

WINCANTON STEWARDS' REPORT**Saturday 15 February 2025**

Stewards: Guy Upton (Chief Steward), Charlie Lane (Stewards' Panel Chair), Tomas O'Brien (Steward), Louise Neale (Assistant Steward), Margaret Groves (Raceday Assistant)

Going: SOFT, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: Separate bends - out between 8-12 yards. Hurdles positioned on stands side up the home straight.

Fixture Note: After Race 2, the going was changed to Soft, Good to Soft in places (from Good to Soft, Soft in places).

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

Race 3 - 2:15 +5 minutes (now 2:20)
Race 4 - 2:50 +2 minutes (now 2:52)

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:50pm	PURE CARBON, trained by Harry Derham.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
4:35pm	JAKAR DU MOULIN (FR), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Self Cert (Blood Analysis Not Normal)

Race 1 - 1:03pm.**THE BETMGM PREMIER LEAGUE DARTS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for KING OF THE LAKE to wear a red hood to post.

The winner, KING OF THE LAKE, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Windsor on 15 December 2024 where the gelding finished seventh of 13, beaten by 29½ lengths. Jeremy Scott's explanation that the gelding had benefitted from undergoing wind surgery since its previous run, was noted. KING OF THE LAKE was routine tested.

Following the race, Freddie Gingell reported that MACH TEN (IRE), which was pulled up, never travelled and Anthony Charlton reported that the gelding was unsuited by the going which was officially described as Good to Soft, Soft in places, and would prefer a quicker surface. Tabitha Worsley reported that DANCE TO FAME (IRE), which was pulled up, stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report. The Veterinary Officer further reported that MOOR END (IRE), placed fifth, lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 2 - 1:36pm.**THE BETMGM KINGWELL HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for BURDETT ROAD to wear a red hood to post.

Race 3 - 2:15pm.**THE NO ONE'S AS VEGAS AS BETMGM HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for GOOD FRIDAY FAIRY (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that ABINGWORTH, which was pulled up, lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 4 - 2:50pm.**THE BETMGM KING OF THE GOLDEN OCHE 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Ben Godfrey reported that GORE POINT, unplaced, made a respiratory noise.

Race 5 - 3:25pm.**THE BETMGM WHO WANTS A NINE-DARTER HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for RISK DE PLUIE (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Sam Twiston-Davies reported that QUICK SHARPENER (IRE), which was pulled up, never travelled, the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 6 - 4:00pm.**THE BET £10 GET £40 WITH BETMGM HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

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

The performance of DE TELLERS FORTUNE (IRE), which was pulled up, was considered. James Bowen reported that the gelding never travelled and the representative of Nicky Henderson's explanation that DE TELLERS FORTUNE (IRE) was unsuited by the going, which was described as Soft, Good to Soft in places on this occasion and would prefer a quicker surface, was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

The performance of PEDLEY WOOD (IRE), which started favourite and was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Joe Tizzard could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance other than Freddie Gingell reporting that PEDLEY WOOD (IRE) never travelled. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, the representative of Paul Nicholls reported that DON ALVARO, which was pulled up,



was unsuited by the going which was described as Soft, Good to Soft in places on this occasion, and would prefer a quicker surface.

Race 7 - 4:35pm.

THE GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that TIME IN THE SUN (IRE), which was pulled up, and TALKINGTOTHAMOON, which was pulled up, were both displaying signs of prolonged recovery.