

BANGOR-ON-DEE STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 22 April 2023

Stewards: Guy Upton (Chief Steward), Charles Nugent (Stewards' Panel Chair), Tom Evetts (Steward), Kate Smith (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**
Chase Race: Good (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 7.2)
Hurdle Course
Hurdle Race: Good (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 7.4)

Rail: Moved onto fresh ground. Hurdle rail out abt 4 yds.

Fixture Note: After race 4, the going was changed to Good on both courses, from Good, Good to Soft in Places, on both courses.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:40pm	GABRIEL'S GETAWAY (IRE), trained by Anthony Honeyball.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
2:15pm	IRISH SOVEREIGN (IRE), trained by Tristan Davidson.	Travel (Horsebox broken down)
2:15pm	ROCKINASTORM (IRE), trained by Henry Daly.	Going (Not changed since declaration, but horse on course and ID checked by VO)
2:15pm	THANKYOUURLUCKYSTAR, trained by Alastair Ralph.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
2:50pm	SPOTTY DOG, trained by Mike Hawker.	Vets Cert (Knocked Joint)
3:25pm	BEAR A HAND, trained by Richard Price.	Self Cert (Cut Leg)
4:00pm	LADY OF THE NIGHT, trained by Kim Bailey.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:00pm	UBETYA (IRE), trained by Jedd O'Keeffe.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:05pm	MAGICAL KING (IRE), trained by Stuart Edmunds.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
2:15pm	PRISON BREAK (IRE)	Alan Johns	David Noonan	Johns delayed in traffic.
4:30pm	ATLANTIC VIEW (GB)	Tom Cannon	Rex Dingle	Cannon injured.

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
5:05pm	DANCING IN BRAZIL (GB)	Tom Cannon	Rex Dingle	Cannon injured.
5:05pm	OUR ROSIE (IRE)	Robert Dunne	Ciaran Gethings	Dunne stood down by RMO.

Race 1 - 1:05pm.

THE BECK'S NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 2 - 1:40pm.

THE WEATHERBYS nhstallions.co.uk HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for TWOTWOTHREE (IRE) to go early to post and be mounted in the chute.

An enquiry was held to consider interference on the bend turning into the home straight on the first circuit involving the winner, SABBATHICAL (FR), ridden by Adam Wedge, CHANCEUX (IRE), placed fifth, ridden by Ciaran Gethings, BLUEBERRY WINE (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Theo Gillard, and TWOTWOTHREE (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Robert Dunne. The interference was found to be accidental as BLUEBERRY WINE (IRE) had made contact with a section of rail that jinked out slightly, causing the gelding to become unbalanced.

The winner, SABBATHICAL (FR), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Uttoxeter on 1 April 2023, where the gelding finished seventh of eight, beaten by 20 ¼ lengths. It was noted that Evan Williams could offer no explanation for the gelding's improved form; SABBATHICAL (FR) was routine tested.

Following the race, Ross Chapman reported that GANDHI MAKER (FR), placed sixth, hung badly left-handed. The Veterinary Officer reported that BLUEBERRY WINE (IRE), placed fourth, had lost its right-hind shoe.

Race 3 - 2:15pm.

THE KATE HINKINS 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for PRISON BREAK (IRE) to go early and be led to post.

Donald McCain was cautioned as JIPEKAA MACHIN (FR) had arrived in the Parade Ring without its declared cheek pieces, which were then located and fitted to the gelding before going to the start.

An enquiry was held to consider interference turning into the home straight involving the winner, VANDEMERE (IRE), ridden by Craig Nichol, and ICEMAN DENNIS (FR), unplaced, ridden by Theo

Gillard. The interference was found to be accidental as both riders had gone for the same gap when coming from behind weakening runners, resulting in ICEMAN DENNIS (FR) being placed momentarily onto the heels of HARDY BOY (FR).

Following the race, Luca Morgan reported that HARDY BOY (FR), unplaced, jumped poorly. Henry Brooke reported that BRAVETHEWAVES, unplaced, was never travelling; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination during routine testing of BRAVETHEWAVES found the gelding to be lame on its left-fore leg. Ian Williams confirmed Sean Bowen's report that GHASHAM (IRE), unplaced, was never travelling, and further reported that the colt was unsuited by the tight nature of the track at Bangor, and unsuited by the Good, Good to Soft in places going (which was subsequently changed to Good), and would prefer a softer surface; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of GHASHAM (IRE) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 4 - 2:50pm.

THE ALFA AGGREGATE PRODUCTS NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

The winner, DOCTOR FOLEY (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Fontwell on 8 March 2023, where the gelding finished fifth of six, beaten by 26 lengths. Anthony Honeyball explained that DOCTOR FOLEY (IRE) had appreciated a switch to running over fences, the first time application of a tongue tie, and running on going officially described as Good, Good to Soft in places, having raced on Soft ground at Fontwell on its previous run. His explanation was noted, DOCTOR FOLEY (IRE) was routine tested.

Race 5 - 3:25pm.

THE CARR & ASSOCIATES NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Tom Cannon, the rider of NOTHINGTOCHANCE, was unseated shortly after the second hurdle. Cannon was unable to be interviewed owing to his injuries, but it was found that the incident was caused by the gelding clipping the heel of SPIRIT OF REGULUS (IRE), making it stumble and unseat Cannon.

The winner, GOVERNOR GREEN (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Ffos Las on 5 March 2023, where the gelding finished ninth of 12, beaten by 20 lengths. Alastair Ralph explained that GOVERNOR GREEN (IRE) had appreciated a return to two miles having raced over two and a half miles on its previous run, and that it was the gelding's second run after wind surgery. His explanation was noted; GOVERNOR GREEN (IRE) was routine tested.

Race 6 - 4:00pm.

THE STELLA ARTOIS HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)

BLUE HAWAII (IRE) was given permission to proceed straight to post so as not to cause further delay to this race.

Following the race, Luca Morgan reported that ON SPRINGS (IRE), placed sixth, jumped poorly, and Lilly Pinchin reported that ZESTFUL HOPE (FR), placed second, hung left-handed on the run-in.

Race 7 - 4:30pm.

THE tote 'WREXHAM FC GOOD LUCK TONIGHT' "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 4) (Category 1 Elimination) (DIV I) (GBB RACE)

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

Approaching the two furlong marker GRAZE ON PHOENIX, unplaced, lugged right-handed causing RENOIR, placed third, to be short of room in between that gelding and the winner, MRS TABITHA, but after viewing a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Approaching the final furlong and a half RENOIR, placed third, was left short of room when GRAZE ON PHOENIX, unplaced, ducked right-handed at the same time as the winner, MRS TABITHA, shifted slightly left-handed. After viewing a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved and it had not improved the placing of MRS TABITHA.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of REGAL AND ROYAL (FR), which was pulled up, was found to have an irregular heartbeat.

Race 8 - 5:05pm.

THE tote 'WREXHAM FC GOOD LUCK TONIGHT' "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 4) (Category 1 Elimination) (DIV II) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report