

## **AINTREE STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Tuesday 26 December 2023**

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), Caroline Tellwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Thomas Evetts (Steward), Beth Dowswell (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant).

Going: **MILDMAY Course**  
Chase Race: Soft (GSt 3.0)  
Hurdle Race: Soft (GSt 2.8)

Rail: Chase bends out 6-8yds; Hurdle bends out 8-14yds for fresh ground. Race distance changes as advertised. 3 hurdles in home straight.

### **Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:05pm	JACKPOT D'ATHOU (FR), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:15pm	SOME SCOPE, trained by Richard Hobson.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:25pm	THE NEW LION, trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (Changed since declaration)

### **Jockey Changes**

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:25pm	JACCOURS (FR)	Sean Bowen	Harry Skelton	(Bowen signed off by the Racecourse Medical Officer)
2:50pm	CHASING FIRE (GB)	Sean Bowen	Harry Skelton	(Bowen signed off by the Racecourse Medical Officer)
2:15pm	GRANDADS COTTAGE (IRE)	Sean Bowen	James Bowen	(Bowen signed off by the Racecourse Medical Officer)
1:40pm	RESPLENDENT GREY (IRE)	Sean Bowen	Adam Wedge	(Bowen signed off by the Racecourse Medical Officer)

### **Race 1 - 11:55am.**

**THE WILLIAM HILL DOUBLE YOUR ODDS MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Challenger Mares' Hurdle Qualifier)**

Nothing to report

**Race 2 - 12:30pm.**

**THE UNIBET MIDDLE DISTANCE SERIES VETERANS' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2)**

Nothing to report

**Race 3 - 1:05pm.**

**THE WILLIAM HILL FORMBY NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (Formerly registered as The Tolworth Hurdle) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for CANNOCK PARK to wear a red hood to the start and FLORIDA DREAMS (IRE) wore earplugs throughout the preliminaries which were removed upon arrival at the start.

The Stewards noted that at the second-last hurdle, FLORIDA DREAMS (IRE), placed fifth, was hampered by the fall of FARREN GLORY (IRE), but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

After jumping the second hurdle, CANNOCK PARK, placed third, drifted right-handed carrying FAVOUR AND FORTUNE (IRE), placed second, off its intended line which in turn bumped the winner, JANGO BAIE (FR), but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of JULY FLOWER (FR), which started second-favourite and was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Mickael Seror's explanation that the filly was never travelling on this occasion was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined JULY FLOWER (FR) post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Kielan Woods reported that TELLHERTHENAME (IRE), which was pulled up, lost its action and the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

**Race 4 - 1:40pm.**

**THE WILLIAM HILL EPIC VALUE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

**Race 5 - 2:15pm.**

**THE WILLIAM HILL EPIC BOOST HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)**

Following the race, Henry Brooke reported that NO BUT I WILL, which started joint-favourite and finished fifth, weakened quickly and the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race, during routine testing, and had nothing to report.

**Race 6 - 2:50pm**



**THE WILLIAM HILL CHELTENHAM NRMB FROM JANUARY 1ST NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

**Race 7 - 3:25pm.**

**THE WILLIAM HILL STORIES OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 4) (Category 1 Elimination) (Go North Jodami Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Lorcan Williams reported that FARLAND (IRE), which started favourite and finished second, ran too free and hung badly left-handed.