

CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 18 March 2021

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Roger Bellamy (Stewards' Panel Chair), Simon Cowley (Steward), Tom Evetts (Steward), Caroline Robinson (Steward), Chris Watts (Social Distancing Officer), Derrick Morris (Social Distancing Officer), Josie Brown (Assistant Steward), Chris Hill (Raceday Assistant), Guy Upton (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD TO SOFT

Rail: Chase bends dolled out 6 yards, adding 57 yards to races over two and a half miles, 75 yards to races over three miles two furlongs Distances as follows: Race 1 add 57 yards Race 2 as advertised Race 3 add 57 yards Race 4 as advertised Race 5 add 57 yards Race 6 as advertised Race 7 add 75 yards

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:55pm	BUSHYPARK (IRE), trained by Philip Kirby.	Going (Changed since declaration)
1:55pm	GETAROUND (IRE), trained by Laura Young.	Going (Changed since declaration)
1:55pm	SOUTHFIELD HARVEST, trained by Paul Nicholls.	Self Cert (Lame)
2:30pm	DASHEL DRASHER, trained by Jeremy Scott.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:30pm	SAINT CALVADOS (FR), trained by Harry Whittington.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:30pm	REAL STEEL (FR), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Self Cert (Lame)
3:40pm	SMARTY WILD, trained by Philip Hobbs.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:40pm	LASKALIN (FR), trained by Venetia Williams.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:50pm	LATE ROMANTIC (IRE), trained by Oliver Greenall.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:50pm	DOUBLE SHUFFLE (IRE), trained by Tom George.	Vets Cert (Other)
4:50pm	YOUNG DEV (IRE), trained by Denis G. Hogan.	Vets Cert (Lame)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:05pm	FLOORING PORTER (IRE)	Jonathan Moore	Danny Mullins	Moore signed off by RMO.

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
1:20pm	DARVER STAR (IRE)	Jonathan Moore	Keith Donoghue	Moore signed off by RMO.

Race 1 - 1:20pm.

THE MARSH NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1)(Grade 1) (Registered as The GOLDEN MILLER) (GBB RACE)

An enquiry was held into the circumstances surrounding the slight delay to this race due to safety concerns surrounding an advertising blimp that was situated off, but in close proximity to, racecourse property, in particular the fifth to last fence, which after consultation between the Racecourse Executive and the Stewards, was removed before the start could be effected. The Clerk of the Course and the Regional Managing Director were interviewed, and their explanations were forwarded to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority for further consideration.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that ASTERION FORLONGE (FR), placed third, the winner, CHANTRY HOUSE (IRE), and DARVER STAR (IRE), placed seventh, had all lost their right fore shoe.

Race 2 - 1:55pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK FINAL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3) (GBB RACE)

At the top of the hill on the final circuit, the riderless KANSAS CITY CHIEF (IRE) shifted right, carrying REDFORD ROAD, which was later pulled up, onto ANYTHING WILL DO (IRE), unplaced, ridden by J. J. Slevin, causing Slevin to have to take a check off heels for several strides, which in turn hampered the winner, MRS MILNER (IRE), but after viewing a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that IMPERIAL ALCAZAR (IRE), unplaced, had been struck into on its left fore.

Race 3 - 2:30pm.

THE RYANAIR STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Registered as The FESTIVAL TROPHY) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for KALASHNIKOV (IRE) to go early to post and be mounted on the chute.

The Starter reported that Rachael Blackmore, the rider of ALLAHO (FR); Mark Walsh, the rider of FAKIR D'OUDAIRIES (FR); David Bass, the rider of IMPERIAL AURA (IRE); B. J. Cooper, the rider of MELON; P. Townend, the rider of MIN (FR); Jack Kennedy, the rider of SAMCRO (IRE); and Daniel Mullins, the rider of TORNADO FLYER (IRE), failed to walk or jig-jog into the start. The riders and the Starter were interviewed, and recordings of the incident were shown. Blackmore, Walsh, Bass, Cooper, Townend,

Kennedy and Mullins were suspended for 1 day for misconduct at the Start.

