

YORK STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 18 May 2023

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), Caroline Tellwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Robert McCarthy (Steward), Greg Pearson (Steward), Ali Galliers-Pratt (Assistant Steward), Philippa Hardy (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD TO FIRM, GOOD (IN PLACES)

Rail: Thursday 18th - rail from 9f to entrance to Home Straight to be moved out 3m from innermost; Friday 19th - rail from 9f to entrance to Home Straight to be moved out 6m from innermost.

Stalls: 5f, 5f89yds, 6f - Far Side; 1m4f - Centre; Remainder - Inside Rail

Fixture Note: After Race 2: the Going changed to Good to Firm, Good in places (from Good, Good to Firm in places).

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:50pm	GHATHANFAR (IRE), trained by Tracy Waggott.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
2:25pm	TOSKANA BELLE (FR), trained by Roger Varian.	Self Cert (Lame)
3:00pm	THE TURPINATOR (IRE), trained by Grant Tuer.	Going (Changed since Declarations)
3:00pm	BRUNCH, trained by Michael Dods.	Self Cert (Going)
3:00pm	SYMBOL OF LIGHT, trained by Julie Camacho.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
4:10pm	KATEY KONTENT, trained by Clive Cox.	Self Cert (Lame)
4:45pm	EMPEROR OF ROME (IRE), trained by Aidan O'Brien.	Vets Cert (Runny Nose)
5:20pm	ROLL IT IN GLITTER (IRE), trained by Michael & David Easterby.	Going (Changed since Declarations)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:35pm	KING OF STEEL (USA), trained by Roger Varian.	Unruly in stalls Withdrawn by the Starter at 3:38 pm (see notice below).
3:00pm	ASSESSMENT, trained by Sir Michael Stoute.	Unruly in stalls Withdrawn by the Starter at 3:02 pm (see notice below).

Race 1 - 1:50pm.**THE LINDUM YORK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)**

Permission was given for CLARENDON HOUSE, KORKER (IRE) and MONDAMMEJ to all go early to post; for BEDFORD FLYER (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood; and for ALLIGATOR ALLEY to wear a red hood to post.

ALLIGATOR ALLEY collided with the rails on the way out onto the track. Having been examined by the Veterinary Surgeon at the start, the gelding was deemed fit to race.

Clifford Lee, the rider of KORKER (IRE), placed second, had appeared to stop riding shortly before the winning post, before being beaten ½ a length. After being interviewed and shown recordings of the incident, Lee's explanation that the gelding had momentarily become unbalanced causing him to briefly stop riding for two strides, as a precautionary measure was noted. Being satisfied that KORKER (IRE) had achieved the best possible placing, no further action was taken.

Following the race, Oisin Murphy reported that MOUNTAIN PEAK, unplaced, weakened quickly from 2 furlongs out. The representative of Robert Cowell reported that CLARENDON HOUSE, placed fifth, lost its left fore shoe.

Race 2 - 2:25pm.**THE AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI MIDDLETON FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 1)(Group 2)**

Permission was given for FREE WIND (IRE) and POPTRONIC to both wear a red hood to post.

Leaving the stalls, ARISTIA (IRE), unplaced, jumped awkwardly and shifted left-handed tightening SEA SILK ROAD (IRE), placed sixth, for room which caused that filly to bump heavily with STAY ALERT, placed fifth, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference in the final furlong when the winner, FREE WIND (IRE), ridden by Frankie Dettori interfered with ROGUE MILLENNIUM (IRE), placed second, ridden by Jack Mitchell. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved FREE WIND (IRE)'s placing in that despite ROGUE MILLENNIUM (IRE) being carried off its intended line by FREE WIND (IRE) drifting right-handed into its path, there was no contact between the runners and FREE WIND (IRE) was always holding ROGUE MILLENNIUM (IRE) on the run to the line to win by a dominant ½ length margin. Dettori was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he had allowed his mount to drift right-handed without timely correction, carrying Mitchell several horse widths off his intended racing line.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that ARISTIA (IRE), unplaced, lost both its front shoes.

Race 3 - 3:00pm.**THE SKY BET HAMBLETON HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)**

Permission was given for ASTRO KING (IRE) and CROUPIER (IRE) to both wear a red hood to post; for

SNAZZY JAZZY (IRE) and CRUYFF TURN to both go early to post and to be mounted in the chute; CRUYFF TURN wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

CRUYFF TURN unseated David Allan on the way to post. Having been checked by the doctor at the start, Allan was deemed fit to ride.

The Starter reported that ASSESSMENT broke out of the stalls and was withdrawn at 3:02pm. Sir Michael Stoute was informed that the gelding could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

Approximately 6½ furlongs out, BOPEDRO (FR), placed sixth, edged slightly right-handed hampering NORTHERN EXPRESS (IRE), placed third, which in turn impeded a hard pulling TROPEZ POWER, unplaced, 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 BOPEDRO (FR).

