

## **FONTWELL PARK STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Wednesday 08 May 2024**

Stewards: Sophie Candy (Chief Steward), Georgina Cartwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Fergus Sweeney (Steward), Dan Andrews (Assistant Steward), Kelly O'Boyle (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD

Rail: Common top bend 8 yards out from inner. Hurdles Outer Fences divided & jumped on Right.

Fixture Note: After Race 2, the going was changed to Good (From Good, Good to Soft in places).

### Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:40pm	GLOBAL FOCUS (IRE), trained by Philip Hobbs & Johnson White.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
5:40pm	SULLIVAN BAY (IRE), trained by Henrietta C Knight.	Vets Cert (Cut Leg)
6:10pm	ROLL WITH IT (IRE), trained by Peter & Michael Bowen.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
6:10pm	SHERBORNE (IRE), trained by Joe Tizzard.	Self Cert (Lame)
6:40pm	AWORKINPROGRESS (IRE), trained by Nick Gifford.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
7:10pm	GETUPEARLY, trained by Philip Hobbs & Johnson White.	Self Cert (Coughing)
7:40pm	SEASMOKE (IRE), trained by Billy Aprahamian.	Self Cert (Cut Leg)
7:40pm	ORBYS RIVER (IRE), trained by Sam Allwood.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

### Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
6:40pm	THE BOLD THADY (IRE)	Miss Thomasina Eyston	Joe Anderson	Eyston injured
7:40pm	PRINCESS UNIQUE (GB)	Ben Jones	Sean Bowen	Newton Abbot abandoned.

### **Race 1 - 5:10pm.**

#### **THE STAR SPORTS WE BELIEVE IN BOOKMAKING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

WHYNOTNOWROY (IRE) arrived at the start with a small amount of blood in its mouth. Having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon, the gelding was deemed fit to 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.

An enquiry was held to consider interference leaving the backstraight on the final circuit, involving the winner, WHYNOWTROY (IRE), ridden by Harry Atkins and REINE FEE (IRE), placed third, ridden by Isabelle Ryder. As a 7lb claiming conditional, Ryder was accompanied in the enquiry by a senior jockey. Atkins was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he allowed his mount to shift left-handed towards the rail when insufficiently clear of REINE FEE (IRE) causing Ryder to take a check on her mount.

Following the race, Freddie Gordon reported that DREADPOETSSOCIETY (IRE), unplaced, hung badly left-handed, Philip Armson reported that BELLAMY'S GREY, which was pulled up, was never travelling, Toby Wynne reported that STARGAZER BELLE, which was pulled up, hung left-handed throughout, Caoilin Quinn reported that VINTAGE ICON, which was pulled up, made a bad mistake at the final flight in the back straight and Tabitha Worsley reported that NO GUARANTEE, which was pulled up, was never travelling.

#### **Race 2 - 5:40pm.**

##### **THE DOWNLOAD THE STAR SPORTS APP MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Caoilin Quinn reported that LUMI PLUGIN, placed second, made a bad mistake at the second last hurdle. The Veterinary Officer reported that WESTMILL, which was pulled up, was found to be lame on its right-fore.

#### **Race 3 - 6:10pm.**

##### **THE STAR SPORTS BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

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 winner, MISTER UPTON, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Plumpton on 1 April 2024 where the gelding finished fourth of eleven runners, beaten by 45 lengths. Chris Gordon's explanation that MISTER UPTON had benefitted from switching to chasing from hurdling was noted. The gelding was routine tested.

The performance of PHIL THE SOCK (IRE), ridden by Tabitha Worsley and trained by Phil York, which was pulled up, was considered in light of this being the fifth consecutive occasion that the gelding had failed to finish a race. The trainer was interviewed and their comments were forwarded to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority for further consideration.

Following the race, Tabitha Worsley reported that PHIL THE SOCK (IRE), which was pulled up, was outpaced.

#### **Race 4 - 6:40pm**

**THE STARSPTS.BET HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)**

Nothing to report

**Race 5 - 7:10pm.**  
**THE STAR SPORTS HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

Following the race, Lorcan Williams reported that JOE COTTON (IRE), placed fourth, hung left-handed throughout. The Veterinary Officer reported that UALLRIGHTHARRY (IRE), unplaced, bled from the nose.

**Race 6 - 7:40pm.**  
**THE STARSPTS.BET.CO.UK MARES' NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (DIV I)**

Nothing to report

**Race 7 - 8:10pm.**  
**THE STARSPTS.BET.CO.UK MARES' NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (DIV II)**

The raceday privilege request in relation to TRICKALIGHT (IRE), trained by Deborah Cole, to wear a red hood in the parade ring, was not submitted. Cole was warned as to her responsibility to ensure that all Raceday privilege requests are submitted before 1pm on the day before racing.

DELIGHTFUL GUEST (IRE) collided with the railings when leaving the parade ring. Having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon at the start, the mare was deemed fit to race.

Following the race, Joe Anderson reported that LADY CARO (IRE), unplaced, ran too freely.

**Suspensions**

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Harry Atkins	Race - 5:10pm	WHYNOTNOWROY (IRE)	2	23 May 2024 22 May 2024
Gavin Sheehan	Race - 6:40pm	THIRTYFOUR THIRTY (GB)	7	30 May 2024 29 May 2024 24 May 2024 25 May 2024 26 May 2024 27 May 2024 28 May 2024

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Mr Phillip York	Race - 7:10pm	TOUCH TIGHT (IRE)	7	26 May 2024 27 May 2024 29 May 2024 30 May 2024 31 May 2024 1 Jun 2024 25 Jun 2024