

CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 14 November 2020

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), George Welch (Stewards' Panel Chair), Simon Cowley (Steward), Richard Westropp (Steward), Chris Watts (Social Distancing Officer), Beth Dowswell (Assistant Steward), Guy Upton (Raceday Assistant).

Going:

Rail: The hurdle course has been realigned in the home straight away from the stands' side rail between the bend and the last hurdle to avoid an area of false ground. Hurdle bends dolled out 9 yds (except the home turn at 2 yds) , adding 44 yds per circuit to races over 2m and 3m, and 72 yds for races over 21/2m All chase bends dolled out 7 yds, adding 44 yds to each circuit for races over 2m and 3m, and 66 yds for races over 21/2m Distances altered as follows: Race 1 plus 72 yds Race 2 plus 88 yds Race 3 plus 44 yds Race 4 plus 66 yds Race 5 plus 88 yds Race 6 plus 72 yds Race 7 plus 44 yds.

Fixture Note: After Race 3, the going was changed to SOFT on both the Hurdle and Chase courses (from GOOD TO SOFT on the chase course and GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT IN PLACES, on the Hurdle course).

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:05pm	FINGERONTHE SWITCH (IRE), trained by Neil Mulholland.	Going (Changed since Declaration)
2:15pm	FIDUX (FR), trained by Alan King.	N/A
2:50pm	TEA CLIPPER (IRE), trained by Tom Lacey.	Going (Changed since Declaration)
2:50pm	DELL' ARCA (IRE), trained by David Pipe.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
3:25pm	SHINOBI (IRE), trained by Kim Bailey.	Going (Changed since Declaration)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:15pm	FIDUX (FR), trained by Alan King.	Going Withdrawn by the Trainer's Representative at 13:54 - Going (Changed since Declaration)

Race 1 - 12:30pm.

THE JCB TRIUMPH TRIAL JUVENILE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (REGISTERED AS THE PRESTBURY JUVENILE

HURDLE RACE) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, the representative of Paul Nicholls reported that HELL RED (FR), which started favourite and was pulled up before the final hurdle, made a respiratory noise.

Race 2 - 1:05pm.**THE SOUTH WEST SYNDICATE HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' AND AMATEUR RIDERS' RACE)**

Permission was given for ARTHUR'S GIFT (IRE) to go early to post and EQUUS SECRETUS (IRE) wore earplugs throughout the preliminaries which were removed upon arrival at the start.

An enquiry was held to establish whether Mr Nick Phillips, the rider of EQUUS SECRETUS (IRE), had failed to pull up and dismount his horse when it appeared to have lost its action behind after making a bad mistake at the water jump on the final circuit. EQUUS SECRETUS (IRE) then proceeded to fall at the fifteenth fence, dislodging Phillips. The rider and the Veterinary Officer were interviewed and recordings of the incident were viewed. The Veterinary Officer reported that, in their opinion, the gelding had appeared to be lame behind having blundered and lost its action at the water jump. The rider was suspended for 10 days, on dates to be notified to him by the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority and being a 7lb Claimer, was offered the opportunity to be accompanied in the enquiry but declined.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that WHAT A MOMENT (IRE), placed sixth, lost its right and left-fore shoes and Mr Alex Edwards reported that KILFILUM CROSS (IRE), which started favourite and was pulled up before the final fence, stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 3 - 1:40pm.**THE FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH PODCAST NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (Registered as the NOVEMBER) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of FUSIL RAFFLES (FR), which started favourite and was pulled up before the second last fence, was considered. The representative of Nicky Henderson's explanation that the gelding was unsuited by the going, which was officially described as Good to Soft on this occasion, but was changed to Soft after this race and therefore would prefer a faster surface, was noted. FUSIL RAFFLES (FR) was routine tested.

Race 4 - 2:15pm.**THE PADDY POWER GOLD CUP HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for KAUTO RIKO (FR) to go early to post and SIMPLY THE BETTS (IRE) wore earplugs throughout the preliminaries which were removed upon arrival at the start.

Following the race, Nicky Henderson reported that MISTER FISHER (IRE), which started second-favourite and was pulled up before the second last fence, was unsuited by the going, which was officially described as Soft on this occasion and would prefer a faster surface; the Veterinary Officer reported that the gelding lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 5 - 2:50pm.

THE PADDY POWER GAMES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Listed Race) (GBB RACE)

Mr Sam Lee, the rider of GOLAN FORTUNE (IRE), placed third, was suspended for 2 days, on dates to be notified to him by the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority, for using his whip above the permitted level from after jumping the final hurdle. Being a 7lb Claimer, Lee was offered the opportunity to be accompanied in the enquiry but declined.

Following the race, Tom Scudamore reported that POKER PLAY (FR), unplaced, jumped left-handed and Kim Bailey reported that DANDY DAN (IRE), unplaced, was unsuited by the going, which was officially described as Soft on this occasion and would prefer a faster surface.

Race 6 - 3:25pm.

THE PADDY POWER FIRST MILLIONAIRE QUALIFIER INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

Luca Morgan, the rider of WHATSUPWITHYOU (IRE), placed second, was suspended for 2 days for using his whip above the permitted level from turning into the home straight. Being a 7lb Claiming Conditional, Morgan was offered the opportunity to be accompanied in the enquiry but declined.

Following the race, Nicky Henderson reported that SON OF CAMAS (FR), which started second-favourite and was pulled up before the final hurdle, was unsuited by the going, which was officially described as Soft on this occasion and would prefer a faster surface.

Race 7 - 3:55pm.

THE KARNDEAN DESIGNFLOORING MARES' STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 1)(Listed Race) (GBB RACE)

Approximately three furlongs out, JERSEY LADY (FR), placed third, shifted slightly right-handed resulting in ISHKHARA LADY, which dead-heated for first place and ALL CLENCHED UP, placed sixth, making contact and bumping on several occasions, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Mr Nick Phillips	Race - 1:05pm	EQUUS SECRETUS (IRE)	10	4 Jan 2021 29 Dec 2020 21 Dec 2020 17 Dec 2020 15 Dec 2020 11 Dec 2020 4 Dec 2020 3 Dec 2020 1 Dec 2020 30 Nov 2020
Mr Sam Lee	Race - 2:50pm	GOLAN FORTUNE (IRE)	2	30 Nov 2020 1 Dec 2020
Luca Morgan	Race - 3:25pm	WHATSUPWITHYOU (IRE)	2	30 Nov 2020 25 Nov 2020