

DONCASTER STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 22 October 2022

Stewards: Gregory Pearson (Chief Steward), Rosie Pearson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Michael Eyre (Steward), Robert McCarthy (Steward), Beth Dowswell (Assistant Steward), Ali Galliers-Pratt (Raceday Assistant).

Going: HEAVY

Stalls: Straight : Centre, Round course: Inside

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:20pm	FORTAMOUR (IRE), trained by Ben Haslam.	Going (Changed since declaration)
1:20pm	GOLDEN VOICE, trained by William Haggas.	Going (Changed since declaration)
1:20pm	KALGANOV (FR), trained by David O'Meara.	Self Cert (Bad Scope)
1:55pm	ATOMIC IMPACT (IRE), trained by K. R. Burke.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:00pm	AL DASIM (IRE), trained by George Boughey.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:45pm	HOT CHESNUT, trained by Dean Ivory.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:45pm	TRUMBLE (IRE), trained by David Loughnane.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Race 1 - 1:20pm.

THE SCOTT DOBSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3)

Permission was given for BOPEDRO (FR), ABOLISH, and EAGLEWAY (FR) to all go early to post.

Approximately 1 furlong out, IT JUST TAKES TIME (IRE), unplaced, lugged right-handed at the same time as EAGLEWAY (FR), unplaced, edged marginally left-handed causing the rider of YOUNG FIRE (FR), placed fourth, to take a precautionary check, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of MYSTERY FOX (IRE), which finished unplaced, beaten by 11½ lengths, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Roger Varian could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of

MYSTERY FOX (IRE), during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, John Egan reported that CLIFFCAKE (IRE), unplaced, had no more to give.

Race 2 - 1:55pm.

THE VERTEM LEADING THE FIELD NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3)

Nothing to report

Race 3 - 2:30pm.

THE VERTEM VERY DIFFERENT STOCKBROKERS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Permission was given for WANDERING ROCKS to go early to post, and MADAME AMBASSADOR wore earplugs throughout the preliminaries which were removed upon arrival at the start.

The performance of MOKTASAAB, which finished unplaced, beaten by 20¼ lengths, was considered. The representative of William Knight's explanation that the gelding was unsuited by the Heavy ground on this occasion and would prefer less testing conditions, was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of MOKTASAAB failed to reveal any abnormalities.

The performance of WANDERING ROCKS, which started second-favourite and finished unplaced, beaten by 25 lengths, was considered. The representative of James Fanshawe's explanation that the gelding was unsuited by the Heavy ground on this occasion and would prefer less testing conditions, was noted. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of WANDERING ROCKS, during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race, Sam James reported that GEREMIA (IRE), unplaced, was slowly away.

Race 4 - 3:00pm.

THE CARLSBERG MARSTONS DONCASTER STAKES (CLASS 1) (Listed Race)

Leaving the stalls, BRESSON, placed fifth, jumped left-handed at the same time as SIMPLE MAN (IRE), unplaced, jumped slightly right-handed causing the winner, LEGEND OF XANADU, to be tightened for racing room and in turn then bump heavily with SIMPLE MAN (IRE), which became unbalanced as a result, 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 any horse.

Following the race, Frankie Dettori reported that BRESSON, which started second-favourite and finished fifth, ran too free.

Race 5 - 3:35pm.

THE VERTEM FUTURITY TROPHY STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 1)

Permission was given for EPICTETUS (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start and for DANCING MAGIC

(IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood.

For some distance approaching the final furlong, HOLLOWAY BOY, placed third, hung violently right-handed across the track before slightly inconveniencing EPICTETUS (IRE), placed second, forcing its rider to switch left-handed in order to continue his run, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Daniel Tudhope reported that HOLLOWAY BOY, placed third, hung badly right-handed.

Race 6 - 4:10pm.

THE vertem.co.uk HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Permission was given for both CAME FROM THE DARK (IRE) and TOLSTOY (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

Prior to this race, a query was raised with David O'Meara as to why he was running NOMADIC EMPIRE (IRE) here at Doncaster on Heavy ground, having reported that the gelding would prefer less testing conditions than the Good to Soft, Soft in places ground at York on 7 October 2022. O'Meara stated that taking into consideration the limited options available due to it being the end of the season and NOMADIC EMPIRE (IRE) being entered in the Horses in Training Sale at Tattersalls next week, he was happy for the gelding to take its chance today.

Inside 1½ furlongs out, a weakening JUSTANOTHERBOTTLE (IRE), unplaced, hung right-handed causing WHEN THE DEAL IS DONE, placed third, to be disappointed for a clear run when it was carried onto the heels of CAME FROM THE DARK (IRE), unplaced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Race 7 - 4:45pm.

THE THINK SMART AT VERTEM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for FLORAL SPENDOUR to wear a red hood to the start.

Approaching ½ furlong out, a weakening RICH WATERS (IRE), unplaced, shifted left-handed briefly hampering FLORAL SPLENDOR, unplaced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Approximately ½ furlong out, ZIP, placed fourth, lugged right-handed before being corrected by its rider carrying the winner, DEPUTY (IRE) off its intended line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Jack Mitchell reported that he felt AL BAAHY, unplaced, take a few false steps approaching 2 furlongs out so therefore felt it prudent to ease the gelding down; the Veterinary Officer subsequently reported that a post-race examination of AL BAAHY failed to reveal any abnormalities.

