

WINCANTON STEWARDS' REPORT**Thursday 02 February 2023**

Stewards: Guy Upton (Chief Steward), Georgina Cartwright (Stewards Panel Chair), Fergus Sweeney (Steward), Milly Bersey (Assistant Steward), Kelly O'Boyle (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD TO SOFT

Rail: Last fence to winning line remains out by 5yds, All chase fences remain out 5yds onto 'Spring' central positions and Hurdles remain out by 3 pads-width. All bends are moved out from inner line, between 2yds and 6.5yds dependent on wear.

Race 1 - 1:30pm.**THE JENNINGSBET WITNEY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (For Conditional Jockeys and Amateur Riders that have ridden in PRA Pony Races)**

Permission was given for SAMI BEAR to wear a red hood to post.

Approaching the final hurdle SAMI BEAR, hung badly left-handed despite the riders best efforts and unseated its rider, taking SEYMOUR PROMISE (IRE), placed second, off its intended line. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The apparent improvement in form of the winner, JET MARSHALL (IRE), compared with its previous run at Ffos Las on 22 December 2022 where the gelding finished sixth of fifteen runners beaten 12 ½ lengths, was considered. Phillip Hobb's explanation that the gelding was suited by the step up in trip to 2 miles 4 furlongs from 2 miles, was noted and the gelding was routine tested.

Following the race Liam Harrison reported that HAZY DREAM, unplaced, hung right-handed. The Veterinary Officer reported that FERDINAND STAR, unplaced, lost its left hind shoe and FAME AND FUN (IRE), which unseated its rider, lost its left fore shoe.

Race 2 - 2:00pm.**THE JENNINGSBET CHRISTCHURCH NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (Novices' Championship Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for MATATA (IRE) to go early to post.

An enquiry was held as to why DAANY (IRE), trained by Joe Tickle, did not enter the Parade Ring and caused the race to be late off. Joe Tickle was interviewed and explained that one of his two runners was difficult to saddle and therefore was saddled in the stables, which did not allow him enough time to return to the saddling boxes to saddle the second runner on time. His explanation was noted and he was reminded of his responsibility to allow enough time to saddle and ensure that it entered the Parade Ring on time.

Following the race Daryl Jacob reported that MATATA (IRE), which ran out, hung badly left-handed and

Fergus Gillard reported that EYE KNEE, which was pulled up, lost its action. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 3 - 2:30pm.

THE JENNINGSBET EASTLEIGH NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

The performance of HARLEM SOUL which finished fifth of five finishers, was considered. Syd Hosie reported that the gelding was unsuited by the shorter trip on this occasion.

Race 4 - 3:00pm.

THE DICK HUNT 'WIGMORE' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (For The Dick Hunt Trophy)

Permission was given for CHAMPAGNE COURT (IRE) to wear a red hood in the parade ring.

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

Approaching the last fence the winner, CERTAINLY RED, drifted right-handed giving GOLDEN SOVEREIGN (IRE), placed second, a slight bump before being quickly corrected its rider. 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 CERTAINLY RED.

The performance of SOUTHFIELD HARVEST which was pulled up, was considered. Paul Nicholls explanation that the gelding was unsuited by the Going described as Good to Soft and would prefer a slower surface and agreed with the jockey report, that SOUTHFIELD HARVEST was hanging left-handed and would prefer to run on a left-handed track, was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of SOUTHFIELD HARVEST, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race Harry Cobden reported that SOUTHFIELD HARVEST, which was pulled up, hung left-handed.

Race 5 - 3:35pm.

THE JENNINGSBET NEWBURY EBF MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (EBF Mares' NH Novices' Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)

The performance of ANNIE MAGIC (IRE) which started favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. Jeremy Scott reported that the mare made a respiratory noise. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination, during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 6 - 4:10pm.

THE STEWART TORY MEMORIAL OPEN HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 6)

Following the race the Veterinary Officer reported that STEP BACK (IRE), which was pulled up, lost both front shoes.



Race 7 - 4:45pm.

THE JENNINGSBET ANDOVER MARES' OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 3 Elimination) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for DEN THE DIVA to wear a red hood to post.