

PONTEFRACT STEWARDS' REPORT

Monday 10 June 2024

Stewards: Michael Eyre (Chief Steward), Peter Crafts (Stewards' Panel Chair), Simon Connaway (Steward), Beth Dowswell (Assistant Steward), Philippa Hardy (Raceday Assistant), Holly Crawford (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD

Stalls: Inside all races

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
6:30pm	SOUL SEEKER (IRE), trained by David O'Meara.	Going (Changed since declaration)
8:30pm	MC'TED, trained by Joseph Parr.	Going (Changed since declaration)
9:00pm	MOTAGALLY, trained by Scott Dixon.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
7:30pm	CABRAKAN (IRE)	Clifford Lee	Shane Gray	(Lee unable to do the weight)

Race 1 - 6:30pm .

THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALEXIA 'SOUTHPORT' CHESTERS APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)
(Apprentice Training Race - Part of the Racing Excellence Series)

An enquiry was held to consider interference just inside 3 furlongs out when DANDY DINMONT (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Joe Bradnam, interfered with HONOUR YOUR DREAMS (FR), placed fifth, ridden by Kyle McHugh. Being 7lb Claiming Apprentice's, both riders were accompanied in the enquiry by a jockey coach. The interference was found to be accidental in that a free-running HONOUR YOUR DREAMS (FR) had to take a check off the heels of DANDY DINMONT (IRE) which had moved very marginally left-handed resulting in HONOUR YOUR DREAMS (FR) becoming briefly unbalanced.

Race 2 - 7:00pm .

THE NORTHERN COMMERCIALS IVECO SALES, SERVICE, PARTS EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 5) (GBB RACE)

Having reviewed the start the Stewards were satisfied that MISTY SKY (IRE) had refused to race and was deemed to be a runner.

Race 3 - 7:30pm .

THE RACING FOR EVERYONE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for ELEANOR CROSS to wear a red hood to the start.

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after the start involving LA PULGA (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Archie Young, ELEANOR CROSS, placed third, ridden by Jason Watson, and CHARGING THUNDER, unplaced, ridden by Daniel Tudhope. Being a 7lb Claiming Apprentice, Young was accompanied in the enquiry by a senior rider. After interviewing all riders and viewing recordings of the incident, the Stewards were unable to apportion blame due to insufficient camera coverage.

Following the race, Daniel Tudhope reported that CHARGING THUNDER, which started second-favourite and finished unplaced, suffered interference shortly after the start and the Veterinary Officer reported that the gelding had an irregular heartbeat.

Race 4 - 8:00pm .

THE TONY BETHELL MEMORIAL HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (Round 3 of the Pontefract Stayers Championship 2024)

Permission was given for STORM SPIRIT to wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, Shane Gray reported that SUGARPIEHONEYBUNCH (IRE), unplaced, ran too free.

Race 5 - 8:30pm .

THE BILL CARRIGILL MEMORIAL HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for WATH COURT to wear a red hood to the start.

Shortly after entering the home straight, BAY DREAM BELIEVER (IRE), placed fourth, hung quickly left-handed moving TASEVER, unplaced, off its intended line which in turn gave a light bump to CAPERNOITY (IRE), unplaced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and that it had not improved the placing of BAY DREAM BELIEVER (IRE).

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after turning into the home straight involving WATH COURT, unplaced, ridden by James Sullivan, VISITANT, unplaced, ridden by Rhys Elliott, and TIBERIO FORCE, unplaced, ridden by Mark Winn. Being a 7lb Claiming Apprentice, Elliott was offered the opportunity to be accompanied in the enquiry but declined. Sullivan was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he angled his mount right-handed when insufficiently clear causing Elliott to have to take a check and switch VISITANT left-handed resulting in TIBERIO FORCE becoming briefly tightened for room.

The performance of MASQUE OF ANARCHY (IRE), which finished unplaced, beaten by 53 lengths, was considered. It was noted that Craig Lidster could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance other than MASQUE OF ANARCHY (IRE) was never travelling on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Rhys Elliott reported that VISITANT, unplaced, was restless in the stalls, Jason Hart reported that BAY DREAM BELIEVER (IRE), placed fourth, was slowly away and Mark Winn reported

that TIBERIO FORCE, which started favourite and finished unplaced, was denied a clear run on several occasions from turning into the home straight.

Race 6 - 9:00pm .

THE MR WOLF SPRINT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for AMERICAN STAR (IRE) to go early to post.

Just inside the 2 furlong pole, the winner, TRAVIS shifted quickly right-handed away from the whip moving RAMBUSO CREEK (IRE), placed fifth, slightly off its intended line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and that it had not improved the placing of TRAVIS.

Following the race, Ryan Sexton reported that MILBANKE, unplaced, stopped quickly and the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
James Sullivan	Race - 8:30pm	WATH COURT (GB)	2	25 Jun 2024 23 Jun 2024