

AYR STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 20 April 2024

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), John Wilson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Robert McCarthy (Steward), Michael Eyre (Steward), Chris Hill (Assistant Steward), Lyndsay Allan (Raceday Assistant)

Going: SOFT, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: All Rail Inner Most Line

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
4:45pm	PHANTOMOF THEPOINTS (IRE), trained by David Pipe.	Self Cert (Other) (Ran the previous day)
4:45pm	DRIPSEY MOON (IRE), trained by John McConnell.	Self Cert (Stiff)

Race 1 - 1:15pm .

THE SCOTTY BRAND HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for TRAPRAIN LAW (FR) to wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, P. Townend reported that UNCLE PHIL (IRE), placed fifth, made a bad mistake at the second-last fence in the back straight.

Race 2 - 1:50pm .

THE CPMS NOVICES' CHAMPION HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

The performance of MONTGOMERY (IRE), which finished last of the nine finishers, beaten by 24¼ lengths was considered. The representative of Venetia Williams could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance and the Veterinary Officer examined MONTGOMERY (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Harry Bannister reported that MACLAINE, which started favourite and finished seventh, made several jumping errors. Jonathan Burke reported that DEEPER BLUE (FR), which was pulled up, made several jumping errors; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 3 - 2:25pm .

THE CORAL SCOTTISH CHAMPION HURDLE RACE (A LIMITED HANDICAP) (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (GBB RACE)

FIRST STREET wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

Permission was given for FLORIDA DREAMS (IRE) to wear a hood in the Parade Ring only and SALSADA (IRE) to go early to post and be mounted in the chute.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference after jumping the final hurdle when CRACKING RHAPSODY (IRE), placed third, ridden by Craig Nichol, interfered with AFADIL (FR), placed fourth, ridden by Freddie Gingell. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved CRACKING RHAPSODY (IRE)'s placing as the momentum and distance lost by AFADIL (FR) was considered to be less than the official distance between the two runners at the line which was a neck. The interference was found to be accidental in that Nichol had taken reasonable steps to correct his mount after CRACKING RHAPSODY (IRE) had shifted quickly right-handed after jumping the final hurdle.

An enquiry was held to consider interference after jumping the final hurdle when the winner, FAVOUR AND FORTUNE (IRE), ridden by Tom Cannon, interfered with BIALYSTOK (IRE), placed second, ridden by P. Townend. Cannon was cautioned for careless riding as he had allowed FAVOUR AND FORTUNE (IRE) to drift right-handed on the run to the line, causing Townend to take a momentary check and switch BIALYSTOK (IRE).

Following the race, Nico de Boinville reported that FIRST STREET, unplaced, made a bad mistake at the third hurdle; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 4 - 3:00pm .

THE JORDAN ELECTRICS LTD SEAFIELD TROPHY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

PRESENTING NELLY, trained by Dan Skelton, won at Ayr the previous day. Having been examined by the Veterinary Officer, the mare was deemed fit to race.

Following the race, P. Townend reported that A PENNY A HUNDRED (FR), which started joint-favourite and was pulled up, ran too freely in the early stages; the Veterinary Officer examined the mare during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 5 - 3:35pm .

THE CORAL SCOTTISH GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Sara Bradstock reported that MR VANGO (IRE), which started favourite and was pulled up, was unsuited by the Going, which was officially described as Soft, Good to Soft in places on this occasion and would prefer a slower surface; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report. William Maggs reported that PUNITIVE (IRE), which was pulled up, hung right-handed. The representative of Paul Nicholls reported that STAY AWAY FAY (IRE), which was pulled up, and BROKEN HALO, which was pulled up, had a respiratory issue. The representative of Henry de Bromhead reported that WHACKER CLAN (IRE), which was pulled up, made a bad mistake at the first fence with a circuit to run and was never travelling thereafter. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of ANGLERS CRAG, which was pulled up, during routine testing, revealed the gelding had bled from the nose. The Veterinary Officer further reported that BEAUPORT (IRE), which was pulled up, was struck into on its right-hind; SECRET REPRIEVE (IRE), which was pulled up, finished lame on its right fore and GOLD CUP BAILLY (FR), which was pulled up, was showing signs of heat stress post-race.

Race 6 - 4:10pm .

THE LET GOOD TIMES ROLL WITH STAGECOACH NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)

RACE)

Jumping the second-last hurdle, I LOVE MY BAIE (FR), placed third, jumped left-handed, slightly inconveniencing MAJOR FORTUNE (IRE), placed second, but after viewing a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of WELCOM TO CARTRIES (FR), which finished unplaced, beaten by 25¼ lengths, was considered. The representative of Paul Nicholls could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance and the Veterinary Officer examined WELCOM TO CARTRIES (FR) post-race and had nothing to report.

The performance of MASACCIO (IRE), which finished unplaced, beaten by 32½ lengths, was considered. The representative of Alan King could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance other than the Veterinary Officer reporting that a post-race examination of MASACCIO (IRE), during routine testing, revealed the gelding lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 7 - 4:45pm .**THE TENNENT'S NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 8 - 5:20pm .**THE GOLF INN PRESTWICK OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 2) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)**

Between the wings of the second-last hurdle, AUTHORIZED MISSION, unplaced, rolled left-handed, causing the winner, JAZZ DE COTTE (FR), to become momentarily short of room, but after viewing a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Derek Fox reported that REFLECTION OF YOU, unplaced, ran flat.