

YORK STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 13 July 2024

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), Caroline Tellwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Simon Connaway (Steward), Alan Dempsey (Steward), Kate Smith (Assistant Steward), Holly Crawford (Assistant Steward), Philippa Hardy (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD TO SOFT

Rail: Saturday rail position; 3m out from 9f to entrance to Home Straight

Stalls: 5f, and 6f - Centre; Remainder - Inside Rail

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:00pm	ELNAJMM, trained by William Haggas.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
2:35pm	EMARAATY ANA, trained by Jamie Osborne.	Going (Not changed since declaration but horse is on course and ID checked by Veterinary Officer)
2:35pm	WE NEVER STOP (IRE), trained by Kevin Ryan.	Self Cert (Off Colour)
3:10pm	FLYING FRONTIER, trained by James Tate.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
3:10pm	MARHABA THE CHAMP, trained by Kevin Ryan.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
3:10pm	SCAMPI, trained by Andrew Balding.	Vets Cert (Lame)
4:15pm	THE FLYING SEAGULL (IRE), trained by Hugo Palmer.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
4:50pm	DUKE OF VERONA (IRE), trained by Harry Eustace.	Going (Not changed since declaration but horse is on course and ID checked by Veterinary Officer)
4:50pm	RED FORCE ONE, trained by Philip Kirby.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
4:50pm	TAILORMAN (FR), trained by Ian Williams.	Vets Cert (Rash)
5:25pm	KUWAIT CITY (IRE), trained by John Butler.	Vets Cert (Temperature)
5:25pm	SIBYL CHARM (IRE), trained by Iain Jardine.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:00pm	STONE SOLDIER, trained by Richard Fahey.	Other Stewards declared the horse a Non-Runner (See Notice Below).

Race 1 - 2:00pm.

THE JOHN SMITH'S RACING HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Permission was given for RHYTHM MASTER (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood; and for IMPERIAL FIGHTER (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held into the start of this race and the participation of STONE SOLDIER, drawn 7, ridden by Oisin Orr. The rider and the Starter were interviewed and shown recordings of the start. The Stewards considered that STONE SOLDIER was prevented from starting on equal terms as the gelding had tried to go under the front gate just before the start was effected, resulting in the rider becoming unbalanced and unable to remove the blindfold, before being unseated as the stalls opened. They ordered that STONE SOLDIER be declared a non-runner.

Following the race, Ben Robinson reported that RHOSCOLYN, unplaced, was slowly away; Saffie Osborne reported that IMPERIAL FIGHTER (IRE), unplaced, ran too free; Jack Mitchell reported that TELEMAR (IRE), which started favourite and finished unplaced, suffered interference from the loose horse shortly after the start resulting in him having to take a check for several strides, causing the gelding to lose its position.

Race 2 - 2:35pm.

THE JOHN SMITH'S CITY WALLS STAKES (CLASS 1) (Listed Race)

Permission was given for both CLARENDON HOUSE and GRANDLAD (IRE) to go early to post; for ROGUE LIGHTNING (IRE) to wear a red hood to post; and for DEMOCRACY DILEMMA (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood.

Following the race, P. J. McDonald reported that CLARENDON HOUSE, placed fifth, ran too free.

Race 3 - 3:10pm.

THE JOHN SMITH'S CUP HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2) (Heritage Handicap)

Permission was given for ASTRO KING (IRE), BOTANICAL (IRE), DUAL IDENTITY (IRE) and MACHETE

to wear red hoods to post.

LOYAL TOUCH (IRE) wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

An enquiry was held to consider interference inside the final furlong involving LIBERTY LANE, unplaced, ridden by P. J. McDonald and EUCHEN GLEN, placed sixth, ridden by Cam Hardie. McDonald was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to drift right-handed without sufficient correction carrying EUCHEN GLEN marginally off its intended line.

Race 4 - 3:45pm.

THE JOHN SMITH'S SILVER CUP STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 3)

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

Following the race Ben Robinson reported that TASHKHAN (IRE), placed fifth, never travelled.

Race 5 - 4:15pm.

THE JOHN SMITH'S NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was giving for OAKLEY BOY to be mounted in the chute; and for MRBLUESKY (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching 2 furlongs out involving ALASHOS (FR), placed fourth, ridden by P. J. McDonald and CALL ME HARSWELL (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Daniel Tudhope. McDonald was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to drift right-handed when insufficiently clear carrying CALL ME HARSWELL (IRE) off its intended line.

Following the race, Cam Hardie reported that EIGHTEEN FOURTEEN (IRE), unplaced, was denied a clear run approaching 2 furlongs out; James Sullivan reported that PERFIDIA (IRE), unplaced, was denied a clear run approaching 2 furlongs out.

Race 6 - 4:50pm.

THE JOHN SMITH'S STAYERS' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference inside the final furlong when the winner, ZIMMERMAN, ridden by Sean Kirrane, interfered with VALLEY OF FLOWERS (IRE), placed second, ridden by Joanna Mason. The Stewards considered that the interference was accidental and had not improved the placing of ZIMMERMAN as the gelding had shifted quickly right-handed giving a slight bump to VALLEY OF FLOWERS (IRE) moving it marginally off its intended line, and that the winner was always holding the second to win by half a length at the line.

Race 7 - 5:25pm.

THE JOHN SMITH'S SPRINT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for REBEL PATH (FR) to be mounted in the chute; and for BELLA KOPELLA (IRE)

to be mounted in the chute and go early to post.

Prior to this race, Richard Fahey was asked to explain the reason why he was running ROCK OPERA here at York, on going officially described as Good to Soft, having declared the gelding a non-runner at York on 15 June 2024 on ground with the same official description. Richard Fahey's representative explained that he was happy for ROCK OPERA to run, as in his opinion the ground on this occasion was riding slower than the official description at York on 15 June 2024 and was therefore happy for the gelding to take its chance.

Prior to this race, Brian Ellison was asked to explain the reason why he was running UTILIS (IRE) here at York, on-going officially described as Good to Soft, having declared the gelding a non-runner at York on 15 June 2024 on ground with the same official description. Ellison explained that he was happy for UTILIS (IRE) to run on this occasion, as the gelding had been dropped back to 6f from 1mile 1f.

Approaching the final furlong, REBEL PATH (FR), placed third, hung right-handed causing TRILBY, placed fourth, to be short for room and checked, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved, and had not improved the placing of REBEL PATH (FR).

Approaching the final furlong MAXI BOY, placed second, hung right-handed moving the winner, RAY VONN (IRE), off its intended line which in turn interfered with TRILBY, placed fourth, causing the rider to take a check, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The Starter reported that RAY VONN (IRE) was the subject of a third criteria failure. B F Brookhouse was informed that the gelding could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

Following the race, Saffie Osborne reported that HIERARCHY (IRE), unplaced, was slowly away; Alex Jary reported that AS IF BY CHANCE, unplaced, was slowly away; James Sullivan reported that SPIRIT OF APPLAUSE, unplaced, was denied a clear run approaching the final furlong.