

CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 14 March 2024

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Caroline Robinson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Thomas Evetts (Steward), Guy Upton (Steward), Helen Kinsella (Assistant Steward), Daniel Andrews (Raceday Assistant), Milly Bersey (Raceday Assistant).

Going: SOFT

Rail: Chase rail +5 yards off the inner

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:10pm	SPRINGWELL BAY, trained by Jonjo O'Neill.	Self Cert (Going)
2:10pm	JUDICIAL LAW (IRE), trained by Jonjo O'Neill.	Self Cert (Going)
3:30pm	CHAMP (IRE), trained by Nicky Henderson.	Self Cert (Other)
4:50pm	CASA NO MENTO, trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
4:50pm	DYSART ENOS (IRE), trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Self Cert (Lame)
4:50pm	LITTLE MISS DANTE, trained by Olly Murphy.	Self Cert (Infection)
5:30pm	BACK ON THE LASH, trained by Martin Keighley.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
5:30pm	AMIRITE (IRE), trained by Henry de Bromhead.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)

Race 1 - 1:30pm.

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

Permission was given for COLONEL HARRY (IRE) to be mounted in the chute and go early to post wearing a red hood. FACILE VEGA (IRE) and SHARJAH (FR) wore earplugs throughout the race.

Race 2 - 2:10pm.

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

The Starter reported that Mr Robert James, the rider of FAROUK D'ALENE (FR), which was pulled up; Chris Ward, the rider of FLIGHT DECK (IRE), unplaced; Daryl Jacob, the rider of BOLD ENDEAVOUR, placed fourth; J. J. Slevin, the rider of PRAIRIE DANCER (IRE), which was pulled up, and Conor McNamara, the rider of NOBLE BIRTH, unplaced, had anticipated the start and approached the tape at a canter. The riders and the Starter were interviewed, and recordings of the incident were shown. Mr James, Ward, Jacob, Slevin and McNamara were suspended for 1 day for misconduct at the start. Being an

amateur rider, Mr James was offered accompaniment in the enquiry but declined.

The performance of ICARE ALLEN (FR), which was pulled up, was considered. Mark Walsh's explanation was noted that the gelding made a bad mistake at the second last hurdle. The Veterinary Officer examined ICARE ALLEN (FR) post-race and had nothing to report.

The performance of GABBYS CROSS (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of Henry de Bromhead could offer no explanation for the geldings' performance. The Veterinary Officer examined GABBYS CROSS (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

The performance of GAOTH CHUIL (IRE), which was pulled up, was considered. T. M. Walsh could offer no explanation for the mares' performance. The Veterinary Officer examined GAOTH CHUIL (IRE) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

On the approach to the final hurdle, POPOVA (IRE), placed eighth, became momentarily short for room between LE MILOS, unplaced, and ANNA BUNINA (FR), placed seventh, which had shifted slightly left-handed before being quickly corrected, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that there was no riding offence involved.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that GOWEL ROAD (IRE), placed sixth, and ANNA BUNINA (FR), placed seventh, were showing signs of post-race heat stress.

Race 3 - 2:50pm.

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

Permission was given for GA LAW (FR) to be mounted in the chute and go early to post and for CONFLATED (IRE) and ENVOI ALLEN (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

The performance of BANBRIDGE (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. Joseph Patrick O'Brien's explanation was noted that the gelding was unsuited by the going, which was officially described as Soft, and would prefer a quicker surface. The Veterinary Officer examined BANBRIDGE (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 4 - 3:30pm.

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

Permission was given for NOBLE YEATS (IRE) to wear a red hood to post. SIR GERHARD (IRE) wore earplugs throughout the race.

The performance of CRAMBO, which finished unplaced, was considered. Jonathan Burke's explanation that CRAMBO ran flat was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined CRAMBO post-race and had nothing to report.

The performance of SIR GERHARD (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. The explanation was noted from W. P. Mullins that the gelding was unsuited by the going, which was officially described as Soft,

and in his opinion, it was drying ground and riding tacky. The Veterinary Officer examined SIR GERHARD (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after turning into the home straight involving the winner, TEAHUPOO (FR), ridden by Jack Kennedy, NOBLE YEATS (IRE), placed seventh, ridden by Harry Cobden, ASTERION FORLONGE (FR), placed sixth, ridden by Mr P. W. Mullins, and BUDDY ONE (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Jack G. Gilligan. Kennedy was suspended for 3 days for careless riding as he had switched left when insufficiently clear, causing Cobden to take a check and ASTERION FORLONGE (FR) and BUDDY ONE (IRE) to become unbalanced.

Race 5 - 4:10pm.

THE TRUSTATRADER PLATE HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for IN EXCELSIS DEO (FR) to be mounted in the chute and wear a red hood to post and for MARS HARPER and LIFE IN THE PARK (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

After an initial false start, the start was effected successfully on the second attempt from a standing start. However, having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

An enquiry was held to consider interference after jumping the last fence involving FRERO BANBOU (FR), placed sixth, ridden by Charlie Deutsch, IN EXCELSIS DEO (FR), placed fifth, ridden by Jonathan Burke, IL RIDOTO (FR), placed eighth, ridden by Freddie Gingell, ARCTIC BRESIL, unplaced, ridden by Rachael Blackmore, WATCH HOUSE CROSS (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Darragh O'Keeffe. Deutsch was suspended for 3 days for careless riding as he allowed his mount to drift right-handed without sufficient correction, causing Burke to switch right-handed to continue his run, which in turn resulted in ARCTIC BRESIL and WATCH HOUSE CROSS (IRE) being taken off their intended lines.

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 BIRDIE OR BUST (IRE) and BRIGHTERDAYS AHEAD (FR) to wear a red hood to post. JADE DE GRUGY (FR) wore earplugs throughout the race.

Jumping the second last hurdle, BIRDIE OR BUST (IRE), placed third, jumped left-handed resulting in BRIGHTERDAYS AHEAD (FR), placed second, and JADE DE GRUGY (FR), placed fourth, being momentarily short for room, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that there was no riding offence involved.

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)

BOWTOGREATNESS (IRE) wore earplugs throughout the race.

After an initial false start, the start was effected successfully on the second attempt from a standing start. However, having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

An enquiry was held to consider interference on the first bend involving GIT MAKER (FR), placed second, ridden by Mr William Biddick and CLOUDY GLEN (IRE), which was later pulled up, ridden by Miss Lucy Turner. Mr Biddick was cautioned for careless riding as he had allowed his mount to drift left-handed with insufficient correction, causing Miss Turner to take a slight check.

Following the race, Miss Gina Andrews reported that ANNUAL INVICTUS (IRE), unplaced, was badly hampered by a faller at the fifth last fence.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Chris Ward	Race - 2:10pm	FLIGHT DECK (IRE)	1	22 Mar 2024
Daryl Jacob	Race - 2:10pm	BOLD ENDEAVOUR (GB)	1	18 Mar 2024
Conor McNamara	Race - 2:10pm	NOBLE BIRTH (GB)	1	28 Mar 2024
Mr Robert James	Race - 2:10pm	FAROUK D'ALENE (FR)	1	22 Mar 2024
J. J. Slevin	Race - 2:10pm	PRAIRIE DANCER (IRE)	1	28 Mar 2024
Jack Kennedy	Race - 3:30pm	TEAHUPOO (FR)	3	22 Mar 2024 2 Apr 2024 30 Mar 2024
Charlie Deutsch	Race - 4:10pm	FRERO BANBOU (FR)	3	31 Mar 2024 26 Mar 2024 28 Mar 2024