

KEMPTON PARK STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 14 March 2020

Stewards: Richard Westropp (Chief Steward), William Barlow (Stewards' Panel Chair), Steve Drowne (Steward), Sally Lyons (Steward), Chris Hill (Assistant Steward)

Going: GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: The Chase Course rail was moved out 3 yards and the Hurdle Course rail was moved 3 yards since our last fixture. We are utilizing a dual bend alignment after the winning post with the effect on distances calculated as follows: Race 1 - 2m Winter Hurdle Start; N/A. Race 2 - 2m Chase Start; add 22yds. Race 3 - 2m 5f Winter Hurdle Start; N/A. Race 4 - 2m 5f Winter Hurdle Start; N/A. Race 5 - 2m 41/2f Chase Start; add 31yds. Race 6 - 2m 5f Winter Hurdle Start; N/A Race 7 - 3m Chase Start; add 40yds. Race 8 - 2m Winter Hurdle Start; N/A

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:00pm	GOLDEN TAIPAN (IRE), trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Self Cert (Rash)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
4:25pm	WILBERDRAGON (GB)	Tom Buckley	Paul O'Brien	Buckley injured
2:40pm	THE VOLLAN (IRE)	Tom Buckley	Paul O'Brien	Buckley injured

Race 1 - 1:00pm.

THE PADDY POWER FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH PODCAST NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Novices' Championship Hurdle Race Qualifier)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that KAP AUTEUIL (FR), unplaced, suffered an overreach to its right-fore.

Race 2 - 1:30pm.

THE PADDY POWER NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)

FLYING TIGER (IRE) wore earplugs throughout the race.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that the winner, ON THE SLOPES, lost its left-hind shoe.

Race 3 - 2:05pm.**THE EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND PADDY POWER 'NATIONAL HUNT' E.B.F. NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3)(EBF SERIES FINAL)**

Permission was given for STIMULATING SONG to wear a hood in the Parade Ring only.

STIMULATING SONG, trained by Milton Harris, did not enter the Parade Ring due to the trainer having to replace the surcingles on two occasions.

Daryl Jacob, the rider of REPUBLICAN, had jumped the inspection hurdle prior to the start. After being interviewed, Jacob's explanation that the gelding had taken quite a keen hold on the way to post and he had been unable to pull REPUBLICAN up prior to jumping the hurdle was accepted.

Following the race, Nicky Henderson reported that KEEN ON, which started second favourite and finished unplaced, was unsuited by the sharp track. Jack Tudor reported that STIMULATING SONG, unplaced, hung and jumped left-handed throughout; the Veterinary Officer reported that the gelding lost its right-fore shoe. Richie McLernon reported that BUZZ DE TURCOING (FR), unplaced, ran too freely. The Veterinary Officer further reported that THEGALLANTWAY (IRE), unplaced, lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 4 - 2:40pm.**THE PADDY POWER SILVER PLATE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2)**

Permission was given for THE BUTCHER SAID (IRE) to go early to post.

The Starter reported that Darragh O'Keeffe, the rider of AIR HORSE ONE, failed to walk or jig-jog into the start. The rider and the Starter were interviewed and recordings of the incident were shown. O'Keeffe was suspended for 1 day for misconduct at the Start.

The performance of DOWNTOWN GETAWAY (IRE), which started favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. Nicky Henderson could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance other than Nico de Boinville reporting that DOWNTOWN GETAWAY (IRE) stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding, during routine testing shortly after the race, failed to reveal any abnormalities other than DOWNTOWN GETAWAY (IRE) had lost both its left and right-hind shoes.

Race 5 - 3:15pm.**THE PADDY POWER SILVER BOWL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2)**

Permission was given for ENCORE CHAMPS (IRE) to be mounted in the chute; LEGAL EYES (IRE) wore earplugs which were removed at the start and PISTOL WHIPPED (IRE) wore earplugs throughout the race.

Following the race, Nicky Henderson reported that PISTOL WHIPPED (IRE), which started second favourite and finished unplaced, was unsuited by the ground, which was officially described as Good to Soft, Soft in places on this occasion, and would prefer a faster surface; the gelding was routine tested.

Race 6 - 3:50pm.

THE PADDY'S REWARDS CLUB NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for ON TO VICTORY to wear a hood in the Parade Ring only and be mounted in the chute.

WHATSUPWITHYOU (IRE), trained by Ben Pauling, did not enter the Parade Ring due to the rider being late to weigh-out having ridden in the previous race.

Race 7 - 4:25pm.

THE PADDY POWER 21 SLEEPS TOTHE GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)

An enquiry was held following a report from the Veterinary Officer that an employee of Paul Nicholls had acted in an abusive manner towards a Racecourse Employee who was assisting with the treatment of SOLDIER OF LOVE, which had fallen at the final fence. Paul Nicholls, the employee of Paul Nicholls, the Head Groundsman, the Veterinary Surgeon, the Veterinary Officer and the Racecourse Employee were interviewed. Having heard their evidence, the representative of Nicholls was cautioned as to her future conduct.

Following the race, Jonathan Burke reported that HURRICANE ARCADIO (IRE), which was pulled up, jumped poorly and Tabitha Worsley reported that VOCALISER (IRE), placed fifth, made a bad mistake at the third-last fence.

Race 8 - 5:00pm.

THE EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MARES' STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 1)(Listed Race) (SERIES FINAL) (NHMOPS Bonus Race)

The performance of SABRINA (IRE), which started second favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. Paul Nicholls could offer no explanation for the mare's performance.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Darragh O'Keeffe	Race - 2:40pm	AIR HORSE ONE (GB)	1	28 Mar 2020