

HEXHAM STEWARDS' REPORT**Saturday 03 May 2025**

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), Peter Forster (Stewards' Panel Chair), Chris Hill (Assistant Steward), Lyndsay Glynn (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD TO SOFT, GOOD (IN PLACES)

Rail: Bends moved in from last meeting on fresh ground

Fixture Note: After Race 1, the Going was changed to Good to Soft, Good in places (from Good, Good to Soft in places).

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:00pm	GETAWAY FRANKIE (IRE), trained by Nicky Richards.	Self Cert (Cut Leg)
6:10pm	KLITSCHKO, trained by Lucinda Hughes.	Going (changed since declaration)
7:10pm	HALFWAY HOUSE LAD, trained by Maurice Barnes.	Vets Cert (Bitten)

Race 1 - 4:28pm.**THE LINDSAY JACKSON 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SELLING HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)**

Following the race, Tom Midgley reported that BARON DE MIDLETON (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling. The Veterinary Officer reported that KOPA KILANA (IRE), placed third, had been struck into on its left-fore.

Race 2 - 5:00pm.**THE BOBBY ROBERTS MEMORIAL MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for SHE WON'T MIND to go early to post.

KIDS SAY LASTGOJOE (FR) wore earplugs throughout the race.

Following the race, Jonathan England reported that BANDERAS (IRE), placed third, ran too freely and Jamie Hamilton reported that DARTMOUTH STAR, unplaced, hung right-handed.

Race 3 - 5:35pm.**THE L&R PEST CONTROL SERVICES NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

FIRST STREET wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

Race 4 - 6:10pm.

THE HEXHAM RACECOURSE CARAVAN & CAMPING PARK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

Following the race, Mr John Dixon reported that HOURLESS, unplaced, was unsuited by the Going, which was officially described as Good to Soft, Good in places on this occasion, and would prefer a faster surface.

Race 5 - 6:40pm.

THE NEIGH WAY LAURA STEWART'S 60 HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for TOP OF THE BAY (IRE) to be mounted on the course.

The performance of TOP OF THE BAY (IRE), which started favourite and finished last of the nine finishers, beaten by 45¾ lengths, was considered. The representative of Sam England's explanation that the gelding had boiled over in the preliminaries was noted and the Veterinary Officer examined TOP OF THE BAY (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 6 - 7:10pm.

THE HARRY DOUGLAS ESTATE AGENCY HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

The performance of SUPER CITIZEN, which finished last of the eight finishers, beaten by 85½ lengths, was considered. The representative of Lucinda Hughes' explanation that the gelding was unsuited by the Going, which was officially described as Good to Soft, Good in places on this occasion and in their opinion was riding slower than described, and SUPER CITIZEN would prefer a faster surface was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 7 - 7:40pm.

THE GREENHEAD HOTEL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (DIV I)

The winner, TARTAN COOKIE (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Perth on 23 April 2025 where the gelding was pulled up. It was noted that the representative of Ewan Whillans could offer no explanation for TARTAN COOKIE (IRE)'s improved form.

Following the race, Nathan Moscrop reported that MY FRIEND YEATS (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 8 - 8:10pm.

THE GREENHEAD HOTEL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (DIV II)

Nothing to report

