

HAYDOCK PARK STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 15 February 2025

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), Peter Heaton (Stewards' Panel Chair), Robert McCarthy (Steward), Michael Eyre (Steward), Ben Ford (Assistant Steward), Michael Walton (Trainee Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**

Chase Race: Good to Soft (GSt 5.1)

Hurdle Course

Hurdle Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 5.6)

Rail: Bends: Separate stable bends, each bend is out 11 yds from innermost line, adds 35yds per circuit. Shared hurdle east bend, out 12yds from innermost line, adds 38yds for hurdle, minus 54yds for chase per circuit. Obstacles: Three back-straight hurdles in central positions, out 5-7yds from innermost line. The last hurdle in the home straight remains in its 'forward position' 146yds from the winning line, therefore 13 obstacles will be jumped in a 3m hurdle race. Ground repair: Recovery has been slow since our last raceday, the track has had a roll repair to level out the surface. The obstacle positions and bend configurations offer the best available ground, the East Bend is entirely fresh.

Race Delay: At the request of the BHA Racing Department, the following races have been delayed:

Race 7 - 4:25 +2 minutes (now 4:27)

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
12:55pm	I AM MAX (IRE), trained by Sandy Thomson.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
2:40pm	NEMEAN LION (GER), trained by Kerry Lee.	Going (Going changed since declaration)
3:15pm	WHERE IT ALL BEGAN (IRE), trained by Gordon Elliott.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
3:50pm	KEPLER'S LAW, trained by L J Morgan.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)
3:50pm	GRAND GESTE (IRE), trained by Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
4:25pm	TORNGAT (FR), trained by T. Greenwood.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
4:25pm	FAMOUS CLERMONT (FR), trained by C. R. Barber.	Going (Changed Since Declaration)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:50pm	DERRYHASSEN PADDY (IRE), trained by Lucinda Russell.	Going (Withdrawn by Trainer's representative at 3.31pm due to Going - Changed since declaration)

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:40pm	INDIANA DREAM (FR), trained by Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill.	Going (Withdrawn by the Trainer at 2.16pm due to Going - Changed Since Declaration)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:15pm	WHERE IT ALL BEGAN (IRE)	Jordan Gainford	Danny McMenamin	(Gainford Injured)
2:05pm	NOCTE VOLATUS (GB)	Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell	Ned Fox	(Mr McCain-Mitchell delayed in traffic)

Race 1 - 12:55pm.

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (Pertemps Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)

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

The performance of GALE MAHLER (IRE), which finished last of ten finishers, beaten 59 lengths, was considered. It was noted that Adrian Keatley's representative could offer no explanation for the mare's poor performance. The Veterinary Officer examined GALE MAHLER (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

The performance of KILBARRY HILL, which started second favourite and finished seventh of ten finishers, beaten 28¼ lengths, was considered. It was noted that Olly Murphy could offer no explanation for the gelding's poor performance. The Veterinary Officer examined KILBARRY HILL during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that BINGOO, which was pulled up, finished lame on its right fore.

Race 2 - 1:28pm.

THE VICTOR LUDORUM JUVENILE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (Go North Grey Bomber Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 3 - 2:05pm.**THE UNIBET MIDDLE DISTANCE CHASE SERIES VETERANS' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (Series Qualifier)**

Permission was given for NOCTE VOLATUS to wear a red hood to post.

Following a problem with the starting tape mechanism, the Stewards gave permission for this race to be started by flag.

Following the race, Harry Reed reported that WHISTLEINTHEDARK (IRE), unplaced, made a bad mistake two fences out.

Race 4 - 2:40pm.**THE WKD RENDLESHAM HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 5 - 3:15pm.**THE ODDSCHECKER GRAND NATIONAL TRIAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of JUBILEE EXPRESS (FR), which finished last of seven finishers, beaten 45 lengths, was considered. Sam Thomas' explanation that the going was, in his opinion, riding quicker than the official description of Good to Soft on this occasion, was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined JUBILEE EXPRESS (FR) during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 6 - 3:50pm.**THE ALBERT BARTLETT PRESTIGE NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for BATTLE BORN LAD to go early to post and ROARING CONQUEST (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Race 7 - 4:25pm.**THE WALRUS OPEN HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)**

Nothing to report