), Simon Connaway (Steward), Ben Ford (Assistant Steward), Ali Galliers-Pratt (Raceday Assistant).

Going: **Chase Course**

Chase Race: Good (GSt 6.2)

Hurdle Course

Hurdle Race: Good (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 6.1)

Rail: Hurdles sited in the centre.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:35pm	SAMAZUL, trained by Ben Pauling.	Going (Not changed since declaration but horse on course and ID checked by VO)
2:10pm	BIG BLUE MOON, trained by Tom Lacey.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
3:20pm	TANGO BOY (IRE), trained by Neil Mulholland.	Vets Cert (Bad Scope)
3:53pm	COILROCK (IRE), trained by D. J. Jeffreys.	Going Going not changed since declaration and horse not on course to be ID checked by the VO -(Fixed penalty imposed £140)
3:53pm	HEADSCARF LIL (IRE), trained by Nicky Richards.	Vets Cert (Temperature)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:53pm	BERGENTOWN (IRE)	Gavin Sheehan	Sean Quinlan	(Non-runner)
1:35pm	SPEAKER THOMAS (IRE)	Connor Brace	Kielan Woods	(Non runner)
1:00pm	FOX'S SOCKS (FR)	Ryan Mania	Conor Rabbitt	(Mania injured)

Race 1 - 12:30pm.

THE USE SAFER GAMBLING TOOLS AT BETMGM JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

The Veterinary Officer reported that THINK FIRST (IRE) is a gelding and not a colt as published in the race card.

Race 2 - 1:00pm.

THE OFF THE FENCE ON [youtube.com/attheraces](https://www.youtube.com/attheraces) NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for SOLID FUEL to be mounted on the chute and wear a red hood to post.

GONE IN SIXTY, unplaced, jumped sharply right-handed at the first fence and collided with OUT FOR THE COUNT (IRE) in mid-air resulting in the gelding falling, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held to consider interference before the second last fence involving SOLID FUEL, which was pulled up, ridden by Conor Ring, SCOTTSDALE, which was pulled up, ridden by Patrick Wadge, and FOX'S SOCKS (FR), which was pulled up, ridden by Conor Rabbit. The Stewards found the interference to be accidental, accepting Ring's explanation that he felt his mount had lost its action within close proximity of the second last fence and, conscious of the horse's welfare, he neither wanted to jump the fence, nor pull up sharply, so his only option was to pull out to his right, thus inadvertently carrying out the two horses on his right-hand side.

An enquiry was held to consider interference on the run to the line involving HOWYOUPLAYTHEGAME (FR), placed third, ridden by Craig Nichol, FANFAN DU SEUIL (FR), placed second, ridden by Charlie Hammond and the winner, LOUDSPEAKER, ridden by Sean Houlihan. Nichol was cautioned for careless riding as he had allowed his horse to drift left-handed without timely correction, causing Hammond and Houlihan to be taken slightly off their intended lines.

Following the race Tom Midgley reported that FEARLESS ACTION (IRE), placed fifth, made a bad mistake at the first fence and never travelled thereafter; Kielan Woods reported that GONE IN SIXTY, which was unplaced, jumped badly right-handed at the first fence; Conor Ring reported that SOLID FUEL, which was pulled up, lost its action. The Veterinary Officer examined SOLID FUEL post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 3 - 1:35pm.

THE GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

The Veterinary Officer reported that upon inspection MOUNTAIN PASS (IRE) was grey and not bay as published in the racecard.

Following the race, Richie McLernon reported that INOUI MACHIN (FR), placed third, jumped poorly throughout and Kielan Woods reported that SPEAKER THOMAS (IRE), placed second, hung both ways.

Race 4 - 2:10pm.

THE AT THE RACES APP MARKET MOVERS HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)

Nothing to report

Race 5 - 2:45pm.

THE SET DEPOSIT LIMITS AT BETMGM MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

The Stewards noted that in falling at the last hurdle LUNA DORA hampered LENEANE (IRE), placed fifth, RICCIRELLA, placed fourth and RHYME SCHEME (IRE), unplaced.

Having jumped the last hurdle, the winner, MAGGIE O (IRE), ducked sharply left-handed for one hit, which carried LADY BERLAIS, placed third, briefly off its intended line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and that it had not improved the placing of MAGGIE O (IRE).

Race 6 - 3:20pm.

THE BETMGM - STAY GOLDEN WITH RESPONSIBLE PLAY HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)

Nothing to report

Race 7 - 3:53pm.

THE AT THE RACES APP EXPERT TIPS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Prior to this race, Jedd O'Keeffe was asked to explain why he was running MONTY NEVETT (IRE) here at Doncaster over two and a half miles having reported that the gelding didn't stay the distance on its previous run at Hexham. The trainer's explanation that MONTY NEVETT (IRE) trains at home as if he would get the two and a half miles and he was hoping that the good ground and the flat track here at Doncaster would give him every chance of staying the trip, was noted.