

## **FONTWELL PARK STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Sunday 30 January 2022**

Stewards: Sam Angell (Chief Steward), Lucinda Cavendish (Stewards' Panel Chair), Richard Westropp (Steward), Kate Smith (Social Distancing Officer), Josie Brown (Assistant Steward)

Going: GOOD TO SOFT, GOOD (IN PLACES)

Rail: Common top bend 20 yards out from inner. Hurdles will be on the outer and fences jumped on the right-hand side

Fixture Note: After Race 1 the going was changed to Good to Soft, Good in places on the Chase and Hurdle courses (from Good on the Hurdle course and Good, Good to Soft in places on the Chase course).

Race 5 - Following concerns raised by the riders at the start regarding the low sun obscuring their vision at the first hurdle in the back straight, the Stewards consulted with the Clerk of the Course and ordered that this obstacle should be by-passed for this race.

### **Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:20pm	ANTONY (FR), trained by Gary Moore.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
4:20pm	SAQUON (IRE), trained by Dr Richard Newland.	Self Cert (Lame)

### **Jockey Changes**

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:50pm	OUT THE GLEN (IRE)	Fergus Gregory	Tom Bellamy	Gregory ill

### **Race 1 - 1:20pm.**

**THE CAZOO EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that the winner, NOTLONGTILLMAY, had bled from the nose.

### **Race 2 - 1:50pm.**

**THE VIRGIN BET HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)**

Following the race, Olly Murphy reported that EAGLEHILL (FR), which was pulled up, was never travelling

and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Race 3 - 2:20pm.**

**THE VIRGIN BET FREE BETS FOR WINNERS HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for KING CNUT (FR) to go early to post and be mounted on the chute.

The raceday privilege request in relation to KING CNUT (FR), trained by Clare Hobson, was not submitted. Hobson was warned as to her responsibility to ensure that all raceday privilege requests are submitted by 1pm on the day before racing.

EN COEUR (FR), trained by Seamus Mullins, was late in the Parade Ring due to Mullins having a runner in the previous race and the gelding being difficult when fitting the tongue tie.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference soon after the final fence when the winner, MASTER MALCOLM, ridden by Harrison Beswick, interfered with PASSING SECRETS, placed second, ridden by Lee Edwards. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved MASTER MALCOLM's placing as PASSING SECRETS appeared to lose no momentum as a result of the interference and soon after was ahead of MASTER MALCOLM before the latter rallied to win the race by a short head. The interference was found to be accidental as MASTER MALCOLM had shifted quickly right off the point of the bend, despite Beswick's best efforts to correct his mount, taking PASSING SECRETS slightly off its intended line.

The winner, MASTER MALCOLM, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Warwick on 31 December 2021 where the gelding was pulled up. Emma-Jane Bishop's explanation that MASTER MALCOLM was better suited by the Good to Soft, Good going today having raced on Heavy going at Warwick was noted.

**Race 4 - 2:50pm.**

**THE VIRGIN BET MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that WATERGRANGE JACK (IRE), placed second, had lost its right fore shoe.

**Race 5 - 3:20pm.**

**THE VIRGIN BET HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

IRON IN THE SOUL wore ear plugs.

The apparent improvement in form of the winner, FLYING NUN (IRE), compared with its previous run at Ludlow on 22 December 2021 where the filly finished eighth of fifteen, beaten by 20 lengths, was considered. Emma Lavelle's comments that the race at Ludlow was more competitive than today and appreciated running in its first handicap were noted. FLYING NUN (IRE) was routine tested.

Tom Bellamy, the rider of the winner, FLYING NUN (IRE), was suspended for 4 days for using his whip above the permitted level and without sufficient time to respond from jumping the final hurdle.

Following the race, Cillin Leonard reported that KING ARISE (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities. Richard Rowe reported that CONSTANT FRIDAY (IRE), which was pulled up, was unsuited by the going, which was officially described as Good to Soft, Good in places on this occasion, and his opinion was riding sticky.

#### **Race 6 - 3:50pm.**

##### **THE VIRGIN BET FIVES HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

Following the race, Kieren Buckley reported that LICKPENNY LARRY, which was pulled up, stopped quickly and the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

#### **Race 7 - 4:20pm.**

##### **THE CAZOO OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

#### **Suspensions**

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Tom Bellamy	Race - 3:20pm	FLYING NUN (IRE)	4	16 Feb 2022 6 Feb 2022 14 Feb 2022 13 Feb 2022