

CHEPSTOW STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 08 August 2024

Stewards: Louise Moore (Chief Steward), George Welch (Stewards' Panel Chair), Richard Westropp (Steward), Guy Upton (Steward), Mark Elgar (Trainee Stewards' Panel Chair), Lauren Thomson (Assistant Steward), Milly Bersey (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD TO FIRM, GOOD (IN PLACES)

Rail: Rail on Home bend moved out from most inner line - Race distance variations: 1m 2f & 1m 4f races have an additional 6 yards

Stalls: Centre for all races

Fixture Note: An enquiry was held to establish the circumstances surrounding the reason for sheep being on the track prior Race 1 resulting in a delay to racing. The Clerk of the Course, BHA Course Inspector and the Racecourse Regional Director were interviewed. Having heard their evidence, a report was forwarded to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority.

After Race 1 the Going was changed to Good to Soft, Good in places (from Good to Firm, Good in places.)

After Race 4, the Going was changed to Good to Soft, Soft in places (from Good to Soft, Good in places.)

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
7:00pm	ALLIGATOR ALLEY, trained by David O'Meara.	Travel (Horsebox broken down)
7:00pm	HAYMAKER, trained by Hughie Morrison.	Going (Changed since declaration)
7:00pm	STAR OF LADY M, trained by David O'Meara.	Travel (Horsebox broken down)
7:00pm	MISS ATTITUDE, trained by Jack Channon.	Going (Changed since declaration)
7:30pm	CHASE THE DOLLAR, trained by David Loughnane.	Going (Changed since declaration)
8:00pm	ARTHUR'S REALM (IRE), trained by Ed Dunlop.	Going (Changed since declaration)
8:00pm	DIDEROT, trained by James Ferguson.	Going (Changed since declaration)
8:00pm	LADY OF ARABIA, trained by Eve Johnson Houghton.	Going (Changed since declaration)
8:30pm	JUMBY (IRE), trained by Eve Johnson Houghton.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
8:30pm	GORAK (FR), trained by Charlie Fellowes.	Going (Changed since declaration)
8:30pm	AKKADIAN THUNDER, trained by David O'Meara.	Travel (Horsebox broken down)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:30pm	BENNETOT (IRE), trained by David O'Meara.	Travel (Horsebox broken down)
6:30pm	MUSCIKA, trained by David O'Meara.	Travel (Withdrawn by the Trainer at 6:04pm - Horsebox broken down)
6:30pm	INGRA TOR (IRE), trained by Jack Channon.	Going (Withdrawn by the Trainer's representative at 6:05pm - Changed since declaration)

Race 1 - 5:30pm.

THE PLAY THE PLACEPOT AT Tote.co.uk RACING LEAGUE 15 HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (for horses in the care of trainers registered to Racing League)

Permission was given for AZAHARA PALACE and LADY FLORA to both wear a red hood to the start.

Race 2 - 6:00pm.

THE Tote ARE ONLINE TOO AT Tote.co.uk RACING LEAGUE 16 HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (for horses in the care of trainers registered to Racing League)

Permission was given for LESSAY (IRE) and BRINDLEY (IRE) to both wear a red hood to the start.

Race 3 - 6:30pm.

THE STREAM THIS RACE FREE AT Tote.co.uk RACING LEAGUE 17 HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (for horses in the care of trainers registered to Racing League)

Permission was given for EMINENCY (IRE) to be mounted in the chute; for CONNIE'S ROSE to wear a red hood to the start; for ALPINE GIRL (IRE) to go early wearing a red hood to the start.

The winner, GISBURN (IRE) appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Newmarket on the 12 July 2024, where the gelding finished twelfth of thirteen runners beaten 13 ½ lengths. The explanation given by the representative of Richard Hannon that the gelding was suited by the drop down in trip from 7 furlongs to 6 furlongs and on a slower surface on this occasion, was noted.

GISBURN (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Harry Davies reported that ALPINE GIRL (IRE), placed sixth, was fractious in the stalls and slowly away as a result.

Race 4 - 7:00pm.

THE Tote ON THE GO AT Tote.co.uk RACING LEAGUE 18 HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3) (for horses in the care of trainers registered to Racing League)

Permission was given for EXISTENT to be mounted in the chute; for APEELING to wear a red hood to the start.

The winner, MANILA SCOUSE appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at York on the 27 July 2024, where the gelding finished twelfth of fourteen runners beaten 12½ lengths. It was noted that the representative of Tim Easterby could offer no explanation for MANILA SCOUSE's improved form other than the gelding may have appreciated a return to Chepstow.

The performance of APEELING, which started joint favourite and finished seventh of eight runners beaten 7¾ lengths, was considered. The representative of Andrew Balding's explanation that the filly was unsuited by the undulations here at Chepstow and was also unsuited by the Good to Soft, Good in places ground which was changed to Good to Soft, Soft in places immediately after the race and would prefer a sounder surface was noted.

Race 5 - 7:30pm.

THE DOWNLOAD THE Tote APP TODAY RACING LEAGUE 19 HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3) (for horses in the care of trainers registered to Racing League)

Permission was given for WAHRAAN (FR) to go early to post; for LIEBER POWER and GANGSTER GRANNY (IRE) to both wear a red hood to the start; for THE THUNDERER (IRE) to be mounted in the chute.

Following the race, Saffie Osborne reported that WAHRAAN (FR), placed fourth, was slowly away.

Race 6 - 8:00pm.

THE Tote GUARANTEE AVAILABLE AT Tote.co.uk RACING LEAGUE 20 HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3) (for horses in the care of trainers registered to Racing League)

Permission was given for RATHGAR to wear a red hood to the start.

Race 7 - 8:30pm.

THE TAKE Tote HOME WITH YOU Tote.co.uk RACING LEAGUE 21 HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2) (for horses in the care of trainers registered to Racing League)

Permission was given for AALTO (FR) to wear a red hood to the start. TANMAWWY (IRE) wore earplugs

throughout the race.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference on the run to the line involving RAHMI (IRE), placed second, ridden by Daniel Sheehy, STREETS OF GOLD (IRE), placed third, ridden by Charles Bishop, and MAYWAKE, which fell, ridden by Oisin Orr. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved the placing of RAHMI (IRE) as the interference was negligible and had occurred on the line with the distance between both RAHMI (IRE) and STREETS OF GOLD (IRE) being a nose. They therefore ordered the placings to remain unaltered. Sheehy was suspended for 10 days for careless riding as he allowed his mount to drift right-handed for a sustained period, without taking sufficient corrective steps. This resulted in RAHMI (IRE) crossing the path of MAYWAKE causing the gelding to clip heels and fall and also cause negligible interference to STREETS OF GOLD (IRE) on the run to the line.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Daniel Sheehy	Race - 8:30pm	RAHMI (IRE)	10	31 Aug 2024 30 Aug 2024 29 Aug 2024 28 Aug 2024 27 Aug 2024 26 Aug 2024 25 Aug 2024 24 Aug 2024 23 Aug 2024 22 Aug 2024