

DONCASTER STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 01 March 2025

Stewards: Louise Moore (Chief Steward), Peter Crafts (Stewards' Panel Chair), Greg Pearson (Steward), Nathan Green (Assistant Steward), Philippa Hardy (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**
Chase Race: Good (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 6.1)
Hurdle Course
Hurdle Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 5.8)

Rail: Hotel Bend Split Chase - innermost line - no additional distances Hurdle - 10 yds off inner on hotel bend. Innermost line for remainder of circuit, fresh take offs and landings.

Race Delay: At the request of the BHA Racing Department, the following races have been delayed:

Race 5 - 3:55 +1 minutes (now 3:56)

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:15pm	SURREY QUEST (IRE), trained by Toby Lawes.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:15pm	KING TURGEON (FR), trained by David Pipe.	Self Cert (Pricked Foot)
5:07pm	ALL IN YOU (FR), trained by Gary & Josh Moore.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
4:31pm	GRANNY B (IRE)	Kevin Brogan	Peter Kavanagh	(Brogan stood down by RMO)

Race 1 - 1:30pm.

THE LIVESCORE BET BEST ODDS DAILY MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for LITTLE BIG KEV (IRE) to wear a red hood in the parade ring.

Following the race, Sara Bradstock reported that BATSMAN, which was pulled up, made a respiratory noise. Jonathan Burke reported that ICARE COLOMBE (FR), unplaced, stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report. The Veterinary Officer further reported that GARRANTEMPLE (IRE), which was pulled up, was lame left-fore.

Race 2 - 2:05pm.**THE LIVESCORE BET MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Listed Race) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for STAR WALKING (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that BOBBI WITH AN I (FR), which was pulled up, had bled from the nose. Gavin Sheehan reported that MISS CYNTHIA, placed second, hung left-handed. The Veterinary Officer reported that DAMEOFTHECOTSWOLDS, placed sixth, was lame right-fore.

Race 3 - 2:40pm.**THE VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for RARE EDITION (IRE) to go early to post.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that EDITEUR DU GITE (FR), which was pulled up, had bled from the nose.

Race 4 - 3:15pm.**THE VIRGIN BET GRIMTHORPE HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for TWIG to wear a red hood in the parade ring.

After an initial false start, the start was effected successfully on the second attempt. However, having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

Following the race, Gavin Sheehan reported that SOME SCOPE, which was pulled up, made a bad mistake at the twelfth fence. The Veterinary Officer reported that WHITE RHINO (IRE), which was pulled up, had bled from the nose.

Race 5 - 3:55pm.**THE VIRGIN BET DAILY EXTRA PLACES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Gavin Sheehan reported that PRETENDING (IRE), which was pulled up, made a bad mistake at the first hurdle on the final circuit; the Veterinary Officer examined the mare post-race and had nothing to report. The Veterinary Officer further reported that IKE SPORT (FR), placed fourth, lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 6 - 4:31pm.**THE VIRGIN BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

AOTANO (GER) wore ear plugs which remained in throughout the race. Permission was given for GOOD COMPANY to wear a red hood to post. Permission was also given for BUSY BEING BUSY (IRE) to go to

post early and be mounted in the chute.

Following concerns raised by the riders at the start regarding the low sun obscuring their vision at all three hurdles in the home straight, the Stewards consulted with the Clerk of the Course and ordered that these obstacles should be by-passed for this race.

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Approaching 1 ½ furlongs out, FINE POINT (IRE), unplaced, shifted quickly left-handed away from the whip causing the winner AOTANO (GER) to be checked in its run, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of WALDEN (FR) which finished unplaced, was considered. Tom Lacey's representative's explanation that the gelding was outpaced throughout, was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Conor Rabbitt reported that RED TRAIL (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly.

Race 7 - 5:07pm.

THE VIRGIN BET HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Go North Sea Pigeon Series Qualifier)

Permission was given for CAVERN CLUB (IRE), LAND OF MOON (FR) and MY NOBLE LORD (USA) to wear a red hood to post.

The raceday privilege request for KINGSTON JAMES (IRE), trained by Lucinda Russell, to go early to post was late being submitted. Russell was warned as to her responsibility to ensure that all raceday privilege requests are submitted by 1pm on the day before racing.

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