Approaching the final furlong, IMPERIAL SANDS (IRE), unplaced, hung right-handed before being quickly corrected by its rider intimidating GWEEDORE, unplaced, off its intended line, which in turn caused NORTHERN EXPRESS (IRE), placed third, which was improving between runners to be carried onto MASTER RICHARD, unplaced, which was hampered and in turn caused ISLA KAI (IRE), unplaced, to be checked in its run but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The winner CROUPIER (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Doncaster on 1 April 2023, where the gelding finished last of twenty-two runners, beaten 44 lengths. Ed Crisfords's explanation that the gelding appreciated the quicker Going which was officially described as Good to Firm, Good in places, was noted. CROUPIER (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Richard Kingscote reported that ASTRO KING (IRE), placed fourth, was denied a clear run for some distance from approaching 2 furlongs out until approaching the final furlong.

Race 4 - 3:35pm.

THE AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI DANTE STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2)

Permission was given for DANCING MAGIC (IRE) to go early to post and to be mounted in the chute, wearing a red hood; for EPICTETUS (IRE) and FLYING HONOURS to both wear a red hood to post.

The Starter reported that KING OF STEEL (USA) was unruly in the stalls and was withdrawn at 3:38pm. Roger Varian was informed that the colt could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

The performance of CANBERRA LEGEND (IRE), which finished ninth of twelve runners, was considered. James Ferguson could offer no explanation for the colt's performance on this occasion, other than Daniel Muscutt reported he was never travelling. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post race examination of CANBERRA LEGEND (IRE), failed to reveal any abnormalities.

The performance of FLYING HONOURS, which finished eleventh of twelve runners, was considered. Charlie Appleby's explanation that the colt found the Going too quick on this occasion, which was officially described as Good to Firm, Good in places, was noted. William Buick also reported that FLYING

HONOURS, anticipated the start and was slowly away. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post race examination of FLYING HONOURS, revealed the gelding to be lame on its right-fore.

Following the race, Richard Kingscote reported that PASSENGER (USA), which dead-heated for third place, was repeatedly denied clear running from approaching 2 furlongs out until passing the 1 furlong marker.

Race 5 - 4:10pm.

THE BRITISH EBF 40TH ANNIVERSARY WESTOW STAKES (CLASS 1) (Listed Race)

Permission was given for MICHAELA'S BOY (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood.

Frederick Larson, the rider of MICHAELA'S BOY (IRE), drawn 2, had appeared not to keep straight from the stalls. After being interviewed and shown recordings of the incident, his explanation that MICHAELA'S BOY (IRE) jumped awkwardly and hung quickly right-handed was accepted.

Shortly after the start WALBANK (IRE), unplaced, raced ungenerously and threw its head in the air before veering sharply left-handed badly hampering HISPANIC (IRE), unplaced, which in turn slightly inconvenienced ROGUE SPIRIT, unplaced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held to consider interference 1 furlong out involving LOOKING FOR LYNDIA (IRE), placed fifth, ridden by Sam James and MICHAELA'S BOY (IRE), placed third, ridden by Frederick Larson. Larson was suspended for 3 days for careless riding as he had failed to take sufficient steps to prevent his mount hanging right-handed into the path of LOOKING FOR LYNDIA (IRE), causing James to check his mount and then switch left-handed to continue his run, before being beaten a short head for fourth place.

The performance of CHANGE OF MIND (IRE), which started favourite and finished ninth of ten runners, was considered. Declan Carroll was unable to offer any explanation for the colt's performance on this occasion.

Following the race, Ryan Moore reported that HISPANIC (IRE), unplaced, suffered interference shortly after the start.

Race 6 - 4:45pm.

THE FRANK WHITTLE PARTNERSHIP ebfstallions.com MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

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

Leaving the stalls, MASTER FRANCA (IRE), placed fourth, shifted right-handed making contact with TICKTYBOO, placed fifth, which in turn drifted right-handed, hampering WE NEVER STOP (IRE), placed third, and caused AIR FORCE ONE (IRE), unplaced, to be checked when forced onto the heels of the winner, CUBAN THUNDER (IRE), 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 MASTER FRANCA (IRE).

Approximately ½ furlong after the start, a free running AIR FORCE ONE (IRE), unplaced, ran onto the heels of the winner, CUBAN THUNDER (IRE), and shifted left-handed making contact with WE NEVER STOP (IRE), placed third, which became unbalanced as a result, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Oisin Murphy reported that MASTER FRANCA (IRE), placed fourth, hung left-handed under pressure.

Race 7 - 5:20pm.

THE COLLECTIVE GREEN ENERGY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3)

Permission was given for TABARETTA (FR), RATHGAR and TORRE DEL ORO (IRE) to all wear a red hood to post.

The raceday privilege request in relation to TORRE DEL ORO (IRE), trained by Andrew Balding, was late being submitted. Balding was warned as to his responsibility to ensure that all raceday privilege requests are submitted by 1pm on the day before racing.

The performance of TABARETTA (FR), which finished tenth of eleven runners, was considered. Charlie Appleby could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post race examination of TABARETTA (FR) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

The performance of TORRE DEL ORO (IRE), which finished ninth of eleven runners, was considered. Andrew Balding's representative's explanation that the colt did not appreciate the Going which was officially described as Good to Firm, Good in places, was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post race examination of TORRE DEL ORO (IRE) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, Charlie Appleby reported that HIGH HONOUR, unplaced, made a respiratory noise.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Frankie Dettori	Race - 2:25pm	FREE WIND (IRE)	2	31 May 2023 1 Jun 2023
Frederick Larson	Race - 4:10pm	MICHAELA'S BOY (IRE)	3	5 Jun 2023 4 Jun 2023 26 May 2023