

**CHESTER STEWARDS' REPORT****Saturday 27 May 2023**

Stewards: Michael Eyre (Chief Steward), Peter Heaton (Stewards' Panel Chair), Simon Connaway (Steward), Dan Andrews (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM (IN PLACES)

Rail: Rail moved out to widest 9 yds from 6f to 1f, and 3 yds in home straight to 6f

Stalls: Inside, except 1m 2f Outside

Fixture Note: Following Race 1, the going was changed to Good, Good to Firm in places (From Good).

**Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:55pm	EDWARD, trained by Charlie Fellowes.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

**Withdrawals**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:35pm	MUKHA MAGIC, trained by Gay Kelleway.	Horse got loose and bolted (Withdrawn by the Stewards at 3:36pm)

**Jockey Changes**

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
2:20pm	BOXING ALEX (GB)	Kevin Stott	Ben Curtis	Stott stuck in traffic

**Race 1 - 2:20pm.****THE tote £250K GUARANTEED PLACEPOT EVERY SATURDAY NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

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

Rounding the home bend, O G BEACHWEAR, placed fourth, hung quickly right-handed carrying the winner, ALSAKIB off its intended racing line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching the final furlong marker involving O G BEACHWEAR, placed fourth, ridden by Andrew Mullen and the winner, ALSAKIB, ridden by Harry Davies.

Davies was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he allowed his mount to edge left-handed when insufficiently clear of O G BEACHWEAR causing Mullen to switch right-handed when caught on heels.

**Race 2 - 2:55pm.**

**THE BRITISH EBF 40TH ANNIVERSARY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Laura Pearson, the rider of ROUBAY (IRE) was unseated in the parade ring. Having been checked by the Doctor, Pearson was declared fit to race.

Following the race, Laura Pearson reported that ROUBAY (IRE), placed fifth, hung right-handed.

**Race 3 - 3:35pm.**

**THE NET WORLD SPORTS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

The performance of ROCK CHANT (USA) which finished unplaced, was considered. It was noted that Ian Williams could offer no explanation for the performance of the gelding other than he had been trapped wide on a sharp track here at Chester. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of ROCK CHANT (USA) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Race 4 - 4:05pm.**

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Permission was given for PERCY'S LAD, CARNIVAL ZAIN and AL RUFAA (FR) to each wear a red hood to post. AUSTRIAN THEORY (IRE) wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

Shortly after the start, PAWS FOR THOUGHT (IRE), unplaced, lugged right-handed in a tightly grouped field, carrying RED MIRAGE (IRE), unplaced, slightly off its intended line which in turn caused ON A SESSION (USA), placed second, to shy away resulting in the winner, BOARDMAN being tightened for room, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

As the pace steadied entering the first bend, a free running PERCY'S LAD, placed fifth, became caught on the heels of PAWS FOR THOUGHT (IRE), unplaced, drifting left-handed and tightening AL RUFAA (FR), unplaced, for room against the rail, 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 PERCY'S LAD.

The performance of PAWS FOR THOUGHT (IRE) which finished unplaced in a field of eleven runners, was considered. John Egan reported that he felt that the gelding had changed leads several times inside the final furlong, becoming unbalanced as a result. The representative of Donald McCain added that PAWS FOR THOUGHT (IRE) was unsuited by the Good, Good to Firm in places going on this occasion and would prefer a slower surface. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Race 5 - 4:40pm.****THE CHESTER HERITAGE FESTIVAL FILLIES' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for FRANKNESS, DISTINGUISHED LADY (FR), ROYAL DRESS (IRE) and CORINTHIAN KID (IRE) to each wear a red hood to post.

**Race 6 - 5:15pm.****THE tote FANTASY, WHOS IN YOUR STABLE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

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

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after the start involving WE COULD BE HEROES (IRE), placed fifth, ridden by Finley Marsh, ORANGE MARTINI, placed third, ridden by Harry Davies and EAGLE PRINCE (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Ben Robinson. Robinson was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he drifted left-handed when insufficiently clear of WE COULD BE HEROES (IRE) who was in turn moved onto ORANGE MARTINI.

Shortly after entering the back straight, EAGLE PRINCE (IRE), unplaced, hung left-handed giving a light bump to WE COULD BE HEROES (IRE), placed fifth, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Ben Robinson reported that EAGLE PRINCE (IRE), unplaced, hung badly left-handed. The Veterinary Officer reported that DRAGONBALL PRINCE (IRE), unplaced, had lost its left-fore shoe.

**Race 7 - 5:45pm.****THE ROMAN DAY COMMUNITY ZONE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for BLISTERING BARNEY (IRE) to go early to post.

The performance of DEMILION (IRE) which started second-favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Charlie Johnston could offer no explanation for the performance of the colt; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding during routine testing failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Ben Curtis, the rider of ZEALANDIA (FR), placed fourth, had appeared to stop riding shortly before the winning post. After being interviewed and shown recordings of the incident. Curtis explained that he could see that the winner, THE NU FORM WAY (FR) was stopping quickly and felt that had he fully rode out to the line, his mount could have clipped heels. After reviewing the footage and hearing the evidence from Curtis, his explanation was noted.

Following the race, Connor Murtagh reported that KNIGHT OF HONOUR (IRE), unplaced, was slowly away.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Harry Davies	Race - 2:20pm	ALSAKIB (GB)	2	11 Jun 2023 4 Jun 2023
Ben Robinson	Race - 5:15pm	EAGLE PRINCE (IRE)	2	11 Jun 2023 6 Jun 2023