

SOUTHWELL STEWARDS' REPORT**Monday 06 March 2023**

Stewards: Gordan Markham (Chief Steward), Thomas Cooper (Stewards Panel Chair), Simon Connaway (Steward), Milly Bersey (Assistant Steward), Ali Galliers-Pratt (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD

Rail: Mid to outer line 4m of fresh ground from last meeting on the 8th Feb. This line last used in November. Additional distances updated. Bypass on outside.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:25pm	DROP FLIGHT (FR), trained by S. Loxton.	Self Cert (Abscess)
3:35pm	FIFTY SHADES OVHAY (IRE), trained by Dr Richard Newland.	Self Cert (Abscess)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
1:50pm	ROBIN DES MANA (IRE)	Mr Phillip York	Mr Nathan Brennan	York unable to make the weight

Race 1 - 1:15pm.**THE STARSPTS.BET HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)**

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 Olly Murphy reported that BEST TRITION (IRE), unplaced, was unsuited by the sharp nature of the track and the Good Going on this occasion, and would prefer a slower surface.

Race 2 - 1:50pm.**THE DOWNLOAD THE STAR SPORTS APP HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

The performance of ARDMAYLE (IRE), which started favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. Ali Stronge could provide no explanation for the performance of the gelding. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Following the race Sean Bowen reported that MEXICAN BOY (IRE), placed fifth, hung and jumped right-handed; Adam Wedge reported that MY PORTIA, unplaced, hung and jumped right-handed and Sean Houlihan reported that MEGALODON (IRE), unplaced, hung and jumped right-handed.

Race 3 - 2:25pm.

THE READ DAVY RUSSELL ON STARSports.BET OPEN HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Following the race Mr Tommie M. O'Brien reported that BLETCHLEY CASTLE (IRE), which was pulled up, jumped right-handed and Mr Nathan Brennan reported that TAIN T RIVER (IRE), which was pulled up, jumped right-handed.

Race 4 - 3:00pm.

THE CALL STAR SPORTS ON 08000 521321 NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Following the race Tom Bellamy reported that HUNTING BROOK (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 5 - 3:35pm.

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Following the race Sean Quinlan reported that O'CONNELL (IRE), placed fourth, hung right-handed and Luke Scott reported that ENDLESSPOSSIBILITY, ran too free, made a mistake jumping the fifth to last fence so subsequently pulled up.

Race 6 - 4:10pm.

THE STAR SPORTS OWNERS CLUB GUARANTEE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for RAQISA to go early to post wearing a red hood and to be mounted in the chute.

Having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

An enquiry was held to consider interference entering the bend leaving the backstraight on the final circuit involving ROCKET ROBBO, which later fell, ridden by Lewis Stones; BUSHMILL BOY, placed fourth, ridden by Joshua Thompson; CLASSIC TUNE, which was pulled up, ridden by Cillin Leonard; BLUEBELLA, unplaced, ridden by Stan Sheppard and PASSING SECRETS, unplaced, ridden by Mitchell Bastyan. Sean Bowen, the rider of LOU TREK (FR) and Liam Harrison, the rider of CLARAS SOLDIER (IRE) were also interviewed but found not to be involved. As a 7lb claimer, Thompson was offered the opportunity to be accompanied in the enquiry but declined. Thompson was suspended for 6 days for careless riding as he allowed his mount to shift left-handed when insufficiently clear causing BLUEBELLA to become short of room, which in turn caused PASSING SECRETS to become short of room and the rider to take a check, which then caused CLASSIC TUNE to be short of room and the rider to take a check.

Sean Bowen, the rider of LOU TREK (FR) fell rounding the bend leaving the back straight on the final

circuit. After viewing a recording of the incident and interviewing the rider, it was found that no other horse or rider was involved, and that the incident was caused by LOU TREK (FR) sustaining an injury independently causing it to fall, which in turn brought down CLARAS SOLDIER (IRE), ridden by Liam Harrison.

Following the race Thomas Dowson reported that DOORS BREAKER (FR), which was pulled up, was never travelling. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding, failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 7 - 4:45pm.

THE STAR SPORTS BET PIPPED?! OFFER NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for SUPERSTYLIN (IRE) and SOLID FUEL to go early to post wearing a red hood and to be mounted in the chute.

Following the race Jack Quinlan reported that DANIEL DERONDA, unplaced, jumped left-handed. The Veterinary Officer reported that MEETMELATER (IRE), which was pulled up, was lame on its right fore.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Joshua Thompson	Race - 4:10pm	BUSHMILL BOY (GB)	6	20 Mar 2023 21 Mar 2023 22 Mar 2023 23 Mar 2023 24 Mar 2023 25 Mar 2023