

UTTOXETER STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 16 November 2024

Stewards: Michael Eyre (Chief Steward), Jenny Swainson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Simon Connaway (Steward), Cody Watkins (Assistant Steward), Bethany Dowswell (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD

Rail: Hurdlers on inside line Chase fences to innermost positions Fence 3 (2nd last in straight omitted) - Ground under repair All race distances as measured

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:53pm	INSPIRATRICE (IRE), trained by Nicky Martin.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
2:28pm	COURT CIAN (IRE)	Ciaran Gethings	Charlie Hammond	(Gethings injured)
12:45pm	NATHANAEL GREENE (GB)	Ciaran Gethings	Murray Dodd	(Gethings injured)
3:38pm	DOCTOR LOVE (FR)	Ciaran Gethings	Brendan Powell	(Gethings injured)

Race 1 - 12:10pm.

THE CROWN CELLARS WINE MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for KINGSTON PRIDE (RE) to wear a red hood to post.

Race 2 - 12:45pm.

THE QUINNBET NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for FIRST CUT, LAND OF MOON (FR) and WOODSTOCK CITY to all wear red hoods to post.

The performance of KABUKI (FR), which started second favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of Donald McCain could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance, other than a report from Theo Gillard that KABUKI (FR) weakened quickly in the home straight. The Veterinary Officer examined KABUKI (FR) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 3 - 1:20pm.**THE CARLSBERG MARSTON'S BREWING COMPANY HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)**

Passing the winning post on the first circuit, SPORTING ACE (IRE), placed second, shifted left making contact with the rail causing the gelding to step quickly right, briefly inconveniencing AQUILA SKY (RE), placed fifth, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Race 4 - 1:53pm.**THE 1664 BIERE MARES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)**

Following the race, James Best reported that RIVER ROBE (IRE), unplaced, made a bad mistake at the second last fence and Tom Bellamy reported that LOVE TREE (IRE), placed fourth, weakened quickly after the last fence.

Race 5 - 2:28pm.**THE EUROPEAN HEATHYARDS 50TH ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for JOHANNES (FR) and PRIMARY EXPLOSIVE to both wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after passing the winning post with a circuit to run, involving CUBAN COURT (IRE), placed third, ridden by Lilly Pinchin and PRIMARY EXPLOSIVE, which was pulled up, ridden by Charlie Todd. Pinchin was cautioned for careless riding as she allowed her mount to shift left when insufficiently clear, causing Todd to take a precautionary check.

Following the race, Theo Gillard reported that PRESENT FAIR (IRE), placed fifth, weakened quickly and Tom Bellamy reported that JOHANNES (FR), which was pulled up, lost action approaching the second last hurdle; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post race and had nothing to report.

Race 6 - 3:03pm.**THE KEITH BAILEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

Shortly after the bend entering the home straight on the final circuit the winner, EL VIGARO (IRE), edged marginally left giving SCHERBOBALOB a slight bump, but 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 EL VIGARO (IRE).

Race 7 - 3:38pm.**THE SOMERSBY CIDER OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Brendan Powell reported that DOCTOR LOVE (FR), unplaced, ran too free and had no more to give in the final two furlongs.

