

**AINTREE STEWARDS' REPORT**
**Saturday 06 December 2025**

Stewards: Louise Moore (Chief Steward), Caroline (Tiddles) Tellwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Michael Eyre (Steward), Robert McCarthy (Steward), Simon Kirk (Assistant Steward), Philippa Hardy (Raceday Assistant).

Going: **MILDMAY Course**  
 Chase Race: Soft (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 4.3)  
 Hurdle Race: Soft (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 4.7)

**NATIONAL Course**  
 Chase Race: Soft (GSt 4.3)

Rail: Mildmay Chase & Hurdle rails out 4yds. Hurdle 1 positioned as a cross flight, leaving two flights in the home straight.

Fixture Note: Following race 4, the Going on the Hurdle and Chase Course was updated to Soft (from Soft, Good to Soft in places).

Race Delay: At the request of the BHA Racing Department, the following races have been delayed:

Race 4 - 1:30 +2 minutes (now 1:32)

Non-Runners

| Race   | Horse and Trainer                                 | Reason                               |
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| 1:30pm | THE KALOOKI KID, trained by Nicky Richards.       | Going<br>(Changed Since Declaration) |
| 3:15pm | WELLINGTON ARCH, trained by Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill. | Going<br>(Changed Since Declaration) |

**Race 1 - 11:48am .**
**THE DAILY BET BOOSTS AT WILLIAM HILL NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (Novices' Championship Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

**Race 2 - 12:24pm .**
**THE WILLIAM HILL EACH WAY EXTRA NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

**Race 3 - 12:58pm .**
**THE WILLIAM HILL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for CAPTAIN BUTLER (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

**Race 4 - 1:30pm .**

**THE WILLIAM HILL RACING WINNINGS BOOST HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of MARGARET'S LEGACY (FR), which started favourite and finished fourth of six runners, beaten by 24 lengths, was considered. Warren Greatrex's explanation that MARGARET'S LEGACY (FR) ran flat on this occasion, was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined MARGARET'S LEGACY (FR) during routine testing and reported that the gelding had lost its left-hind shoe.

**Race 5 - 2:05pm .**

**THE WILLIAM HILL BEST ODDS GUARANTEED WIRRAL JUVENILE HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Listed Race) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for LORD (GER) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, the representative of Dan Skelton reported that EDELAK (IRE), placed sixth, made a respiratory noise.

**Race 6 - 2:40pm .**

**THE WILLIAM HILL HALF A MILL BECHER HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for TWIG, WHITE RHINO (IRE) AND WESTERNINTHEPARK (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference after the last fence involving the winner, TWIG, ridden by Beau Morgan and MR VANGO (IRE), placed second, ridden by Jack Tudor. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved TWIG's placing as although there was a slight carry rounding the elbow and a light touch shortly after due to TWIG hanging right-handed, MR VANGO (IRE) lost no momentum, Tudor never had to stop riding and the Stewards considered that once both horses had straightened for home, there was no further interference and MR VANGO (IRE) had every opportunity to get its head in front. The Stewards therefore ordered the placings to remain unaltered. The interference was found to be accidental as TWIG persisted in hanging right-handed despite the rider's best efforts to prevent him from doing so.

The performance of EXCELLO (FR), which started second favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Nicky Henderson could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined EXCELLO (FR) post-race and reported that the gelding had lost its left-fore shoe.

The performance of GABORIOT (FR), which was pulled up, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that GALIA DES LITEAUX (FR), placed fourth, finished lame on its left-fore.

**Race 7 - 3:15pm .**

**THE NEW WILLIAM HILL RACING BET BUILDER HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**



Following the race, Ewan Whillans reported that CRACKING RHAPSODY (IRE), placed sixth, made a respiratory noise. James Bowen reported that RAMBO T (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly, the Veterinary Officer examined RAMBO T (IRE) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.