

WETHERBY STEWARDS' REPORT
Thursday 27 December 2018

Stewards: Charles Warde-Aldam (Chairman), Laurence Kirby, Robert Earnshaw (Stipendiary), Peter Sporne (Stipendiary), Helen Kinsella (Stewards' Secretary)

Going: GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT (IN PLACES)

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
12:35pm	DEFI SACRE (FR), trained by Richard Hobson.	Self Cert (Cast in Box)
2:15pm	LADY BUTTONS, trained by Philip Kirby.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
2:15pm	OAK VINTAGE (IRE), trained by Philip Kirby.	Self Cert (Not Sound)
3:20pm	NICELY INDEED (IRE), trained by Philip Kirby.	Self Cert (Lame)
3:20pm	K O KENNY, trained by Andrew Crook.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
3:20pm	LUVLY BOY BLUE, trained by Susan Corbett.	N/A

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:20pm	LUVLY BOY BLUE, trained by Susan Corbett.	Vet advice (Bled from the nose)

Race 1 - 12:35pm.
THE JOIN RACING TV NOW NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

The performance of ECLAT DE STAR (FR) which finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of Jonjo O'Neill could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance.

Following the race, Philip Kirby reported that ICE GALLEY (IRE), unplaced, had a breathing problem.

Race 2 - 1:10pm.
THE YORKSHIRE CHRISTMAS MEETING FESTIVE FUN NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)

Nothing to report

Race 3 - 1:40pm.

THE WATCH RACING TV IN STUNNING HD JUVENILE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 2:15pm.

THE racingtv.com CASTLEFORD HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2)

Permission was given for JUST CAMERON to go early to post; JUST CAMERON also wore earplugs which were removed at the start and MARRACUDJA (FR) wore earplugs throughout the race.

Sean Quinlan, the rider of the winner, CRACKING FIND (IRE) was suspended for 2 days for using his whip above the permitted level from turning out of the back straight.

Race 5 - 2:45pm.

THE LIKE RACING TV ON FACEBOOK MARES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (Qualifier for The Challenger Mares' Staying Chase Series Final)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that MISS TONGABEZI, placed fifth, had a wound to its left hind.

Race 6 - 3:20pm.

THE HAPPY NEW YEAR HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

The winner, DISCAY, appeared to show improved form, compared with its previous run at Uttoxeter on 11 December 2018 where the gelding finished seventh of ten, beaten by 50 lengths. Philip Kirby's explanation that the gelding benefited from a drop in grade was noted. DISCAY was routine tested.

The performance of BERTIE BLAKE (IRE) which finished unplaced, was considered. Philip Kirby could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance.

Lorcan Murtagh, the rider of BORDER VICTOR, placed second, was suspended for 4 days for using his whip above the permitted level from approaching the second last.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Sean Quinlan	Race - 2:15pm	CRACKING FIND (IRE)	2	10 Jan 2019 6 Jan 2019

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Lorcan Murtagh	Race - 3:20pm	BORDER VICTOR (GB)	4	10 Jan 2019 11 Jan 2019 9 Jan 2019 13 Jan 2019