

CHEPSTOW STEWARDS' REPORT

Friday 02 June 2023

Stewards: Fergus Sweeney (Chief Steward), Robert Webb-Bowen (Stewards' Panel Chair), Sophie Candy (Steward), Ben Ford (Assistant Steward), Milly Bersey (Raceday Assistant).
 Going: GOOD TO FIRM, FIRM (IN PLACES)
 Stalls: Straight:Centre Remainder:Inside

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:20pm	KOHANA BREEZE (IRE), trained by Archie Watson.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
1:50pm	BALLET BLANC, trained by Richard Price.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:50pm	FISHERMANS COTTAGE, trained by Malcolm Saunders.	Vet advice Withdrawn by the Veterinary Surgeon at 1:50pm at the start (Moving poorly behind)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
4:15pm	ELOPED (FR)	Ray Dawson	Jim Crowley	(Dawson is ill)
3:00pm	DESERT (IRE)	William Carson	Josephine Gordon	(Carson unable to do the weight)
3:00pm	CONNIE'S ROSE (GB)	Ray Dawson	George Rooke	(Dawson is ill)
2:25pm	THE COLA KID (GB)	Ray Dawson	Callum Hutchinson	(Dawson is ill)
1:20pm	MAN MADE OF SMOKE (GB)	Ray Dawson	Jim Crowley	(Dawson is ill)
1:20pm	MAN MADE OF SMOKE (GB)	Jim Crowley	Hector Crouch	(Crowley stuck in traffic)

Race 1 - 1:20pm.**THE TRADE CENTRE GROUP HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after two pieces of interference inside the final furlong, involving the winner, RACING DEMON, ridden by Trevor Whelan and PASSING TIME, placed second, ridden by Joshua Bryan. The Stewards could not be satisfied that with an uninterrupted run to the finish PASSING TIME would have finished in front of RACING DEMON, with the winning distance being $\frac{3}{4}$ length and RACING DEMON appearing to be going away from PASSING TIME at the line and therefore ordered the placings to remain unaltered. The Stewards found the first piece of interference, which took place just inside the final furlong was accidental as both horses shifted in on each other at the same time making brief contact. The Stewards found that the second piece of interference, which took place on the run to the line was accidental as RACING DEMON shifted quickly right-handed away from the whip making contact with PASSING TIME before being quickly corrected by the rider.

Following the race, John Fahy reported that TICKET TO ALASKA (IRE), placed fourth, reared leaving the stalls and stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 2 - 1:50pm.**THE TRADE CENTRE WALES NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 5) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for MONTE LINAS (IRE) and ART OF ROMANCE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching the two-furlong pole when, ART OF ROMANCE (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Kieran Shoemark interfered with MONTE LINAS (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Ross Coakley. The interference was found to be accidental as a weakening ART OF ROMANCE shifted right-handed, which caused MONTE LINAS (IRE) to become slightly crowded for several strides.

Following the race, Ralph Beckett's representative reported that CHELSEA SQUARE (IRE), unplaced, was unsuited by the going, officially described as Good to Firm, Firm (in places), on this occasion and would prefer a slower surface and the Veterinary Officer reported that the gelding had bled from the nose. George Rooke reported that MIDSUMMER MUSIC (IRE), placed fourth, was restless in the stalls.

Race 3 - 2:25pm.**THE TRADE CENTRE UK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

An enquiry was held to consider interference approximately half a furlong out when, the winner, JACQUELINA (IRE), ridden by Josephine Gordon interfered with RHUBARB, placed second, ridden by Jim Crowley. The interference was found to be accidental, as JACQUELINA (IRE), shifted sharply right-handed away from the whip before being quickly corrected, which caused Crowley to be taken slightly off his intended line and to take a slight check.

Race 4 - 3:00pm.**THE SELL YOUR CAR TODAY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for CONNIE'S ROSE to wear a red hood to post.

The winner, SPEEDACUS (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Musselburgh on 15 May 2023, where the gelding finished seventh of nine runners. The representative of David O'Meara's explanation that the gelding benefitted from the re-application of the Visor was noted. SPEEDACUS (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Connor Planas reported that SOME NIGHTMARE (IRE), placed fourth, hung both ways, Isabel Williams reported that LEVEL UP (IRE), unplaced, hung right-handed and Josephine Gordon reported that DESERT (IRE), placed third, was denied a clear run for several strides from just inside 2 furlongs out.

Race 5 - 3:35pm.**THE CAN CAN CAR FINANCE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

The performance of DUNDORY (IRE), which started favourite and finished fifth of six runners, beaten 6 1/4 lengths, was considered. John O'Shea's explanation that the gelding wasn't suited by today's going, officially described as Good to Firm, Firm in Places on this occasion and would prefer a slower surface, was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 6 - 4:15pm.**THE KIT KLUB MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for WILD HURRICANE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Callum Hutchinson reported that BERKSHIRE SUNDANCE (IRE), unplaced, ran green.

Race 7 - 4:50pm.**THE BAILEY FAMILY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for IN THE TRENCHES to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Tom Queally reported that STAR OF SUSSEX (FR), placed fifth, was slow away and the representative of Richard Hannon reported that YELLOW STAR (FR), unplaced, was unsuited by the ground, officially described as Good to Firm, Firm in places, on this occasion and would prefer a slower surface. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the colt failed to reveal any abnormalities.

