

## ASCOT STEWARDS' REPORT

**Tuesday 20 June 2023**

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Rupert Sweeting (Stewards' Panel Chair), Richard Westropp (Steward), Sophie Candy (Steward), Kate Smith (Assistant Steward), Kelly O'Boyle (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Straight Course**  
Flat Turf Race: Good (GSt 7.3)  
**Round Course**  
Flat Turf Race: Good (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 6.5)

Rail: The rail on the round course is positioned approx 4yds out from approx 9f out to the Home Straight this will remain in place until after racing on Wednesday

Stalls: Straight: Centre. Round: Inside

Fixture Note: There was a going change prior to Race 1:  
Round course - Good, Good to Soft in places (From Good, Good to Firm in places)  
Straight course - Good (From Good to Firm)

### Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:40pm	CHIPSTEAD, trained by Roger Teal.	Vets Cert (Injured in Box) (Issued by VO on course)
3:40pm	MANACCAN, trained by John Ryan.	Vets Cert (Heat in Leg) (Issued by VO on course)
5:00pm	EAST ASIA (IRE), trained by Ian Williams.	Vets Cert (Abscess)

### Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:05pm	BUYIN BUYIN (IRE), trained by W. P. Browne.	Unruly in stalls Withdrawn by the Starter at 3.08pm (See notice below)
3:05pm	CHIEF MANKATO, trained by Charles Hills.	Unruly in stalls Withdrawn by the Starter at 3.08pm (See notice below)

### Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:05pm	FANDOM (GB)	Irad Ortiz Jr	John R. Velazquez	Ortiz Jr signed off by RMO.

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:40pm	TWILIGHT GLEAMING (IRE)	Irad Ortiz Jr	John R. Velazquez	Ortiz Jr signed off by RMO.

### **Race 1 - 2:30pm.**

#### **THE QUEEN ANNE STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 1) (British Champions Series)**

Permission was given for MODERN GAMES (IRE) and INSPIRAL to wear red hoods to post, and for TRIPLE TIME (IRE) to go early to post. ANGEL BLEU (FR) wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approximately two furlongs out involving BERKSHIRE SHADOW, placed fifth, ridden by Oisin Murphy, and ANGEL BLEU (FR), unplaced, ridden by Hector Crouch. Murphy was suspended for 2 days for careless riding for allowing his mount to shift right-handed when insufficiently clear, leaving ANGEL BLEU (FR) short for room and checked by Crouch. Franki Dettori, the rider of INSPIRAL, placed second, was also interviewed but found not to be involved in the interference.

### **Race 2 - 3:05pm.**

#### **THE COVENTRY STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2)**

Permission was given for FLAG OF ST GEORGE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

The Starter reported that both BUYIN BUYIN (IRE), trained by W P Browne, and CHIEF MANKATO, trained by Charles Hills, were unruly in stalls and withdrawn. Browne and Hills were informed that their colts could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

### **Race 3 - 3:40pm.**

#### **THE KING'S STAND STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 1) (British Champions Series)**

Permission was given for CANNONBALL (AUS), MITBAAHY (IRE), RAASEL, MARSHMAN, and DRAMATISED (IRE) to wear red hoods to post; for EXISTENT to be mounted in the chute, and for VADREAM to be mounted in the Pre-Parade Ring. COOLANGATTA (AUS) was given permission to go early and be ponied to post wearing a red hood, the filly also wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race following interference on the run to the line involving the winner, BRADSELL, ridden by Hollie Doyle, and HIGHFIELD PRINCESS (FR), placed second, ridden by Jason Hart. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved the placing of BRADSELL in that at the time of the interference the colt was half a length up on HIGHFIELD PRINCESS (FR) and always appeared to be holding the second placed horse, with a length between them at the line. Doyle was suspended for 4 days for careless riding for allowing her mount to shift left-handed

without sufficient correction, causing HIGHFIELD PRINCESS (FR) to be taken notably off her intended line.

Following the race, the representative of K R Burke reported that DRAMATISED (IRE), unplaced, was unsuited by the high draw and the Good going, and would prefer a firmer surface.

**Race 4 - 4:20pm.**

**THE ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 1) (British Champions Series)**

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

Following the race, Jamie Spencer reported that ROYAL SCOTSMAN (IRE), unplaced, was never travelling.

