

**CHEPSTOW STEWARDS' REPORT****Saturday 04 December 2021**

Stewards: Chris Rutter (Chief Steward), Joanne Hawkins (Stewards' Panel Chair), Fergus Sweeney (Steward), Beth Dowswell (Assistant Steward), Guy Upton (Social Distancing Officer).  
Going: GOOD TO SOFT, GOOD (IN PLACES)  
Rail: Hurdles on the flat course down the home straight Both bends on fresh ground

**Non-Runners**

| Race    | Horse and Trainer                               | Reason                               |
|---------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 11:38am | HIS OSCAR (IRE), trained by Rebecca Curtis.     | Going<br>(Changed since declaration) |
| 12:12pm | BRAVE SEASCA (FR), trained by Venetia Williams. | Going<br>(Changed since declaration) |
| 1:22pm  | ONE FOR ROSIE, trained by Kim Bailey.           | Self Cert (Pulled Muscle)            |
| 1:57pm  | FAUSTINOVICK, trained by Colin Tizzard.         | Self Cert (Bruised Foot)             |
| 2:32pm  | PILGRIMS KING (IRE), trained by Peter Bowen.    | Self Cert (Rash)                     |

**Race 1 - 11:38am.****THE PLAY THE CORAL 'RACING SUPER SERIES' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

An enquiry was held to consider the circumstances surrounding why the screens were deployed prematurely and no bypass marker was put in place at the last hurdle. The Clerk of the Course and Conor Ring, the rider of JUKEBOX JUNIOR, were interviewed after which a report was forwarded to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority for further consideration.

An enquiry was held to consider whether Conor Ring, the rider of JUKEBOX JUNIOR, which refused at the final hurdle had continued in the race when his horse appeared to be fatigued after clambering over the second-last hurdle then trotting for several strides. The rider and the Veterinary Officer were interviewed, and recordings of the incident were viewed. The Veterinary Officer stated that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities. The rider was suspended for 5 days for continuing in the race when it was contrary to the welfare of the horse.

**Race 2 - 12:12pm.****THE NIGEL & SHARON SUPPORT THE INJURED JOCKEYS FUND HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)**

NOT A ROLE MODEL (IRE), trained by Sam Thomas, did not enter the Parade Ring. Being satisfied that this was due to the trainers representative having difficulties fitting the tongue strap, no further action was taken.

**Race 3 - 12:47pm.**

**THE MARTYN & ORSI SUPPORT THE INJURED JOCKEYS FUND CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)**

Lorcan Williams, the rider of the winner, TAKE YOUR TIME (IRE), was suspended for 4 days for using his whip above the permitted level from approaching the third last hurdle.

Following the race, Charlie Price reported that POINT OF PRINCIPLE (IRE), whinnied a couple of times in the home straight and pulled the gelding up as a result and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Race 4 - 1:22pm.**

**THE CORAL WELSH GRAND NATIONAL TRIAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Sean Bowen reported that SPRINGTOWN LAKE (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling.

**Race 5 - 1:57pm.**

**THE LUKE HATHAWAY SUPPORTS INJURED JOCKEYS FUND NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (for The See More Business Trophy) (GBB RACE)**

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

DOWNTOWN GETAWAY (IRE), trained by Peter Bowen, did not enter the Parade Ring. Being satisfied that this was due to having difficulties fitting the tongue strap, no further action was taken.

**Race 6 - 2:32pm.**

**THE UHY HACKER YOUNG NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

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

The Clerk of the Scales reported that Lorcan Williams, the rider of COMPLETE UNKNOWN (IRE), placed second, trained by Paul Nicholls, had weighed in at 10 stone 11lbs, having weighed out at 10 stone 9lbs. The rider, the trainer's representative and the Clerk of the Scales were interviewed. Williams was suspended for 3 days for weighing in at 2lbs overweight.

**Race 7 - 3:09pm.**

**THE CORAL 'FAIL TO FINISH' FREE BET OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 1 Elimination) (DIV I) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for JOHNNY BOY to wear a hood in the Parade Ring only.

JOHNNY BOY was kicked by another runner at the start. Having been examined by the Veterinary Officer at the start, the gelding was deemed fit to race.

Following the race, Rex Dingle reported that SERIOUS CHARGES (IRE), placed second, hung left-handed.

#### **Race 8 - 3:45pm.**

#### **THE CORAL 'FAIL TO FINISH' FREE BET OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 1 Elimination) (DIV II) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of DEERE MARK, which started favourite and finished unplaced, beaten by 28¾ lengths, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Sam Thomas could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance on this occasion. DEERE MARK was routine tested.

Following the race, Joe Anderson reported that MERRY MONTY, unplaced, ran too free and green.

#### **Suspensions**

| Person          | Race           | Horse                  | Days | Suspended Days  |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|------|---|
| Conor Ring      | Race - 11:38am | JUKEBOX JUNIOR (GB)    | 5    | 22 Dec 2021<br>21 Dec 2021<br>20 Dec 2021<br>19 Dec 2021<br>18 Dec 2021 |
| Lorcan Williams | Race - 12:47pm | TAKE YOUR TIME (IRE)   | 4    | 22 Dec 2021<br>21 Dec 2021<br>20 Dec 2021<br>19 Dec 2021                |
| Lorcan Williams | Race - 2:32pm  | COMPLETE UNKNOWN (IRE) | 3    | 31 Dec 2021<br>15 Dec 2021<br>28 Dec 2021                               |