

CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT

Friday 22 October 2021

Stewards: Simon Cowley (Chief Steward), Roger Bellamy (Stewards' Panel Chair), Charlie Lane (Stewards' Panel Chair), Thomas Evetts (Steward), Guy Upton (Social Distancing Officer), Chris Hill (Assistant Steward)

Going: GOOD

Rail: Hurdle bends dolled out 7 yards, chase bends 10 yards.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:55pm	OFF YOUR ROCCO (IRE), trained by Gordon Elliott.	Self Cert (Stiff)
1:55pm	ALL CLENCHED UP, trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Self Cert (Lame)
4:50pm	MARQUIS OF CARABAS (IRE), trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Vets Cert (Lame) (Vets Cert issued on course by Veterinary Officer)
5:25pm	LEBOWSKI (IRE), trained by Michael Scudamore.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:25pm	GO DANTE, trained by Olly Murphy.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:25pm	MISTER WATSON, trained by Ben Pauling.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
4:15pm	SOMETIMES ALWAYS (IRE)	Charlie Todd	Tom Scudamore	Todd unwell
3:05pm	DRAGON BONES (GB)	Charlie Todd	Harry Skelton	Todd unwell

Race 1 - 1:55pm.

THE BALLYMORE NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Niall Houlihan reported that BANNIXTOWN BOY (IRE), placed third, was outpaced.

Race 2 - 2:30pm.**THE squareintheair.com NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for ANY NEWS (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

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, Harry Cobden reported that FIDELIO VALLIS (FR), placed fourth, hung and jumped right-handed; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding shortly after the race failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 3 - 3:05pm.**THE 888SPORT WHAT'S YOUR THINKING NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Harry Bannister reported that DRUMLEE WATAR (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling; the gelding was routine tested.

Race 4 - 3:40pm.**THE 888SPORT NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Martin Keighley reported that BACK ON THE LASH, placed fifth, was unsuited by the drop down in trip to 2 miles 4 furlongs on this occasion, having previously won over 2 miles 6½ furlongs; the gelding was routine tested. Harry Cobden reported that DANNY KIRWAN (IRE), placed second, hung right-handed on the run to the line.

Race 5 - 4:15pm.**THE ABU DHABI DIGITAL EXCHANGE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)**

Permission was given for FITZROY (IRE) to wear a hood in the Parade Ring only.

Jumping the fifth-last hurdle, the rider of CALVINIST, placed sixth, had to switch off the heels of SOMETIMES ALWAYS (IRE), placed eighth, which had made a bad mistake at the obstacle, but after viewing a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Tom Scudamore reported that SOMETIMES ALWAYS (IRE), placed eighth, made a bad mistake at the fifth-last hurdle; the Veterinary Officer reported that the gelding lost its right-fore shoe. Sean Bowen reported that FOUND ON (IRE), unplaced, hung left-handed; the Veterinary Officer reported that the mare lost its left-fore shoe. The Veterinary Officer further reported that FITZROY (IRE), unplaced, lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 6 - 4:50pm.**THE ANDY STEWART MEMORIAL AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)**

An enquiry was held to consider a complaint by Fergal O'Brien, the trainer of MARQUIS OF CARABAS (IRE), in connection with the handling and communication of the withdrawal of MARQUIS OF CARABAS (IRE) on a Veterinary Certificate following a pre-race examination. The trainer, the Veterinary Officer and a BHA Steward were interviewed. Having heard their evidence, the matter was referred to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority.

Permission was given for ELAN DE BALME (FR) to wear a hood in the Parade Ring only, go early to post and be mounted in the chute.

Mr William Featherstone, the rider of FACT OF THE MATTER (IRE), placed second, 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 approaching the third-last fence.

Following the race, Mr Tristan Durrell reported that MADERA MIST (IRE), unplaced, made a bad mistake at the second fence. Miss Alice Stevens reported that FIRST CLASS RETURN (IRE) jumped badly right-handed prior to refusing at the sixth fence. Martin Keighley reported that DEBDEN BANK, which started favourite and finished unplaced, did not stay the 3 mile 1 furlong trip on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer reported that LEN BRENNAN (IRE), placed fourth, lost its right-hind shoe.

Race 7 - 5:25pm.**THE FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENTS MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for TOP BANDIT to wear a red hood to the start.

The Veterinary Officer reported that JETOILE (IRE), trained by Ryan Potter, appeared to show evidence of possible administration of a substance with a small lump present over the muscle on the left side of the gelding's neck. The Trainer and the Veterinary Officer were interviewed. The trainer explained that JETOILE (IRE) had been administered a Vitamin B12 injection intramuscularly by his Veterinary Surgeon the previous day, 21 October 2021, and the Stewards were shown a copy of the stable's medical records verifying this to be factual. The trainer's explanation was noted and being satisfied that the gelding had received only normal food and water by mouth on the day of racing, the Stewards allowed JETOILE (IRE) to run and ordered the gelding to be routine tested. A report was forwarded to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority for further consideration.

Following the race, Adam Wedge reported that BALLYBREEZE, unplaced, ran too freely.

