

UTTOXETER STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 11 February 2023

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), Caroline Robinson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Robert McCarthy (Steward), Lauren Thomson (Assistant Steward), Beth Dowswell (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD TO SOFT, GOOD (IN PLACES)

Rail: Hurdle line moved IN 3-4 yards, fresh strip of ground on the inside. Chase lines moved for fresh ground where possible. Updated distances as follows

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:20pm	BETTER GETALONG (IRE), trained by Nicky Richards.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
3:55pm	I'M A STARMAN, trained by Mark Rimell.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:55pm	ELLEON (FR), trained by Sam England.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
3:55pm	ONE FOR THE WALL (IRE), trained by Chris Gordon.	Vets Cert (Stiff)
4:30pm	GALE FORCE ONE (IRE), trained by Nicky Richards.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Race 1 - 1:00pm.

THE QUINNBET MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

The performance of PARK HILL DANCER (FR), which started favourite and finished fifth of six finishers beaten 26 ¼ lengths, was considered. The Stewards noted the explanation given by the representative of Nicky Henderson that the gelding ran too freely. The Veterinary Officer reported a post-race examination during routine testing of PARK HILL DANCER (FR) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

The performance of HARJO (IRE), which was pulled up, was considered. The Stewards noted that Charlie Longsdon could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance, other than Sean Quinlan reported that HARJO (IRE) stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities other than it had lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 2 - 1:35pm.

THE CAZOO MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Herring Queen Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)

Having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported

for contravening the starting procedures.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that LADY IRONSIDE (IRE), placed second, finished lame on its left-fore.

Race 3 - 2:10pm.

THE MOORLAND RACING NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Neil King reported that BALAGAN, unplaced, made a respiratory noise. Robert Dunne reported that JACK'S A LEGEND, which was pulled up, jumped deliberately; Alan Jones reported the gelding made a respiratory noise. The Veterinary Officer reported that TARAHUMARA, placed fifth, had bled from its left nostril.

Race 4 - 2:45pm.

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MISTER COFFEY (FR) wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

The Veterinary Officer reported that WAYFINDER (IRE), trained by Rebecca Curtis, was a chestnut and not a bay as published in the racecard.

Having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

The Stewards noted that on the run to the line there was interference between the winner GUETAPAN COLLONGES (FR) and MISTER COFFEY (FR), placed second, when MISTER COFFEY (FR) hung left-handed. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of BANGERS AND CASH (IRE), which finished last of ten finishers beaten 48 ¼ lengths, was considered. The Stewards noted the explanation given by Ben Pauling that the gelding made several jumping mistakes and was never travelling. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination during routine testing of BANGERS AND CASH (IRE) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, Sean Quinlan reported that BURROWS DIAMOND (FR), unplaced, was hampered by a faller at the fourth last fence. The Veterinary Officer reported that WAYFINDER (IRE), placed fourth, had bled from the nose.

Race 5 - 3:20pm.

THE HUNTSMAN CELEBRATING ROGER MARTIN'S 75TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

Permission was given for PEEJAYBEE (FR) to wear a red hood in the parade ring only. FINE CASTING (IRE) wore earplugs throughout the race.

The winner BALLYBEGG (IRE) appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Uttoxeter on 28 January 2023 when the gelding finished seventh of nine beaten 43 lengths. The Stewards

noted that Kerry Lee could offer no explanation for the gelding's improved form. BALLYBEGG (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Isabel Williams reported that BOLD PLAN (IRE), unplaced, was never travelling. Paul O'Brien reported that KINCARDINE, which was pulled up, stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer reported a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 6 - 3:55pm.

THE CARLY NEWMAN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Having reviewed the start the Stewards were satisfied that HIGH COUNSEL (IRE) had refused to race and was deemed to be a runner.

Having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

The winner ALI STAR BERT appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Doncaster on 10 January 2023 when the gelding finished seventh of nineteen beaten 35 lengths and also the gelding's previous run here at Uttoxeter when ALI STAR BERT was pulled up. The Stewards noted the explanation given by Shaun Harris that the gelding had benefitted from being ridden more positively on this occasion having jumped very slowly on its chase debut here on 31st December. He added that ALI STAR BERT had regained his confidence after running over hurdles at Doncaster on his latest run.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that KAPHUMOR (FR), which was pulled up, had bled from the nose.

Race 7 - 4:30pm.

THE CAZOO NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Following the race, Finn Lambert reported that BALIYAD (IRE), unplaced, hung left-handed.