

## **CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Thursday 17 March 2022**

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Roger Bellamy (Stewards' Panel Chair), Joanne Hawkins (Stewards' Panel Chair), Richard Westropp (Steward), Louise Moore (Steward), Kate Smith (Assistant Steward), Chris Hill (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **NEW Course**  
Chase Race: Soft (GSt 5.7)  
Hurdle Race: Soft (GSt 5.3)

Fixture Note: In order to preserve the racing surface, all runners were given permission to go straight to post in all races, bar the Ryanair Chase.

### Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:10pm	GO ANOTHER ONE (IRE), trained by John McConnell.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:10pm	DIDTHEYLEAVEUOUTTO (IRE), trained by Nick Gifford.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:50pm	MISTER FISHER (IRE), trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:50pm	SAINT CALVADOS (FR), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:10pm	SIMPLY THE BETTS (IRE), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:10pm	PRESENTANDCOUNTING (IRE), trained by Donald McCain.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:10pm	PISTOL WHIPPED (IRE), trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:10pm	CAVALRY MASTER (IRE), trained by Henry de Bromhead.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:10pm	GUY (IRE), trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:10pm	FUSIL RAFFLES (FR), trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:50pm	BRANDY LOVE (IRE), trained by W. P. Mullins.	Vets Cert (Lame) (Issued by VO on Course - Lame right-hind)
4:50pm	WALK IN CLOVER (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Vets Cert (Knocked Joint)
5:30pm	RED INFANTRY (IRE), trained by Ian Williams.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:30pm	ROCCO (IRE), trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:30pm	LORD ACCORD (IRE), trained by Neil Mulholland.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:30pm	JANIKA (FR), trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:30pm	THE MIGHTY DON (IRE), trained by Nick Gifford.	Vets Cert (Lame)

#### Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
4:10pm	FANCY FOUNDATIONS, trained by Gordon Elliott.	Going Withdrawn by the Trainer at 3.56pm (Going)
4:50pm	SAY GOODBYE (IRE), trained by Gordon Elliott.	Going Withdrawn by the trainer at 4.25pm (Going)

#### Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
4:10pm	GRAND PARADIS (FR)	Davy Russell	Jack Kennedy	Russell signed off by RMO
4:50pm	PARTY CENTRAL (IRE)	Davy Russell	Jack Kennedy	Russell signed of by RMO.
4:50pm	GRANGEE (FR)	Mr P. W. Mullins	P. Townend	Townend's intended mount a non-runner.

#### **Race 1 - 1:30pm.**

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

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that EL BARRA (FR), placed third, had bled from the nose.

#### **Race 2 - 2:10pm.**

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

Permission was given for WHATSNOTTOKNOW (IRE) to wear a red hood which was removed at the start.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race following possible interference on the run to the line involving the winner, THIRD WIND, ridden by Tom O'Brien, and ALAPHILIPPE (IRE), placed second, ridden by Paddy Brennan. Having interviewed the riders and viewed recordings of the incident, the Stewards were satisfied that the movement of both horses was independent of each other, and therefore, no interference had taken place. They ordered the placings to remain unaltered.

It was noted that both TULLYBEG (IRE), unplaced, and STONEY MOUNTAIN (IRE), unplaced, were hampered by the faller at the fourth hurdle. SIRE DU BERLAIS (FR), was also hampered by the faller up against the running rail and had to be checked by the rider, losing many lengths.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that both BALLYANDY, unplaced, and COEUR SEREIN (IRE), placed eighth, received treatment for post-race heat stress. Gordon Elliott reported that SIRE DU BERLAIS (FR), which started favourite and finished unplaced, was unsuited by the Soft ground which, in his opinion, was riding tacky.

#### **Race 3 - 2:50pm.**

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

Permission was given for CONFLATED (IRE) to wear a red hood to be removed at the start, and for the gelding to go straight to post due to its known unruly behaviour.

#### **Race 4 - 3:30pm.**

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

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

#### **Race 5 - 4:10pm.**

##### **THE CRAFT IRISH WHISKEY CO. PLATE HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for GRAND PARADIS (FR) to wear a red hood to be removed at the start.

The winner, COOLE CODY (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Cheltenham on 29 January 2022 where the gelding finished seventh of 10, beaten by 17 ¾ lengths. It was noted that Evan Williams could offer no explanation for COOLE CODY (IRE)'s improved form; the gelding was routine tested.

An enquiry was held to consider interference rounding the final bend involving SLATE HOUSE (IRE), placed sixth, ridden by Brendan Powell, and the winner, COOLE CODY (IRE), ridden by Adam Wedge. Powell was suspended for 3 days for careless riding, for allowing his mount to shift left-handed when not sufficiently clear, causing Wedge to have to check against the rail.

Adam Wedge, the rider of the winner, COOLE CODY (IRE), was suspended for 2 days for using his whip

above the permitted level from turning in.

Following the race, Neil Mulholland reported that CHINWAG, which was pulled up, was possibly outclassed in more competitive race, and Gordon Elliott reported that GRAND PARADIS (FR), which was pulled up, had jumped poorly in the Soft ground which he considered to be tacky.

#### **Race 6 - 4:50pm.**

#### **THE RYANAIR MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2)(Registered as THE DAWN RUN MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for PARTY CENTRAL (IRE) and MIGHTY BLUE (FR) to wear red hoods to be removed at the start, for MAYHEM MYA to wear a hood in the Parade Ring, and for LOVE ENVOI (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start, go early to post and be mounted in the chute. TWEED SKIRT wore earplugs to be removed at the start.

Following the race, Daniel Mullins reported that STATUAIRE (FR), unplaced, ran too free in the early stages, Nico de Boinville reported that AHORSEWITHNONAME, placed second, hung right-handed, and Sam Twiston-Davies reported that HIDDEN LAND (USA), unplaced, ran too free.

#### **Race 7 - 5:30pm.**

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

Permission was given for COME ON TEDDY (IRE) to wear a red hood which was removed at the start. MISTER COFFEY (FR) wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

Gary Moore was cautioned as LARRY had arrived in the Parade Ring without its declared cheek pieces, which were then located and fitted to the gelding before going to the start.

Mr Ben Harvey, the rider of AIN'T THAT A SHAME (IRE), which finished last of the 13 finishers and appeared to be tired on the approach to the final fence, was shown recordings of the race and reminded of his responsibility to pull up his mount whenever it has no more to give or it is contrary to the horse's welfare to continue in the race.

Following the race, Gordon Elliott reported that FRONTAL ASSAULT (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling in the Soft ground which he considered to be riding tacky. Mr Freddie Mitchell reported that LARRY, which was pulled up, made a mistake at the first and was never travelling thereafter, and Mr Derek O'Connor reported that SCHOOL BOY HOURS (IRE), which was pulled up, made a bad mistake at the fourth last fence.

#### **Suspensions**

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Adam Wedge	Race - 4:10pm	COOLE CODY (IRE)	2	27 Mar 2022 31 Mar 2022

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Brendan Powell	Race - 4:10pm	SLATE HOUSE (IRE)	3	1 Apr 2022 31 Mar 2022 24 Mar 2022