

## **UTTOXETER STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Sunday 06 October 2024**

Stewards: Simon Connaway (Chief Steward), Caroline Tellwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Greg Pearson (Steward), Josie Brown-Smith (Assistant Steward), Ali Galliers-Pratt (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: Rail positions as follows Hurdle course, 4-5 yards from the inner position. Chase course, inner rail position. Significant drainage works in close season - some drainage 'scars' still visible Fence 3 (second last) omitted and completely railed off. Updated race distance variations as follows

Fixture Note: After Race 1 the going was changed to Good (from Good, Good to Soft in places).

Race Delay: At the request of the BHA Racing Department, the following races have been delayed:

Race 6 - 4:10 +2 minutes (now 4:12)

Race 7 - 4:45 +2 minutes (now 4:47)

### **Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:00pm	L'EAU DU SUD (FR), trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
3:35pm	SUPREMEY WEST (IRE), trained by Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
4:10pm	BEAT BOX (FR), trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
4:10pm	QUICK SHARPENER (IRE), trained by Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
4:45pm	SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL (FR), trained by Joe Tickle.	Self Cert (Abscess)
5:20pm	HENRYSBROTHERJACK, trained by Olly Murphy.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
5:20pm	NOBODY TOLD ME, trained by Thomas Faulkner.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
5:20pm	DAANY (IRE), trained by Joe Tickle.	Self Cert (Swelling)
5:20pm	COLONEL LESLEY (IRE), trained by Alan Jones.	Vets Cert (Lame)
5:20pm	BRAVETHEWAVES, trained by Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
5:20pm	TWP STORI, trained by Samuel Drinkwater.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
5:20pm	SCORSESE (IRE), trained by Neil Mulholland.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)

## Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:15pm	JAFIMGOSO, trained by Dan Skelton.	Vets Cert (Lame) (Withdrawn by the Veterinary Officer at 12:32 pm)
1:50pm	SONIFICATION, trained by Harry Derham.	Going (Withdrawn by Harry Derham at 1:29 pm - Changed Since Declaration)

### **Race 1 - 1:15pm.**

#### **THE LIN SARGEANT MEMORIAL MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (DIV I) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for LAW OF THE SEA to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Robert Dunne reported that LAW OF THE SEA, unplaced, ran green and Brendan Powell reported that NORN IRON (IRE), placed second, hung left-handed under pressure.

### **Race 2 - 1:50pm.**

#### **THE LIN SARGEANT MEMORIAL MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (DIV II) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for ELECTRIC MASON (IRE) and WOODSTOCK CITY to wear red hoods to post.

An enquiry was held into the running and riding of KARAKTERE D'ENFER (FR), ridden by Caoilin Quinn and trained by Tom Symonds, which was held up towards the rear throughout before staying on in the home straight under a hands and heels ride to finish fifth of eleven, beaten by 24¼ lengths. Quinn and Symonds were interviewed and shown recordings of the race; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report. Quinn stated that this was the gelding's first run of the season and that his instructions had been to drop in, settle KARAKTERE D'ENFER (FR) and find a nice jumping rhythm before moving into the race gradually with a view to mounting a challenge in the home straight, with an emphasis on keeping him balanced as he is a big, long-striding horse. Quinn explained that despite a strong pace KARAKTERE D'ENFER (FR) had still raced keenly through the first few hurdles but his jumping improved once the gelding came back underneath him on the final circuit. Quinn added that he was mindful of KARAKTERE D'ENFER (FR)'s early exertions and with the long home straight at Uttoxeter, wanted to jump the third last before asking his mount to lengthen and go out after the leaders. From this point, Quinn indicated he had placed KARAKTERE D'ENFER (FR) under pressure and whilst passing tired runners which had chased the speed, he felt the gelding had stayed on only evenly and was not gaining on the principal elects to eventually finish 11 lengths behind the fourth-placed runner and had thus obtained his best possible placing. Quinn further added that KARAKTERE D'ENFER (FR) had made a respiratory noise passing the winning post, a fact he had reported at scales. Symonds confirmed the instructions and that the ride had accorded with them, before adding that he was satisfied with Quinn's ride on

KARAKTERE D'ENFER (FR), which was resuming since having bled from the nose at Ludlow. Their explanations were noted.

Following the race, Jonathan England reported that THE GRAFTER (IRE), placed third, ran too free and Sean Houlihan reported that MON PETIT AMI, unplaced, hung left-handed in the home straight.

**Race 3 - 2:25pm.**

**THE CENTURY RACING CLUB MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that JE VIENS DU LARGE (FR), which was pulled up, had been struck into on its right fore. Sean Bowen reported that TRAVELING SOLDIER (IRE), unplaced, ran too free.

**Race 4 - 3:00pm.**

**THE UTTOXETER & CHEADLE VOICE NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

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

**Race 5 - 3:35pm.**

**THE 4 OAKS ROOFING & FACADES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)**

Permission was given for JATILUWIH (FR) to go early to post wearing a red hood and be mounted in the pre-parade ring.

**Race 6 - 4:10pm.**

**THE RHYS DOLMAN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for JEUDIDEE (FR) to go early to post.

**Race 7 - 4:45pm.**

**THE DICKIE'S DIAMOND DAY DO HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

Ben Jones, the rider of UNWANTED ATTENTION (IRE), was unseated shortly before the second last fence. Jones and Sam Twiston-Davies, the rider of WONDER OF THE SEAS (IRE), placed second, were interviewed and shown recordings of the incident. It was found that the incident was accidental and was caused by WONDER OF THE SEAS (IRE) ducking sharply left-handed when attempting to run out badly hampering UNWANTED ATTENTION (IRE) and causing Jones to be unseated.

The winner, BALLYRASHANE (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Perth on 17 August 2024 where the gelding finished sixth of twelve, beaten by 27 lengths. It was noted that Christian Williams could offer no explanation for the gelding's improved form. BALLYRASHANE (IRE) was routine tested.

The performance of GETTHEPOT (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of



David Killahena & Graeme McPherson's explanation that the gelding was unsuited by being unable to make the running on this occasion was noted.

**Race 8 - 5:20pm.**

**THE QUINNBET HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for BUSHMILL BOY to wear a red hood to post and for GLADYS EVA JANE to go early to post wearing a red hood.