

**CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT****Saturday 29 January 2022**

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), George Welch (Stewards' Panel Chair), Tom Evetts (Steward), Guy Upton (Steward), Chris Hill (Social Distancing Officer), Josie Brown (Assistant Steward)

Going: GOOD

Rail: Rails approx. 10yards off inner line.

Fixture Note: After Race 3 the going was changed to Good, Good to Soft in places (from Good).

Race 7 - Following concerns raised by the riders at the start regarding the low sun obscuring their vision at all of the hurdles in the home straight, the Stewards consulted with the Clerk of the Course and ordered that these obstacles should be by-passed for this race.

**Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:55pm	FARINET (FR), trained by Venetia Williams.	Self Cert (Going)
4:15pm	MISTRAL NELL, trained by Lucy Wadham.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

**Race 1 - 12:15pm.****THE SSS SUPER ALLOYS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for SEVERANCE to wear a hood in the Parade Ring.

The Stewards noted that in the process of Michael Nolan pulling up MASTERS LEGACY (IRE) when approaching the final hurdle, the gelding ducked sharply right-handed making contact with the rail and jumped the final hurdle, therefore completing the race.

Shortly after jumping the final hurdle, BYZANTINE EMPIRE, placed fourth, edged left brushing GLORY AND HONOUR (IRE), placed fifth, but 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 BYZANTINE EMPIRE.

Approximately 2 furlongs out, SEVERANCE, placed second, shifted slightly right causing Brian Hughes, the rider of GEROMINO (FR), unplaced, to ease in his riding for a stride, but 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 SEVERANCE.

Just inside 2 furlongs out, THE WIDDOW MAKER, placed sixth, and GLORY AND HONOUR (IRE), placed fifth, made slight contact, but 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 GLORY AND HONOUR (IRE).

Following the race, Archie Bellamy reported that his saddle on LIVELY CITIZEN (IRE) slipped forward badly when approaching the second hurdle resulting in him pulling up his mount and Philip Hobbs reported that MASTERS LEGACY (IRE), unplaced, was never travelling. The Veterinary Officer reported that HYDROPLANE (IRE), unplaced, had been struck into on its left hind.

**Race 2 - 12:45pm.**

**THE JCB TRIUMPH TRIAL JUVENILE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1)(Grade 2) (Registered as the FINESSE) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for SILVER SHADE (FR) to wear a hood in the Parade Ring and for PIED PIPER to wear a red hood to post.

The performance of INTERNE DE SIVOLA (FR), which finished unplaced, was considered. Nick Williams' explanation that the gelding did not settle, and that Chester Williams reported that the gelding ran too free, was noted. INTERNE DE SIVOLA (FR) was routine tested.

**Race 3 - 1:20pm.**

**THE TIMEFORM NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of WHEN YOU'RE READY (IRE), which was pulled up, was considered. Jonjo O'Neill's explanation that the gelding was never travelling was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of WHEN YOU'RE READY (IRE), during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

The performance of YOUR DARLING (IRE), which was pulled up, was considered. Ben Pauling's explanation that the gelding stopped quickly was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of YOUR DARLING (IRE) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that JAVA POINT (IRE), placed third, had lost right fore shoe.

**Race 4 - 1:55pm.**

**THE PADDY POWER CHELTENHAM COUNTDOWN PODCAST HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for SHE'SASUPERMACK (IRE) to wear a hood in the Parade Ring.

Having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

**Race 5 - 2:30pm.**

**THE PADDY POWER COTSWOLD STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of SIMPLY THE BETTS (IRE), which finished placed fifth, was considered. Paul Nicholls' representative's explanation that the gelding was never travelling and was unsuited by the going, which was officially described as Good, Good to Soft in places on this occasion, and would prefer a slower surface was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of SIMPLY THE BETTS (IRE) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, Brian Hughes reported that KAUTO RIKO (FR), placed fourth, hung left-handed throughout.

**Race 6 - 3:05pm.**

**THE WELSH MARCHES STALLIONS AT CHAPEL STUD CLEEVE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)**

The Stewards noted that as the start was effected PAISLEY PARK whipped round losing a number of lengths.

Aidan Coleman, the rider of the winner, PAISLEY PARK (IRE), was suspended for 2 days for using his whip above the permitted level from 2 hurdles out.

**Race 7 - 3:40pm.**

**THE BALLYMORE NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Registered as the CLASSIC Novices' Hurdle Race) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)**

BALCO COASTAL (FR) wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference inside the final ½ furlong when the winner, NORTH LODGE (IRE), ridden by A. P. Heskin, interfered with BALCO COASTAL (FR), placed second, ridden by Nico de Boinville. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved NORTH LODGE (IRE)'s placing as the gelding was getting the better of BALCO COASTAL (FR) at the time of the interference with BALCO COASTAL (FR) losing little to no momentum as the result of the interference with 2 ½ lengths between them at the line. Heskin was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he allowed his mount to shift right-handed away from the whip without sufficient correction carrying BALCO COASTAL (FR) off its intended line causing de Boinville to ease his mount.

A. P. Heskin, the rider of the winner, NORTH LODGE (IRE), was suspended for 2 days for using his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line.

**Race 8 - 4:15pm.**

**THE ALAN SWINBANK MARES' STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 1)(Listed Race) (GBB RACE)**

NOS NA GAOITHE (IRE) wore ear plugs.

Approximately 2 furlongs out, TINTERN ABBEY (IRE), unplaced, ducked sharply left away from the whip carrying CHIC AVENUE, unplaced, off its intended line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was

found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, David Bass reported that FLIRTATIOUS GIRL (IRE), placed fourth, hung badly right-handed, Mr P. W. Mullins reported that NOS NA GAOITHE (IRE), unplaced, ran too free and Nick Scholfield reported that TINTERN ABBEY (IRE), unplaced, hung right-handed. Fergal O'Brien reported that HIDDEN BEAUTY, which was pulled up, stopped quickly and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination revealed that the filly had an irregular heartbeat.

#### Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Aidan Coleman	Race - 3:05pm	PAISLEY PARK (IRE)	2	13 Feb 2022 4 Feb 2022
A. P. Heskin	Race - 3:40pm	NORTH LODGE (IRE)	2	13 Feb 2022 1 Feb 2022
A. P. Heskin	Race - 3:40pm	NORTH LODGE (IRE)	2	11 Feb 2022 14 Feb 2022