

CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 13 March 2025

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Caroline Robinson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Tom Evetts (Steward), Guy Upton (Steward), Kate Smith (Assistant Steward), Milly Bersey (Raceday Assistant), Dan Andrews (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD TO SOFT

Fixture Note: An enquiry was held adjourned from Race 6 at Cheltenham on 12 March 2025, following a report from the Starter that Rachael Blackmore, the rider of DANCING ON MY OWN (IRE), had not approached the tape at a walk or jig-jog thereby causing a false start. After being interviewed, Blackmore was suspended for 1 day for misconduct at the start.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:00pm	RYAN'S ROCKET (IRE), trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Self Cert (Cast in Box)
4:00pm	LANGER DAN (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Vets Cert (Respiratory Infection)
4:00pm	MONMIRAL (FR), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Self Cert (Cast in Box)
4:40pm	LORD OF THUNDER (IRE), trained by Joe Tizzard.	Running in 1st Preference Race
5:20pm	WHERE IT ALL BEGAN (IRE), trained by Gordon Elliott.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:20pm	DISCO DANCER (IRE), trained by Gordon Elliott.	Vet advice Withdrawn by the Veterinary Officer at 1.05pm (Heat in left-fore leg)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
2:40pm	LUCKY LYREEN (IRE)	Sam Ewing	Danny Gilligan	(Ewing signed off by RMO)
4:40pm	MARS HARPER (GB)	Sam Ewing	Tiernan Power Roche	(Ewing signed off by the RMO)

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
2:00pm	WHAT'S UP DARLING (IRE)	Sam Ewing	Tiernan Power Roche	(Ewing signed off by RMO)

Race 1 - 1:20pm.

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

Permission was given for BLUEY (IRE), METKAYINA (IRE), and MYSTICAL GODDESS (IRE) to wear red hoods 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.

It was noted that MAUGHREEN (IRE), which finished unplaced, ridden by Mr P W Mullins, whipped round as the start was effected causing the mare to lose many lengths.

Following the race, Tom Bellamy reported that BENDAS ASKING (IRE), unplaced, hung right-handed throughout. Freddie Gingell reported that JUST A ROSE (FR), which was pulled up, jumped poorly and was never travelling.

Race 2 - 2:00pm.

THE JACK RICHARDS NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (Registered as The GOLDEN MILLER) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for FIREFOX (IRE) and WHAT'S UP DARLING (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.

Following the race, Sean Bowen reported that MOON D'ORANGE (FR), which was pulled up, made a bad mistake at the water jump; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 3 - 2:40pm.

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

Permission was given for D ART D ART (FR) to wear a red hood to post, for FEET OF A DANCER (FR) to wear a hood in the Parade Ring, and for ONE BIG BANG (IRE) to wear a red hood and go early to post.

Turning into the home straight, MAXI MAC GOLD (FR), unplaced, stepped quickly left-handed before being corrected resulting in SUPREME GIFT (IRE), unplaced, becoming momentarily short for room, but

after viewing a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of WIN SOME LOSE SOME (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Pdraig Roche could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance; the Veterinary Officer examined WIN SOME LOSE SOME (IRE) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Alan King reported that HARBOUR LAKE (IRE), which was pulled up, had bled from the nose.

Race 4 - 3:20pm.

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

Permission was given for ENVOI ALLEN (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

The performance of IL EST FRANCAIS (FR), which started second favourite and finished sixth of seven finishers, was considered. The representative of Noel George and Amanda Zetterholme confirmed James Reveley's report that the gelding stopped quickly, and further added that IL EST FRANCAIS (FR) was unsuited by Cheltenham and would prefer a flatter track; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

The performance of DJELO (FR), which finished seventh, beaten by 65 lengths, was considered. It was noted that Charlie Deutsch reported that the gelding was outpaced, but that Venetia Williams could offer no further explanation for DJELO (FR)'s performance; the Veterinary Officer examined DJELO (FR) post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 5 - 4:00pm.

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

Permission was given for FRANCISCAN ROCK (IRE) and THE WALLPARK (IRE) to wear a red hood to post, and for GA LAW (FR) to wear a red hood, go early to post, and be mounted in the chute.

CRAMBO fell at the final flight with a circuit to go causing HOME BY THE LEE (IRE) to unseat its rider, and further causing THE WALLPARK (IRE), placed third, and GA LAW (FR), which was subsequently pulled up, to become inconvenienced.

Race 6 - 4:40pm.

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

Permission was given for TAHMURAS (FR) to wear a red hood to post, and for IL RIDOTO (FR) to wear a red hood, go early to post, and be mounted in the chute.

The Starter reported that Mr Robert James, the rider of CONFLATED, had not approached the tape at a walk or jig-jog, thereby causing a false start. After being interviewed, Mr James was suspended for 2 days for misconduct at the start, this being his second offence within the previous 12 months. Being a 7lb

claimer, Mr James was offered the opportunity to be accompanied in the enquiry but declined.

Following the race, Mr Robert James reported that CONFLATED (IRE), placed eighth, made a bad mistake at the second last fence, Freddie Gingell reported that IL RIDOTO (FR), unplaced, ran too free, and Ben Jones reported that PERSONAL AMBITION (IRE), which was pulled up, jumped poorly.

Race 7 - 5:20pm.

THE FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (SPONSORED BY THAMES MATERIALS) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for GIT MAKER (FR) and WESTERINTHEPARK (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

SA MAJESTE (FR) and NINE GRACES both made contact with the plastic running rail in the chute whilst proceeding to the course. Having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon upon arrival at the start, both were deemed fit to race.

SINE NOMINE was kicked by another runner at the start, having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon, the mare was deemed fit to race.

The Starter reported that Mr William Biddick, the rider of GIT MAKER (FR), had disobeyed the Starter's Instruction to continue proceeding towards the start with the rest of the field. The rider and the Starter were interviewed and recordings of the incident were shown. Mr Biddick was suspended for 1 day for failing to comply with the Starting Procedures Code.

Having turned down the hill after the fourth last fence in a tightly packed field, there was interference between MIDNIGHT OUR FRED (IRE), which was subsequently pulled up, WALKING ON AIR (IRE), unplaced, CLEATUS POOLAW, which was subsequently pulled up, and NINE GRACES, unplaced, which resulted in WALKING ON AIR (IRE) and CLEATUS POOLAW becoming short of room and unbalanced. Having viewed a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Mr Jack Hendrick reported that FANTASTIC LADY (FR), which was pulled up, stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer examined the mare post-race and had nothing to report. Miss Olive Nicholls reported that GELINO BELLO (FR), which was pulled up, was never travelling, the Veterinary Officer reported that GIT MAKER (FR), unplaced, finished lame on its right-fore leg, Mr N McParlan reported that MIDNIGHT OUR FRED (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling, Mr Stephen Connor reported that NOW WHERE OR WHEN (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Mr Robert James	Race - 4:40pm	CONFLATED (IRE)	2	27 Mar 2025 28 Mar 2025



Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Mr William Biddick	Race - 5:20pm	GIT MAKER (FR)	1	20 Mar 2025