

## **HAYDOCK PARK STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Saturday 18 January 2025**

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), Jeremy Barlow (Stewards' Panel Chair), Robert McCarthy (Steward), Simon Connaway (Steward), Lauren Thomson (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant).

Going: **Chase Course**  
Chase Race: Soft (GSt 4.3)

**Hurdle Course**  
Hurdle Race: Soft (GSt 4.3)

Rail: Hurdles are on the innermost position in the back-straight. Hurdles and Chases will run on separate bends after the Winning Post and on a shared bend out of the Back Straight. Hurdle bends out at each end of the Course. Chase bend out after Winning Post.

### Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
12:10pm	HELLO JUDGE, trained by Ann Hamilton.	Self Cert (Bad Scope)
3:05pm	LOSSIEMOUTH, trained by Polly Gundry.	Vets Cert (Bruised Foot)

### Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
1:55pm	WALKING ON A DREAM (IRE)	Derek Fox	Patrick Wadge	(Fox injured)
3:05pm	INOX ALLEN (FR)	Derek Fox	Patrick Wadge	(Fox injured)

### **Race 1 - 12:10pm.**

**THE SKY BET BUILD A BET HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (Go North Monet's Garden Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for ROGER RAREBIT to wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, Peter Kavanagh reported that TARAS HALLS (IRE), unplaced, weakened quickly from the 3rd last fence; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

**Race 2 - 12:45pm.****THE SKY BET ACCA FREEZE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)**

The performance of OH MY JOHNNY (IRE), which started favourite and finished seventh of eight runners beaten by 24 lengths, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Philip Hobbs and Johnson White could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined OH MY JOHNNY (IRE) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

**Race 3 - 1:20pm.****THE SKY BET CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Go North Cab On Target Series Qualifier)**

Permission was given for HONNEUR D'AJONC (FR) to wear a red hood to the start.

The Veterinary Officer reported that an employee of Jonjo and A.J O'Neill, the trainer of CLONDAW ROYALE (IRE), had brought a type of soothing cream into the racecourse stables. The trainer's representative, Lisa Cook (Equine Welfare and Integrity Officer) and the Veterinary Officer were interviewed. Being satisfied that the gelding had received only normal food and water by mouth on the day of racing, the Stewards allowed CLONDAW ROYALE (IRE), to run, and ordered the gelding to be routine tested. They further confiscated the substance and ordered that it should also be routine tested. A report was forwarded to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority for further consideration.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference on the run to the line involving the winner, SOLAR SYSTEM (FR), ridden by Michael Nolan and I AM MAX (IRE), placed second, ridden by Ryan Mania. The Stewards could not be satisfied that, with an uninterrupted run to the finish that I AM MAX (IRE) would have finished in front of SOLAR SYSTEM (FR), as the interference was minimal, with the second-placed horse losing very little ground and no momentum and SOLAR SYSTEM (FR), always holding to win by a short-head and therefore ordered the placings to remain unaltered. Nolan was cautioned for careless riding as he failed to take sufficient steps to prevent his mount from drifting left-handed lightly bumping I AM MAX (IRE), and moving the gelding marginally off its intended line.

Entering the bend leaving the back straight LEADING CHOICE (IRE), unplaced, lugged marginally left-handed causing CASUAL OBSERVER (IRE), placed fifth, to be short of racing room, which in turn caused THANKSFORTHEHELP (FR), placed third, to be moved left-handed. This in turn resulted in the winner, SOLAR SYSTEM (FR), being crowded for room and its rider having to take back off of BLUE FIN (IRE), unplaced. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that THANKSFORTHEHELP (FR), placed third, had lost its right-hind shoe. Tom Bellamy reported that ROCKADENN (FR), unplaced, hung left-handed.

**Race 4 - 1:55pm.****THE SKY BET SUPREME TRIAL ROSSINGTON MAIN NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Patrick Wadge reported that WALKING ON A DREAM (IRE), which was pulled up, was

never travelling. The Veterinary Officer reported that PEACENIK (IRE), placed third, had lost its left-fore shoe.

**Race 5 - 2:30pm.**

**THE SKY BET PETER MARSH HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)**

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.

The performance of ROYALE PAGAILLE (FR), which was pulled up, was considered. It was noted that Venetia Williams could offer no explanation other than the gelding had made a blunder at the 7th last fence. The Veterinary Officer examined ROYALE PAGAILLE (FR) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

**Race 6 - 3:05pm.**

**THE SKY BET CHELTENHAM NON-RUNNER NO BET HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (Challenger Stayers Hurdle Series Qualifier)**

Permission was given for KILBARRY HILL to wear a red hood to the start.

The performance of GOOD LOOK CHARM (FR), which finished last of eight finishers beaten by 39  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths, was considered. It was noted that Anthony Honeyball could offer no explanation for the mare's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined GOOD LOOK CHARM (FR) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Patrick Wadge reported that INOX ALLEN (FR), unplaced, hung left-handed.

**Race 7 - 3:40pm.**

**THE SKY BET EXTRA PLACES EVERY DAY HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of THE FAMOUS FIVE (FR) which started favourite and finished fifth of seven runners beaten 22  $\frac{1}{4}$  lengths, was considered. It was noted that Venetia Williams could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance.