

CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT

Wednesday 16 March 2022

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Peta Evetts (Stewards' Panel Chair), George Welch (Stewards' Panel Chair), Richard Westropp (Steward), Louise Moore (Steward), Kate Smith (Assistant Steward), Chris Hill (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **CROSS COUNTRY Course**
Cross Country Race: Heavy (GSt 6.1)
OLD Course
Chase Race: Heavy (GSt 6.6)
Hurdle Race: Heavy (GSt 6.6)

Fixture Note: In light of the wet weather runners were given permission to go straight to post in all races, bar the Queen Mother Champion Chase, in order to preserve the racing surface.

After R4, the Going was changed to Heavy on all courses (From Soft).

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:50pm	HANG IN THERE (IRE), trained by Emma Lavelle.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:50pm	FAIR FRONTIERES (IRE), trained by Kim Bailey.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:50pm	BEFORE MIDNIGHT, trained by Sam Thomas.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:50pm	BUDDY RICH (IRE), trained by Gordon Elliott.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:50pm	THYME WHITE (FR), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:30pm	ROSY REDRUM (IRE), trained by Milton Harris.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:30pm	ESPERTI (IRE), trained by Peter Fahey.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:30pm	NUBE NEGRA (SPA), trained by Dan Skelton.	Going Withdrawn by the Trainer at 3.02pm (Going)
2:10pm	FURY ROAD (IRE), trained by Gordon Elliott.	Going Withdrawn by the trainer at 1.44pm (Going)

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:10pm	BRAVEMANSGAME (FR), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Going Withdrawn by the Trainer at 1.50pm (Going)
2:50pm	MCFABULOUS (IRE), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Going Withdrawn by the Trainer at 2.34pm (Going)
4:50pm	CAPUCCIMIX (FR), trained by Henry de Bromhead.	Going Withdrawn by the Trainer at 4.23pm (Going)

Race 1 - 1:30pm.

THE BALLYMORE NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1)(Grade 1) (Registered as The BARING BINGHAM) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Harry Cobden reported that STAGE STAR (IRE), which was pulled up, ran too free.

Race 2 - 2:10pm.

THE BROWN ADVISORY NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (Registered as The BROADWAY NOVICES' CHASE) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 3 - 2:50pm.

THE CORAL CUP HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for both ASHDALE BOB (IRE) and CAMPROND (FR) to wear red hoods to be removed at the start. CHAMPAGNE GOLD (IRE) and FASTORSLOW (FR) wore earplugs which were to be removed at the start.

The performance of SAINT FELICIEN (FR), which started favourite and was pulled up, was considered. Gordon Elliott's explanation that the gelding was unsuited by the Soft ground and would prefer a quicker surface was noted.

The performance of DROP THE ANCHOR (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. P A Fahy's explanation that the gelding was never travelling and possibly did not see out 2 mile 5 furlong trip in the Soft ground was noted.

Following the race, Harry Skelton reported that UNEXPECTED PARTY (FR), which was pulled up, stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities. Gordon Elliot reported that MARS HARPER, which was pulled up, was unsuited by the Soft ground and would prefer a quicker surface.

Race 4 - 3:30pm.

THE BETWAY QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for ENVOI ALLEN (FR) and POLITOLOGUE (FR) to both wear red hoods to be removed at the start. Further permission was given for PUT THE KETTLE ON (IRE) to go early to post and be mounted in the chute; the filly will be wearing earplugs during the race.

The performance of SHISHKIN (IRE), which started favourite and was pulled up, was considered. Nicky Henderson explained that the gelding was never travelling in the ground which was changed to Heavy immediately after the race; his explanation was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of SHISHKIN (IRE) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 5 - 4:10pm.

THE GLENFARCLAS STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (A CROSS COUNTRY STEEPLE CHASE) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Mark Walsh reported that PRENGARDE (FR), which was pulled up, made a mistake at fence 21; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 6 - 4:50pm.

THE JOHNNY HENDERSON GRAND ANNUAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for ANDY DUFRESNE (IRE) to wear a red hood to be removed at the start.

L J Morgan was cautioned as HASANKEY (IRE) had arrived in the Parade Ring without its declared visor,

which was then located and fitted to the gelding before going to the start.

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

Kielan Woods, the rider of the winner, GLOBAL CITIZEN (IRE), was suspended for 4 days for using his whip above the permitted level from the second last fence.

Following the race, Colin Tizzard reported that ELIXIR DE NUTZ (FR), which was pulled up, was unsuited by the Heavy ground.

Race 7 - 5:30pm.

THE WEATHERBYS CHAMPION BUMPER (A STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE) (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)

There was a delay to Race 7 whilst an inspection was held to look at the bypassing options for this race in light of the heavy ground.

Following the race, Keith Dagleish reported that AIN'T NO SUNSHINE (IRE), which was pulled up, was unsuited by the rain softened Heavy ground, Iain Jardine reported that CALL ME HARRY (IRE), which was pulled up, ran too free, Rachael Blackmore reported that the bit slipped through HOULANBATORDECHAIS (FR)'s mouth, causing the gelding to become unsteerable, and Emma Lavelle reported that TOP DOG (IRE), which was pulled up, was unsuited by the Heavy ground.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Kielan Woods	Race - 4:50pm	GLOBAL CITIZEN (IRE)	4	2 Apr 2022 1 Apr 2022 27 Mar 2022 30 Mar 2022