

**AINTREE STEWARDS' REPORT****Saturday 10 November 2018**

Stewards: Ian Stark (Chairman), Diana Williams, Greg Pearson (Stipendiary), Anna-Louise Powell (Stipendiary), Chris Hill (Stewards' Secretary)

Going:

Rail: All bends moved out 3 yards from inside

Fixture Note: Prior to Race 1, the Going was changed to Good, Good to Soft in places (from Good)

**Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:35pm	HEAR NO EVIL (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Self Cert (Off Colour)
2:10pm	HIGH SECRET (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Vets Cert (Infected Foot)
2:40pm	BOUVREUIL (FR), trained by Ben Haslam.	Vets Cert (Sore)
3:55pm	BLAZER'S MILL (IRE), trained by Olly Murphy.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

**Race 1 - 12:25pm.****THE AINTREE COMMUNITY PROGRAMME NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)**

ROBIN WATERS (FR) did not enter the winner's enclosure on veterinary advice, having bled from the nose. The Veterinary Officer further reported that the gelding had lost its right hind shoe.

**Race 2 - 1:00pm.****THE EBF STALLIONS 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Qualifier)**

Following the race, A. P. Heskin reported that INVISIBLE CLOUDS (IRE), unplaced, made a significant mistake at the fourth last hurdle.

**Race 3 - 1:35pm.****THE PERTEMPS NETWORK (SUPPORTING BTRC) HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (Series Qualifier)**

Nothing to report

**Race 4 - 2:10pm.****THE BRITISH THOROUGHBRED RETRAINING CENTRE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2)**

Nothing to report

**Race 5 - 2:40pm.****THE REWARDS4RACING HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2)**

James Bowen, the rider of CANDY BURG (FR), had remounted having fallen at the fourth last fence. Being satisfied that the gelding had been checked by a Veterinary Surgeon and Bowen had been checked by a doctor before remounting, no further action was taken.

Following the race, A. P. Heskin reported that he pulled up KAUTO RIKO (FR) before the second fence as he felt that the gelding had lost its action after making a bad mistake at the first fence. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of KAUTO RIKO (FR) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Race 6 - 3:20pm.****THE RACING UK HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)**

Permission was given for ROBBING THE PREY (IRE) to wear a hood in the Parade Ring only and YORKIST (IRE) to be mounted on the course.

The performance of LUCKOFTHE DRAW (FR), which started favourite and finished eighth, was considered. Nigel Twiston-Davies' explanation that the gelding was an inexperienced chaser and did not jump fluently on this occasion was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of LUCKOFTHE DRAW (FR), during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

The performance of MERCIAN KING (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of Amy Murphy could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance other than MERCIAN KING (IRE) may have been unsuited by contesting, what in their opinion, was a stronger race than on its previous start.

**Race 7 - 3:55pm.****THE BECHER MEETING 8TH DECEMBER STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 4)**

Nothing to report