

**HUNTINGDON STEWARDS' REPORT****Wednesday 02 October 2019**

Stewards: Anthony McGlone (Chief Steward), Louise Bates (Stewards' Panel Chair), Sally Lyons (Steward), Kate Smith (Assistant Steward)

Going: **Chase Course**  
(GSt 6.6)  
**Hurdle Course**  
(GSt 6.9)

Rail: All rail is out 2yds. Fresh ground for first fixture of the season.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:35pm	MAGIC SHUFFLE (IRE), trained by Barry Brennan.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
4:40pm	NEMEAN LION (IRE), trained by Philip Kirby.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

**Race 1 - 1:35pm.****THE GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY WITH MANSIONBET JUVENILE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for NIGHT CLOSURE to go early to post.

The Starter reported that PASEO arrived at the start with a small bit of blood in its nostril which appeared to have come from a nick in the gelding's nose. After being examined by the Veterinary Surgeon, PASEO was deemed fit to race.

Following the race, Paddy Brennan reported that SLEEPDANCER (IRE), unplaced, slipped on the bend coming out of the back straight on the final circuit, and Sean Houlihan reported that MOONLIT SEA, placed eighth, ran too free.

**Race 2 - 2:05pm.****THE MANSIONBET OFFER DEPOSIT LIMITS HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for GENTLEMAN MOORE (IRE) to go early to post and be mounted in the chute, and for KING CNUT (FR) to be mounted in the chute.

The performance of GENTLEMAN MOORE (IRE), which finished fifth, was considered. The representative of Natalie Lloyd-Beavis explained that the gelding was feeling the affects of a long summer campaign; his explanation was noted. The performance of TEETON POWER, which was pulled up, was considered. Kelly Morgan's explanation that the filly stopped quickly was noted.

**Race 3 - 2:35pm.****THE MANSIONBET FALLER INSURANCE NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)**

Following the race, Tom O'Brien reported that BROMANCE, placed third, hung right-handed.

**Race 4 - 3:10pm.****THE BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT MANSIONBET NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)**

Following the race, Richard Johnson reported that he pulled up INVINCIBLE DON (IRE) after the gelding had jumped awkwardly at the first two fences. The Veterinary Officer reported that SUMMER GETAWAY (IRE), which was pulled up, had bled from the nose.

**Race 5 - 3:40pm.****THE DOWNLOAD THE MANSIONBET APP HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (DIV I)**

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that SPECTACULIS, unplaced, had lost his right-fore shoe.

**Race 6 - 4:10pm.****THE DOWNLOAD THE MANSIONBET APP HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5) (DIV II)**

Following the race, Nico de Boinville reported that BARLEY HILL (IRE), which was pulled up, stopped quickly, and the representative of Ben Pauling reported that the gelding was unsuited by the Good going and would prefer more ease in the ground. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of BARLEY HILL (IRE) failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**Race 7 - 4:40pm.****THE MANSIONBET YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE TO BET HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for SAUVIGNON to go early to post.

The apparent improvement in form of the winner, MIDNIGHT AURORA, compared with its previous run at Newton Abbot on 31 August 2019 where the filly finished last of sixteen, beaten by 66 ¼ lengths, was considered. The representative of Dan Skelton explained that MIDNIGHT AURORA had benefitted from the application of first-time cheek-pieces; the filly was routine tested.

**Race 8 - 5:15pm.****THE MANSIONBET AT HUNTINGDON "JUNIOR" STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5)**

An enquiry was held following a report from the Veterinary Officer that an Equine Welfare and Integrity Officer had found what appeared to be traces of a dried substance on the wall in the stable in which CASTLEBAY (IRE), trained by John Joseph Hanlon, was housed. The Veterinary Officer, the Trainer, the Equine Welfare Integrity Officer and the Clerk of the Course were interviewed. The Clerk of the Course



reported that after the final meeting of last season, all stables had received a level 2 clean and had been repainted. Hanlon confirmed that the stable had been clean when he arrived the previous morning and added that CASTLEBAY (RE), as is routine with all of his runners travelling over from Ireland, had received Superlyte, an electrolyte, and NAF EnerG, which is a vitamin supplement. The Veterinary Officer confirmed that both substances are allowable provided they are not administered on a raceday. Having heard the evidence and being satisfied that the gelding had received only normal food and water by mouth on the day of racing, the Stewards noted the explanations, allowed CASTLEBAY (IRE) to run and ordered that the gelding be routine tested.

Following the race, Brian Hughes reported that BERTIES MISSION (USA), unplaced, ran too free, and Bryony Frost reported that WAIT FOR THE LORD, unplaced, ran too free.