The performance of IMPERIAL AURA (IRE), which was pulled up, was considered. Kim Bailey could offer no explanation for the geldings's performance other than David Bass reporting that IMPERIAL AURA (IRE) was never travelling and stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer reported that IMPERIAL AURA (IRE) had bled from the nose.

The performance of MELON, which was pulled up, was considered. W. P. Mullins' explanation that the gelding was never travelling was noted.

The performance of MIN (FR), which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. W. P. Mullins' explanation that the gelding jumped poorly was noted. MIN (FR) was routine tested.

The performance of MISTER FISHER (IRE), which was pulled up, was considered. Nicky Henderson could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance.

The performance of SAMCRO (IRE), which was pulled up, was considered. Mrs Denise Foster's representative's explanation that the gelding made a bad mistake 6 fences out and was never travelling thereafter was noted.

Race 4 - 3:05pm.

THE PADDY POWER STAYERS' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)

BEACON EDGE (IRE) wore ear plugs which were removed at the start.

The Stewards noted that shortly after jumping the first hurdle on the final circuit BACARDYS (FR), placed seventh, FURY ROAD (IRE), which was pulled up, MAIN FACT (USA), which was pulled up, and THE STORYTELLER (IRE), placed fifth, were all hampered by the fall of LISNAGAR OSCAR (IRE).

Following the race, Jack Kennedy reported that FURY ROAD (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling and jumped poorly. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities. The Veterinary Officer also reported that THE STORYTELLER (IRE), placed fifth, had been struck into on its right fore.

Race 5 - 3:40pm.

THE PADDY POWER PLATE HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3) (GBB RACE)

FILS D'OUDAIRIES (FR) wore ear plugs.

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

Turning into the home straight, FARCLAS (FR), placed second, momentarily became tight for room, clipped the heels of PADDY'S POEM, unplaced, and stumbled, but after viewing a recording of the

incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that MISTER WHITAKER (IRE), unplaced, had bled from the nose.

Race 6 - 4:15pm.

THE PARNELL PROPERTIES MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2)(Registered as THE DAWN RUN MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE)

MAGIC DAZE (IRE) wore ear plugs which were removed at the start.

The performance of ROYAL KAHALA (IRE), which started favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. Peter Fahey's explanation that the mare was unsuited by the going, which was officially described as Good to Soft, as he considered it to be tacky on this occasion and the mare would prefer a firmer surface was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of ROYAL KAHALA (IRE), during routine testing, revealed that the mare was mildly lame on its right fore.

Race 7 - 4:50pm.

THE FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (Sponsored by the JRL Group) (GBB RACE)

An enquiry was held, adjourned from Cheltenham on 18 March 2021, into the use of the whip by Harry Bannister, the rider of BOB MAHLER (IRE), which was brought down 3 fences out. Bannister was suspended for 2 days for using his whip with excessive force when coming down the hill.

Jumping the fence coming down the hill on the first circuit, the winner, MOUNT IDA (IRE), jumped sharply right into and bumping MUSICAL SLAVE (IRE), unplaced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of DEISE ABA (IRE), which was pulled up, was considered. Philip Hobbs' explanation that the gelding was outpaced was noted.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
B. J. Cooper	Race - 2:30pm	MELON (GB)	1	1 Apr 2021
Danny Mullins	Race - 2:30pm	TORNADO FLYER (IRE)	1	1 Apr 2021
David Bass	Race - 2:30pm	IMPERIAL AURA (IRE)	1	28 Mar 2021
P. Townend	Race - 2:30pm	MIN (FR)	1	26 Mar 2021
Jack Kennedy	Race - 2:30pm	SAMCRO (IRE)	1	26 Mar 2021
Rachael Blackmore	Race - 2:30pm	ALLAHO (FR)	1	1 Apr 2021

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Mark Walsh	Race - 2:30pm	FAKIR D'OUDAIRIES (FR)	1	1 Apr 2021
Harry Bannister	Race - 4:50pm	BOB MAHLER (IRE)	2	26 Mar 2021 3 Apr 2021