**Race 5 - 5:00pm.**

**THE ASCOT STAKES (CLASS 2) (Heritage Handicap)**

Permission was given for URBAN ARTIST and THEMAXWECAN to go early to post and be mounted in the chute, and for SOLENT GATEWAY (IRE), IRISH LULLABY, NOVEL LEGEND (IRE), LAW OF THE SEA, and ZINC WHITE (IRE) to wear red hoods to post.

The performance of BRING ON THE NIGHT, which started favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. W P Mullins explanation that the gelding was never travelling, and denied a clear run in the final two furlongs was noted; BRING ON THE NIGHT was routine tested.

Following the race, Rob Hornby reported that PRINCE IMPERIAL (USA), unplaced, was slowly away. Kevin Stott reported that FLEURMAN (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly, the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities. Olly Murphy reported that ZINC WHITE (RE), unplaced, was unsuited by the Good, Good to Soft in places going, and would prefer an easier surface.

**Race 6 - 5:35pm.**

**THE WOLFERTON STAKES (CLASS 1) (Listed Race)**

Permission was given for ROYAL CHAMPION (IRE) and NOTRE BELLE BETE to wear red hoods to post.

The Starter reported that SOLID STONE (IRE) was unruly and reluctant to enter the stalls. Sir Michael Stoute was informed that the gelding could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after the start involving CADILLAC (IRE), unplaced, ridden by James McDonald, CERTAIN LAD, unplaced, ridden by Ben Curtis, NOTRE BELLE BETE, unplaced, ridden by David Probert, and SAGA, unplaced, ridden by Frankie Dettori. Dettori was suspended for 9 days for careless riding for shifting his mount right-handed when insufficiently clear, causing McDonald to take a significant check which caused his mount to become severely unbalanced against the rail; this, in turn, resulted in Curtis having to give CERTAIN LAD a severe check off the heels of CADILLAC (IRE) and, thereafter, Probert had to steady NOTRE BELLE BETE off heels. Rob Hornby, the

rider of FOXES TAILS (IRE), unplaced, was also interviewed but found not to be involved in the interference.

Approximately one and a half furlongs out, CHECKANDCHALLENGE, unplaced, rolled marginally left-handed at the same time as NOTRE BELLE BETE, unplaced, shifted slightly right-handed, causing the rider of SAVVY VICTORY (IRE), unplaced, to ease momentarily, but after viewing a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved.

#### **Race 7 - 6:10pm.**

#### **THE COPPER HORSE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)**

Permission was given for CEMHAAN to wear a hood in the Parade Ring, and for POINT KING (IRE) and GAASSEE (IRE) to wear red hoods to post. SAM COOKE (IRE) wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

The Starter reported CHILLINGHAM (IRE) was the subject of a third criteria failure. Edward Bethell was informed that the gelding could not run until the day after passing a stalls test. As it was the second occasion within the previous 12 months that CHILLINGHAM (IRE) had been reported, a further report within the same period would mean the gelding would be prevented from having a stalls test for 6 months.

Racing into the first bend in a tightly bunched field, GET SHIRTY (IRE), unplaced, became short for galloping room and was checked by the rider which resulted in the riders of SAM COOKE (IRE), placed fifth, and ABSURDE (FR), placed second, having to ease their mounts off heels, but after viewing a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Hollie Doyle reported that AADDEEY (IRE), unplaced, was slowly away, and Callum Rodriguez reported that CHILLINGHAM (IRE), placed fourth, anticipated the start and ran too free in the early stages.

#### **Suspensions**

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Oisin Murphy	Race - 2:30pm	BERKSHIRE SHADOW (GB)	2	26 Jun 2023 5 Jul 2023
Hollie Doyle	Race - 3:40pm	BRADSELL (GB)	4	3 Jul 2023 6 Jul 2023 5 Jul 2023 4 Jul 2023

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Frankie Dettori	Race - 5:35pm	SAGA (GB)	9	4 Jul 2023 5 Jul 2023 6 Jul 2023 7 Jul 2023 8 Jul 2023 9 Jul 2023 10 Jul 2023 11 Jul 2023 12 Jul 2023