

# **BANGOR-ON-DEE STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Friday 07 February 2025**

Stewards: Greg Pearson (Chief Steward), Caroline Tellwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Guy Upton (Steward), Philippa Hardy (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant), Michael Walton (Trainee Raceday Assistant).

Going: SOFT

Rail: Hurdle rail in same position as last meeting, distances as advertised. Chase bends moved out 3yds from last meeting. Fence 8 omitted in all chases

## Non-Runners

| Race   | Horse and Trainer                                   | Reason                                                                |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2:12pm | VALLERES (FR), trained by Venetia Williams.         | Self Cert (Not Sound)                                                 |
| 2:12pm | STELLAR STREAM (IRE), trained by Kayley Woollacott. | Self Cert (Bad Scope)                                                 |
| 3:15pm | SERIOUS EGO (GER), trained by Nicky Richards.       | Self Cert (Bruised Foot)                                              |
| 3:50pm | GEGE VILLE (FR), trained by Nicky Richards.         | Other<br>(Admin Error)                                                |
| 3:50pm | SWEET MAGIC (IRE), trained by Alastair Ralph.       | Self Cert (Other)<br>(Ran two days prior at Ludlow, 05 February 2025) |

## Jockey Changes

| Race   | Horse             | Declared Jockey | Replacement Jockey | Reason           |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 3:15pm | CLINTON LANE (GB) | Fergus Gillard  | Theo Gillard       | (Gillard Unwell) |

## **Race 1 - 1:12pm.**

### **THE JOHN HEWITT MEMORIAL OPEN HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)**

Nothing to report

**Race 2 - 1:42pm.****THE CLASSIC ADDITIONS LIMITED MARES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (Challenger Mares' Chase Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

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

The performance of VICTORIA MILANO (IRE), which started second favourite and finished unplaced, beaten by 32 ½ lengths, was considered. Alastair Ralph's explanation that mare was unsuited by the Going, officially described as Soft, which in his opinion was riding tacky and holding on this occasion was noted.

Following the race, Brian Hughes reported that SHIGHNESS, which was pulled up, never travelled. The Veterinary Officer reported that the mare lost its left-fore shoe.

**Race 3 - 2:12pm.****THE CORBETT SPORTS NORTH WALES NATIONAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

After an initial false start, the start was effected successfully on the second attempt. However, having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

The winner, LASKALIN (FR), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Huntingdon, on 02 January 2025 where the gelding finished fifth of five runners, beaten by 32 ½ lengths. Venetia Williams' explanation that LASKALIN (FR) benefited from the application of the first-time blinkers was noted and the gelding was routine tested.

The performance of WELL DICK (IRE), which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. Emma Lavelle could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance, other than WELL DICK (IRE) may not have stayed the 3 mile 5 ½ furlong trip on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Sean Bowen reported that ANIMAL (IRE), which was pulled up, stopped quickly, Suzy Smith further reported that the gelding made a respiratory noise. Patrick Wadge reported that HAUTE ESTIME (IRE), which was pulled up, never travelled.

**Race 4 - 2:42pm.****THE RUABON EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

LAGANHILL arrived at the start with a small amount of blood in its mouth, having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon the gelding was deemed fit to race.

Following the race, Mr Jamie Neild reported that BIG GINGE (IRE), placed third, hung right-handed.

**Race 5 - 3:15pm**

**THE RW HOUGH & SON HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)**

Nothing to report

**Race 6 - 3:50pm.**

**THE WREXHAM LAGER UK'S OLDEST LAGER BREWERY NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Theo Gillard reported that MIAMI STEVE (IRE), placed fourth, hung and jumped right-handed.

The sponsorship in relation to COASTAL ROCK (FR), trained by Olly Murphy, did not comply with the Sponsorship Code of Conduct. Murphy was warned as to his responsibility to ensure that the correct sponsorship is carried.

**Race 7 - 4:25pm.**

**THE WREXHAM LAGER MARES' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

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

WALKINTHECOTSWOLDS (IRE) arrived at the start with a small amount of blood in its mouth, having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon the mare was deemed fit to race.

An enquiry was held to consider interference passing the winning post with a circuit to run, involving PRAIRIE QUEEN, placed fifth, ridden by Lucy Gardner, WALKINTHECOTSWOLDS (IRE), placed third, ridden by Bradley Harris, and EDMOND, unplaced, ridden by Charlie Deutsch. Gardner was cautioned for careless riding as she had edged left-handed when not clear of WALKINTHECOTSWOLDS (IRE) causing it to be briefly crowded, which in turn crowded EDMOND on the rail.

An enquiry was held to consider interference entering the bend, into the back straight, involving WALKINTHECOTSWOLDS (IRE), placed third, ridden by Bradley Harris, and FLORA PAGET, unplaced, ridden by Tabitha Worsley. Harris was suspended for 3 days for careless riding as he manoeuvred his horse left-handed when not sufficiently clear, causing the rider of FLORA PAGET to take a significant check and her mount to stumble.

The winner, CHOSEN BAE (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Exeter, on 13 January 2025 where the mare finished tenth of fourteen runners, beaten by 52 ½ lengths. Ryan Potter's explanation that CHOSEN BAE (IRE) may have benefited from improving in its previous two runs, returning from a long break and this being the mare's first run in a handicap, off a light weight was noted and the mare was routine tested.

Following the race, Lucy Gardner reported that PRAIRIE QUEEN, placed fifth, hung right-handed.

Suspensions

| Person         | Race          | Horse                    | Days | Suspended Days                            |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------|
| Bradley Harris | Race - 4:25pm | WALKINTHECOTSWOLDS (IRE) | 3    | 21 Feb 2025<br>22 Feb 2025<br>23 Feb 2025 |