

CHEPSTOW STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 22 February 2025

Stewards: Greg Pearson (Chief Steward), Peta Evetts (Stewards' Panel Chair), Tomas O'Brien (Steward), Lauren Thomson (Assistant Steward), Milly Bersey (Raceday Assistant).

Going: **Chase Course**
Chase Race: Soft (GSt 6.5)
Hurdle Course
Hurdle Race: Soft (GSt 6.3)

Rail: Shared bends, set on fresh ground. Distances as stated

Non-Runners

| Race | Horse and Trainer | Reason |
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| 1:25pm | BALLYMENA BOY (IRE), trained by Robbie Llewellyn. | Self Cert (Abscess) |
| 1:25pm | DEVON BLUE (IRE), trained by Jeremy Scott. | Self Cert (Not Sound) |
| 2:00pm | KING ARISE (IRE), trained by Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole. | Vets Cert (Lame) (Issued on course by the Veterinary Officer) |
| 4:17pm | SILVER CHORD, trained by Chris Down. | Self Cert (Heat in Leg) |
| 4:17pm | ENGLISH WILLOW, trained by Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls. | Going (Not changed since declaration but horse on course and identified by the Veterinary Officer) |
| 4:17pm | GODDESS AFRANA (IRE), trained by Nigel Hawke. | Going (Not changed since declaration but horse on course and identified by the Veterinary Officer) |
| 4:17pm | STAFF SERGEANT LEN (GER), trained by Anthony Charlton. | Self Cert (Not Eaten Up) |

Race 1 - 1:25pm.

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

Permission was given for ARCTIC BLUE to go early wearing a red hood to the start and to be mounted in the chute; for KAPAL LAYAR (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

Shortly after the start PURE BLUE (IRE), unplaced, lugged slightly right-handed crowding RUBY'S LEGACY, which was later pulled up, onto FIVE QUARTERS (IRE), placed third, which had to be checked

by its rider. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding was involved.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that PURE BLUE (IRE), unplaced, finished lame on its left-fore. The Veterinary Officer further reported that NIL VERT (FR), unplaced, had lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 2 - 2:00pm.

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

Nothing to report

Race 3 - 2:32pm.

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

Permission was given for IKARAK (FR) to wear a red hood to the start.

The performance of GUARD THE MOON, which started favourite and finished eighth of thirteen runners beaten by 20¾ lengths, was considered. The explanation given by the representative of Nigel Twiston-Davies, that the gelding had failed to travel with his customary enthusiasm on this occasion after an 84 day break, was noted.

Following the race, Benjamin Macey reported that ICARE ALLEN (FR), unplaced, was never travelling; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 4 - 3:07pm.

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

Nothing to report

Race 5 - 3:44pm.

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

Permission was given for SAO CARLOS to wear a red hood to the start.

Race 6 - 4:17pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK EMEA NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that NUBE DE TRUENO (IRE), unplaced, finished lame on its left-fore.



Race 7 - 4:52pm.

THE DEAN STONEHOUSE MEMORIAL OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 3 Elimination) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report