

CHEPSTOW STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 25 February 2023

Stewards: Guy Upton (Chief Steward), Joanne Hawkins (Stewards' Panel Chair), Louise Moore (Steward), Louise Neale (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant).

Going: **Chase Course**

Chase Race: Good (GSt 5.6)

Hurdle Course

Hurdle Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 5.0)

Rail: Hurdles and bends on the Flat course for this meeting

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
12:47pm	THE OLYMPIAN (IRE), trained by Alan King.	Self Cert (Knocked Joint)
1:22pm	HANDS OFF (IRE), trained by Nicky Henderson.	No Suitable Jockey Available
2:32pm	JACK IN THE BOX (IRE), trained by Bernard Llewellyn.	Self Cert (Going)
4:52pm	HAAFBOURD, trained by Emma-Jane Bishop.	Vets Cert (Stiff)

Race 1 - 12:47pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (DIV I) (GBB RACE)

Following the race Liam Harrison reported that DIRK GENTLY (IRE), which was pulled up, hung left-handed throughout and Conor Ring reported that LUCKY DRAW, placed fourth, hung right-handed in the home straight. The Veterinary Officer reported that ABBEYHILL (IRE), unplaced, lost its right-fore shoe and that MINELLA MAGICAL (IRE), which was pulled up, lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 2 - 1:22pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (DIV II) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that DEADLY MISSILE (IRE), unplaced, and RANGING BEAR (IRE), which was pulled up, both lost their right-fore shoes.

Race 3 - 1:57pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK EMEA HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (Qualifier for The Challenger Two Mile Hurdle Series Final)

Permission was given for GO DANTE to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Lorcan Williams reported that INCA DE LAFAYETTE (FR), which was pulled up, stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 4 - 2:32pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Sean Bowen reported that HENSCHKE (IRE), which was pulled up, ran flat. Warren Greatrex's representative suggested that the gelding would be better suited to softer ground. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities. Bridget Andrews reported that HOMETOWN HERO (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding revealed that the gelding bled from the nose.

Race 5 - 3:07pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (Pertemps Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)

Prior to this race, the representative of Paul Nicholls was asked to explain the reason why he was running SOUTHFIELD HARVEST here at Chepstow on going described as Good to Soft, Good in places having reported that SOUTHFIELD HARVEST would prefer softer ground following its run over fences at Wincanton on 2 February 2023 on ground described as Good to Soft. The explanation given by the trainer's representative that they were prepared to let the gelding take its chance on the ground on this occasion by reverting back to hurdles and on a more galloping track was noted.

The performance of OPERATION MANNA, which was pulled up, was considered. Tom Lacey could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

The performance of THE KNIPHAND (FR) which started favourite and was pulled up, was considered. Finn Lambert reported that THE KNIPHAND (FR) never travelled. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination found the gelding to have an irregular heartbeat.

Following the race, Jordan Nailor reported that TOP OF THE BILL (IRE), placed fifth, hung left and jumped left and Luca Morgan reported that JON SNOW (FR), which was pulled up, stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 6 - 3:45pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that GALOP DE CHASSE (FR), which was pulled up, had an irregular heartbeat, and the winner, NOT AVAILABLE (IRE), finished lame on its right-fore.

Race 7 - 4:17pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK EMEA HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for LUCKELLO to wear a red hood to post.

Rounding the home turn SPOTTY DOG, which was pulled up, became short of room between TALKTOMENOW, which was pulled up, and WIND TOR, unplaced, for several strides, 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 WIND TOR.

The performance of SPOTTY DOG, which was pulled up, was considered. Mike Hawker could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, Isabel Williams reported that TO BE SURE, unplaced, jumped right-handed in the home straight. Sean Bowen reported that DYSANIA (IRE), placed fourth, was hampered by a faller at the fourth last fence. The Veterinary Officer reported that REIGN SUEPREME (IRE), unplaced, lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 8 - 4:52pm.

THE PERTEMPS HEALTHCARE OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 3 Elimination) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for STARVIDOV (FR) to mount in the chute.