

AYR STEWARDS' REPORT

Tuesday 02 January 2024

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), John Wilson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Adrian Smith (Steward), Ali Galliers-Pratt (Assistant Steward), Lauren Thomson (Raceday Assistant).
 Going: HEAVY, SOFT (IN PLACES)
 Rail: Hurdle Bends out 5yds Chase Bend Out 2yds

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:45pm	ARDERA CROSS (IRE)	Derek Fox	Danny McMenamin	(Fox stood down by RMO).
1:45pm	HAUTE ESTIME (IRE)	Derek Fox	Alan Doyle	(Fox stood down by RMO).
3:15pm	MYRETOWN (IRE)	Derek Fox	Alan Doyle	(Fox stood down by RMO).
3:15pm	IT'S FOR YOU MUM (FR)	Alan Doyle	John Kington	(Doyle switched onto Russell's other runner).

Race 1 - 12:45pm.

THE HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM AYR RACECOURSE MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 2 - 1:15pm.

THE AYR COMPLETES JULIA'S RACECOURSE JOURNEY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (Go North Cab On Target Series Qualifier)

CLOVIS BOY, ridden by Derek Fox, had fallen approaching the second last hurdle. The rider was interviewed by phone. It was found that no other horse or rider was involved and was caused by CLOVIS BOY taking a false step and stumbling.

The performance of BEAT THE RETREAT (IRE), which started favourite and finished seventh of fourteen runners, was considered. N. W. Alexander's explanation that the gelding ran flat, was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined BEAT THE RETREAT (IRE) during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Sam Coltherd reported that SILVER VISION, which was pulled, made a bad mistake at the fourth last flight of hurdles. The Veterinary Officer reported that BARNEY STINSON (IRE), placed fifth, lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 3 - 1:45pm.**THE JIM 'HAVANA' MCPHERSON HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)**

The winner, UP HELLY AA KING, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Cheltenham on 15 December 2023, where the gelding finished six of nine runners, beaten by 40 lengths. N. W. Alexander's explanation that the gelding was suited by the step up in trip, coupled with a drop in grade, was noted. UP HELLY AA KING was routine tested.

Race 4 - 2:15pm.**THE AYRSHIRE WEDDING SHOW NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

ANUBIS WALK (FR) wore earplugs throughout the race.

The performance of ANUBIS WALK (FR), which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. Nicky Richards could offer no explanation for the mare's performance, on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer examined ANUBIS WALK (FR), during routine testing, and had nothing to report other than the mare had lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 5 - 2:45pm.**THE GOLF INN PRESTWICK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 6 - 3:15pm.**THE QUIZ NIGHT AT GOLF INN PRESTWICK MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 7 - 3:45pm.**THE WIN A WEDDING AT WESTERN HOUSE HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (Go North One Man Series Qualifier)**

Permission was given for HERITIER (FR) to go early to post, the gelding also wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that GANDHI MAKER (FR), placed third, bled from the nose.

