

HAYDOCK PARK STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 21 December 2024

Stewards: Robert McCarthy (Chief Steward), Jeremy Barlow (Stewards' Panel Chair), Michael Eyre (Steward), Milly Bersey (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant)

Going: HEAVY

Rail: All rail has been moved out 5yds into fresh ground.

Fixture Note: Following Race 1, the Going was changed to HEAVY (from HEAVY, SOFT IN PLACES).

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:15pm	SPIKE JONES, trained by Samuel Drinkwater.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:15pm	MY BOBBY DAZZLER, trained by Mel Rowley.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Race 1 - 11:45am.

THE BETFRED 'CLASSIC BOOKMAKER' BEGINNERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 2 - 12:20pm.

THE BETFRED NIFTY 50 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for LUPUS REGEM to wear a red hood to post.

Race 3 - 12:55pm.

**THE BETFRED SUPPORTS JACK BERRY HOUSE MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 1) (Listed Race)
(Registered as The Abram Hurdle) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for MY KIWI GIRL (IRE) to wear a red hood in the parade ring.

Shortly after turning into the home-straight, MILLIE SUPREME (IRE), placed fourth, lugged quickly left-handed resulting in MY KIWI GIRL (IRE), placed third, having to ease momentarily. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Race 4 - 1:30pm.

THE BETFRED 'BET BUILDER' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)

Permission was given for ROYAL MER (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Patrick Wadge reported that he felt something was amiss after NETYWELL (FR) made a bad mistake jumping the third last fence and therefore he felt it prudent to pull up; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding during routine testing and reported that NETYWELL (FR) was lame on its left hind. The Veterinary Officer further reported that FINDTHETIME (IRE), which was pulled up, had bled from the nose.

Race 5 - 2:05pm.

THE BETFRED TOMMY WHITTLE HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

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

The winner, EGBERT, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Exeter on 8 November 2024, where the gelding finished fifth of six, beaten by 37½ lengths. The representative of Alan King's explanation that EGBERT had benefited from having its previous run after a break, was noted.

The performance of EAST STREET (IRE), which was pulled up, was considered. The representative of James Owen could provide no explanation for the performance of the gelding. The Veterinary Officer examined EAST STREET (IRE) during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Ned Fox reported that FRENCHY DU LARGE (FR), which was pulled up, weakened quickly after jumping the fourth last fence; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 6 - 2:40pm.

THE BETFRED HAT-TRICK HEAVEN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (Challenger Two Mile Hurdle Series Qualifier)

Permission was given for JILAIJONE (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

LUNE DE LA MER (IRE) unseated Craig Nichol on the way to post. Having been examined by the Veterinary Surgeon and the Doctor at the start, LUNE DE LA MER (IRE) and Nichol were deemed fit to race.

Race 7 - 3:15pm.

THE BETFRED MERRY CHRISTMAS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (Challenger Stayers' Hurdle Series Qualifier)



Permission was given for CHAMP ROYAL (FR) and THE IMPOSTER (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Ben Godfrey reported that STRATTON OAKMONT (IRE), which was pulled up, weakened quickly; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding during routine testing and had nothing to report.