

MUSSELBURGH STEWARDS' REPORT

Sunday 01 January 2023

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), Franki Clark (Stewards Panel Chair), Adrian Smith (Steward), Gwen Thomas (Assistant Steward), Lyndsay Allan (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**
Chase Race: Soft
Hurdle Course
Hurdle Race: Soft

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
12:25pm	FREDDY ROBINSON, trained by Brian Ellison.	Going (Changed since declaration)
1:00pm	STARLYTE (IRE), trained by Lucinda Russell.	Going (Changed since declaration)
1:35pm	BARON DE MIDLETON (IRE), trained by Brian Ellison.	Going (Changed since declaration)
1:35pm	DUBAI DAYS (IRE), trained by N. W. Alexander.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:10pm	THE GREAT GEORGIE, trained by Jackie Stephen.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:45pm	PARISENCORE (FR), trained by Nicky Richards.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:20pm	NAVAJO PASS, trained by Donald McCain.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Race 1 - 12:25pm.

THE FITZDARES FIRST FOOT JUVENILE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Go North Grey Bomber Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 2 - 1:00pm.

THE FITZDARES HAPPY NEW YEAR HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Go North Brindisi Breeze Series Qualifier)

An enquiry was held to consider the reason NORTHERN FALCON, ridden by Craig Nichol, had appeared to take the incorrect course after jumping the last hurdle in the back straight, running on the wrong side of

the rail and the marker denoting the chase course, whereupon Nichol pulled the gelding up. The rider was interviewed and shown recordings of the incident. Having heard Nichol's explanation, the rider was suspended for 12 days for taking the wrong course.

Race 3 - 1:35pm.

THE FITZDARES 'AULD REEKIE' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for HALF SHOT (IRE) to wear a hood in the parade ring and for MINELLA DRAMA (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

The Stewards enquired following an incident on the bend entering the home straight during the first circuit when a dog ran onto the track. The Clerk of Course and Sean Quinlan, the rider of PAY THE PIPER (IRE), were interviewed and shown recordings of the incident. The Clerk of the Course explained that the dog belonged to member of the public and had slipped its lead as the horses approached. He added that that particular part of the course was public common land and the Racecourse has no control over who has access during racing. He further added that he had instructed a member of the security team to patrol the area for the remainder of the meeting. The Stewards noted his explanation and a report was forwarded to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority.

Race 4 - 2:10pm.

THE FITZDARES NEW YEARS DAY NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

The performance of WARRIORS STORY, which was pulled up, was considered. N. W. Alexander's explanation that the race came too soon for the gelding, having run 10 days ago, was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of WARRIORS STORY failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 5 - 2:45pm.

THE FITZDARES HOGMANEIGH HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Rounding the bend leaving the back straight, COLLINGHAM (GER), placed second, lugged left-handed as VOIX DU REVE (FR), unplaced, lugged right-handed, causing interference to SOCIALIST AGENDA, placed sixth. 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 COLLINGHAM (GER).

The winner NAYATI (FR) appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Sandown on 3rd December where the gelding finished sixth of nine runners, beaten by 16 lengths. Donald McCain's explanation that NAYATI (FR) was better suited by the Soft Going on this occasion than the Going at Sandown, which in his opinion, was riding tacky, was noted.

The performance of FIRST IMPRESSION (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of John Quinn could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance.

Race 6 - 3:20pm

THE FITZDARES HAIR OF THE DOG HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

Nothing to report

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Craig Nichol	Race - 1:00pm	NORTHERN FALCON (GB)	12	27 Jan 2023 26 Jan 2023 25 Jan 2023 24 Jan 2023 22 Jan 2023 21 Jan 2023 20 Jan 2023 19 Jan 2023 18 Jan 2023 17 Jan 2023 16 Jan 2023 15 Jan 2023