

NEWCASTLE STEWARDS' REPORT**Monday 08 April 2024**

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), Philip Spottiswood (Stewards' Panel Chair), Robert McCarthy (Steward), Josie Brown-Smith (Assistant Steward), Lyndsay Allan (Raceday Assistant)

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 2m - Inside 1m4f and 1m2f - Outside Straight races - Centre

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:20pm	KAIDU (IRE), trained by Susan Corbett.	Vets Cert (Abscess)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:50pm	IDEAL DRAGON, trained by John Davies.	Withdrawn by Stewards (Withdrawn by Stewards at 3:46pm - Jockey Injured)

Race 1 - 1:50pm.**THE DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for SPIRIT OF ASH (IRE) to go early to post.

Race 2 - 2:20pm.**THE GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for MOUSH to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after the start when INDICATION ROCKET (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Jack Enright, interfered with WE STILL BELIEVE (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Jason Hart. Being a 7lb claimer Enright was offered accompaniment but declined. Enright was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to edge left-handed towards the rail when insufficiently clear of the free-running WE STILL BELIEVE (IRE).

Race 3 - 2:50pm.**THE FREE DIGITAL RACECARD AT raceday-ready.com HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 3:20pm.**THE DOWNLOAD THE RACECOURSE APP RACEDAY READY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for PAPA DON'T PREACH (IRE), INDIAN SOUNDS (IRE) and GLOBAL HUMOR (USA) to go early to post.

The performance of STALLONE (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. Michael Dods' representative's explanation that the gelding was outpaced and was unsuited by not being able to find cover in the early stages on this occasion was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined STALLONE (IRE) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 5 - 3:50pm.**THE GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH raceday-ready.com HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for DIDDY MAN to go early to post wearing a red hood.

An enquiry was held to consider the unruly behaviour of IDEAL DRAGON which had unseated the jockey in the Parade Ring causing the jockey to be injured and the colt to be subsequently withdrawn. John Davies was interviewed and shown recordings of the incident. As the colt had also unseated the jockey and galloped loose around the track at Newcastle on 25 March 2024, Davies was informed that any future similar behaviour from IDEAL DRAGON may result in the horse being reported to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority.

The performance of LOUBIERE (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. Rebecca Menzies could offer no explanation for the filly's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined LOUBIERE (IRE) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Ben Robinson reported that SWEET SOUL MUSIC (IRE), unplaced, hung left-handed and stopped quickly and the Veterinary Officer reported that the gelding was lame on its right hind.

Race 6 - 4:20pm.**THE TIPS FOR EVERY RACE AT raceday-ready.com MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 7 - 4:50pm.

THE DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP "CONFINED" HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (For horses with no win since 2023 Flat Turf season) (DIV I)

MUSICAL MASQUERADE collided with the rail going out onto the course. Having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon at the start, the gelding was deemed fit to race.

Inside the final furlong, DARKER, placed third, hung left-handed causing NORTHBOUND (IRE), which dead-heated for fifth, to be short of racing room, 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 DARKER.

Following the race, Rowan Scott reported that CAPTAIN VALLO (IRE), unplaced, was denied a clear run in the final furlong and Jonny Peate reported that MARIE'S JEWEL (IRE), which dead-heated for fifth, was denied a clear run approaching the line.

Race 8 - 5:20pm.

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Permission was given for CROCODILE POWER (IRE) and MADISONELLE to go early to post.

Just inside the final furlong, the winner, SMALLEYTIME (IRE), hung right-handed intimidating ELIZABETH'S JOY, placed third, off its intended line causing the rider of ANIF (IRE), placed fifth, to ease for several strides, 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 SMALLEYTIME (IRE).

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference on the run to the line when the winner, SMALLEYTIME (IRE), ridden by Andrew Breslin, interfered with BAROSSA (IRE), placed second, ridden by Faye McManoman. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved SMALLEYTIME (IRE)'s placing as the ground and momentum lost by BAROSSA (IRE) was less than the winning margin of a head and in close proximity to the winning line. Breslin was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to shift left-handed without sufficient correction carrying BAROSSA (IRE) slightly off its intended line.

The winner, SMALLEYTIME (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Newcastle on 17 February 2024 where the gelding finished last of eight, beaten by 7 ³/₄ lengths. It was noted that Ben Haslam could offer no explanation for the gelding's improved form. SMALLEYTIME (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Tom Eaves reported that ANIF (IRE), placed fifth, suffered interference just inside the final furlong.

