

FONTWELL PARK STEWARDS' REPORT

Friday 25 April 2025

Stewards: Fergus Sweeney (Chief Steward), Charlie Corbett (Stewards' Panel Chair), Steve Drowne (Steward), Philippa Hardy (Assistant Steward), Kate Smith (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: Split top bend - Chase Inner, Hurdles 11 yards out from inner. Fences divided and jumped on left (Inner) Hurdles on Outer

Fixture Note: An adjourned enquiry was held into Race 1, from Lingfield Park on 28 March 2025, which was declared void, into the fall of Miss Grace Knowles, who had fallen from GLOBAL STYLE (IRE), passing the half furlong marker with a circuit left to run. Mr Fletcher Yarham, the rider of FRAVANCO; Mr Jonathan Rees, rider of NATIONAL HEALTH (FR) and Mr Lewis Kent, the rider of MAPOGO were interviewed and shown recordings of the incident. The incident was found to be accidental as FRAVANCO stepped slightly left-handed, moving MAPOGO marginally off its line, resulting in GLOBAL STYLE (IRE) edging left-handed and clipping the heel of NATIONAL HEALTH (FR) and falling.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:47pm	ANIMAL (IRE), trained by Suzy Smith.	Going (Changed Since Declarations)
6:47pm	TWP STORI, trained by Samuel Drinkwater.	Going (Changed Since Declarations)
6:47pm	CAPTAIN HOWSE (IRE), trained by Karen Jewell.	Vets Cert (Stiff)
7:47pm	MIDNIGHT JEWEL, trained by Charlie Longsdon.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
7:47pm	GREY D'ALCO (FR)	Niall Houlihan	Tabitha Worsley	(Houlihan stood down by RMO)

Race 1 - 5:15pm.

THE GARY WRAIGHT MEMORIAL MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that ABBEY LAW, placed fourth, was treated for post-

race ataxia.

Race 2 - 5:47pm.

THE ALL IN OR ALL OUT HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that AUTUMN PHILTRE (IRE), which was pulled up, had bled from the nose.

Race 3 - 6:17pm.

THE DARTAGNAN MENSWEAR HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

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

Nick Gifford was fined £290 for a late notification to Racing Calendar Office that CHURCHILLS BOY (IRE) had undergone Wind Surgery.

CHURCHILLS BOY (IRE), made contact with the plastic running rail on the chute. Having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon at the start, the gelding was deemed fit to race.

Race 4 - 6:47pm.

THE BEST OF BRITISH EVENTS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (Abandoned)

Permission was given for I LOVE YOU SIVOLA (FR) to be mounted in the chute.

An enquiry was held to consider the circumstances surrounding the deployment of the 'stop race' flag following the fall of Niall Houlihan, the rider of DRUMHELLER (IRE), at the last flight in the back straight, on the first circuit. The Clerk of the Course, the BHA Course Inspector, Caoilin Quinn, the rider of TELLAIRSUE (GER) and James Davies, the rider of ENDERSEN (IRE), were interviewed. The Clerk of the Course explained that the position of the stricken rider after the hurdle meant there was insufficient room for the runners to by-pass safely and therefore, he took the decision to initiate the 'stop race' procedure. The Stewards declared the race void and ordered a report to be forwarded to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority.

Race 5 - 7:17pm.

THE V2 RADIO WE LOVE LOCAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Following the race, Sean Houlihan reported that KING OF THE STORY (IRE), unplaced, jumped poorly.

Race 6 - 7:47pm.

THE STARSPO RTS.BET HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

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

Following the race, Conor O'Farrell reported that ALRIGHT DAI (IRE), unplaced, never travelled. The

Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Fines

Person	Race	Horse	Fine
Nick Gifford	Race 3 - 6:17pm	CHURCHILLS BOY (IRE)	£290.00