

## **CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Friday 27 October 2023**

Stewards: Thomas Evetts (Chief Steward), Roger Bellamy (Stewards' Panel Chair), Guy Upton (Steward), Kelly O'Boyle (Assistant Steward), Milly Bersey (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: Chase and Hurdle rails +7yards

Fixture Note: Prior to Race 3, sand was applied to the bend at the top of the hill, on both courses, following a report of a horse slipping.

### **Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:20pm	PASSING WELL (FR), trained by Jamie Snowden.	Going (Changed since declarations)
3:20pm	LATINO FLING (IRE), trained by Donald McCain.	Self Cert (Lame)
4:30pm	CALIPSO COLLONGES (FR), trained by Sophie Leech.	Self Cert (Heat in Leg)

### **Race 1 - 1:35pm.**

**THE FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENTS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)**  
**(Challenger Two Mile Hurdle Series Qualifier)**

Permission was given for COOLNAUGH HAZE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference, after the fourth hurdle, involving BUKHILL (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Ethan O'Sullivan and GLORIOUS ZOFF (IRE), which unseated its rider, Liam Harrison. Being a 7lb claiming conditional O'Sullivan was offered accompaniment but declined. The interference was found to be accidental as shortly before the island rail BUKHILL (IRE) lugged slightly left-handed causing GLORIOUS ZOFF (IRE) to have to shift right-handed to maintain the inside racing line. Following this however, Harrison's boot made contact with the rail causing the pin to become undone from the stirrup leather and contributing to him unseating at the next hurdle. The Stewards inspected the saddle and stirrup leathers, being satisfied it was in a serviceable condition, they took no further action.

Rounding the bend at the top of the hill, ROYAL EAGLE (IRE), unplaced, lugged left-handed onto the hindquarters of JASON THE MILITANT (IRE), unplaced, which stumbled as a result, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

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

**THE squareintheair.com NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

The Stewards noted that WALK IN CLOVER (IRE), which later fell, slipped rounding the bend at the top of the hill. The Veterinary Officer examined the mare post-race and had nothing to report.

**Race 3 - 2:45pm.**

**THE TRUSTATRADE NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for MEL MONROE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Turning in, having gone through a tight but legitimate gap TAG MAN (IRE), placed third, leaned left-handed giving a bump to EL ELEFANTE (IRE), placed fifth, becoming momentarily short for room against the rail, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and that it had not improved the placing of TAG MAN (IRE).

**Race 4 - 3:20pm.**

**THE 2023 THOROUGHBRED CENSUS NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

At the start, DOWNTOWN QUEEN (IRE), unplaced, whipped round as the start was affected, severely inconveniencing, RAILWAY HURRICANE (IRE), placed second, resulting in both runners being slow to stride, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

**Race 5 - 3:55pm.**

**THE SKY BET NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1)(Grade 2) (REGISTERED AS THE SHARP NOVICES' HURDLE RACE) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for ACT OF AUTHORITY (FR) and PARADE AWAY (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Prior to this race, James Owen was asked to explain the reason why he was running ENTHUSED (IRE) here at Cheltenham on going described as Good, Good to Soft in places, having reported that ENTHUSED (IRE) would prefer a quicker surface following its run at Market Rasen on 30 September 2023, on going with the same description. Owen's explanation that, in his opinion, the ground at Market Rasen was riding loose and that he was prepared to allow the gelding to take its chance in a Grade 2 on this occasion, was noted.

An enquiry was held to consider interference after the third last, involving ACT OF AUTHORITY (FR), placed sixth, ridden by Sean Bowen, and KAMSINAS (FR), placed second, ridden by Paddy Brennan. Gavin Sheehan, the rider of IDY WOOD (FR), placed third, and Jack Quinlan, the rider of the winner, LOOKAWAY (IRE), were also present in the enquiry but were found to have no part in the interference. Bowen was suspended for 4 days for careless riding as he moved left-handed for a clear run causing KAMSINAS (FR) to become short for room and Brennan having to take a check.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that KAMSINAS (FR), placed second, lost a left-hind shoe.

#### **Race 6 - 4:30pm.**

##### **THE CLOSE BROTHERS AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)**

The Starter reported that the following riders had not approached the tape at a walk or jig-jog: Mr Barry O'Neill, the rider of COURT MASTER (IRE), placed fifth, Mr Robert James, the rider of MENINDEE (IRE), which was pulled up, Mr Oran McGill, the rider of BELLA BLISS (IRE), unplaced, Mr Harry Swan, the rider of ARCTIC AMBITION (IRE), unplaced, Mr Finian Maguire, the rider of INNISFREE LAD (IRE), unplaced, Miss Roisin Leech, the rider of DESTINY IS ALL (IRE), unplaced, and Mr Dara McGill, the rider of MIDNIGHT OUR FRED (IRE), placed second. Being a 7lb claiming amateur Miss Leech was offered accompaniment but declined. The riders and the Starters were interviewed and recordings of the incident were shown. Mr O'Neill and Mr Swan were suspended for 2 days for misconduct at the Start, this being their second offence within the previous 12 months. Mr James, Mr Oran McGill, Mr Maguire, Miss Leech and Mr Dara McGill were suspended for 1 day for misconduct at the Start.

Rounding the bend to go out onto the final circuit, it was noted that BELLA BLISS (IRE), unplaced, became unbalanced and stumbled, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that ALMAZHAR GARDE (FR), unplaced, lost a left-hind shoe; ONE TRUE KING (IRE), unplaced, lost a left-fore shoe; BELLA BLISS (IRE), unplaced, lost a left-fore shoe; DESTINY IS ALL (IRE), unplaced, lost right-hind shoe.

#### **Race 7 - 5:05pm.**

##### **THE ABU DHABI DIGITAL MARKETS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)**

Permission was given for RAMBO T (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that BUCKO'S BOY, unplaced, lost a left-hind shoe.

#### **Suspensions**

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Sean Bowen	Race - 3:55pm	ACT OF AUTHORITY (FR)	4	13 Nov 2023 12 Nov 2023 7 Nov 2023 10 Nov 2023
Mr Finian Maguire	Race - 4:30pm	INNISFREE LAD (IRE)	1	9 Nov 2023
Mr Barry O'Neill	Race - 4:30pm	COURT MASTER (IRE)	2	20 Nov 2023 9 Nov 2023
Miss Roisin Leech	Race - 4:30pm	DESTINY IS ALL (IRE)	1	18 Nov 2023

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Mr Harry Swan	Race - 4:30pm	ARCTIC AMBITION (IRE)	2	20 Nov 2023 9 Nov 2023
Mr Dara McGill	Race - 4:30pm	MIDNIGHT OUR FRED (IRE)	1	18 Nov 2023
Mr Oran McGill	Race - 4:30pm	BELLA BLISS (IRE)	1	18 Nov 2023
Mr Robert James	Race - 4:30pm	MENINDEE (IRE)	1	18 Nov 2023