

CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT

Tuesday 10 March 2020

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), George Welch (Stewards' Panel Chair), Peta Evetts (Stewards' Panel Chair), Simon Cowley (Steward), Colin Vickers (Steward), Chris Hill (Assistant Steward), Guy Upton (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **OLD Course**
Chase Race: Soft (Heavy in places)
Hurdle Race: Soft (Heavy in places)

Rail: All distances as advertised.

Fixture Note: Prior to Race 1, the Going was changed to SOFT, HEAVY IN PLACES (from SOFT)

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:30pm	JABBAAR, trained by Iain Jardine.	Vets Cert (Lame)
2:50pm	GENERAL PRINCIPLE (IRE), trained by Gordon Elliott.	Declared in error (£140 fixed penalty imposed)
4:10pm	CROSSGALESFAMEGAME (IRE), trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Self Cert (Lame)
4:50pm	MELLOW BEN (IRE), trained by Chris Gordon.	Self Cert (Abscess)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:30pm	GUMBALL (FR)	Richard Johnson	Aidan Coleman	Johnson signed off by RMO
2:50pm	NO COMMENT (GB)	Richard Johnson	Aidan Coleman	Johnson signed off by RMO
4:50pm	WHATMORE (GB)	Richard Johnson	Tom O'Brien	Johnson signed off by RMO

Race 1 - 1:30pm .

THE SKY BET SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1)

Permission was given for ABACADABRAS (FR) to wear a hood in the Parade Ring only; WHATSNOTOKNOW (IRE) wore earplugs which were removed at the start and BERKSHIRE ROYAL, CAPTAIN GUINNESS (IRE) and ELIXIR D'AINAY (FR) wore earplugs throughout the race.

Having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

At the third-last hurdle, ASTERION FORLONGE (FR), placed fourth, jumped right-handed, hampering ELIXIR D'AINAY (FR), which later fell, 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 ASTERION FORLONGE (FR).

At the second-last hurdle, ASTERION FORLONGE (FR), placed fourth, continued to jump right-handed,

badly hampering ELIXIR D'AINAY (FR) and causing that gelding to fall, which in turn brought down CAPTAIN GUINNESS (IRE), 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 ASTERION FORLONGE (FR).

Following the race, P. Townend reported that ASTERION FORLONGE (FR), which started favourite and finished fourth, jumped right-handed throughout; the gelding was routine tested. The Veterinary Officer reported that HOLLOW SOUND (IRE), which was pulled up, lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 2 - 2:10pm .

THE RACING POST ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1)

Permission was given for PUT THE KETTLE ON (IRE) to be mounted in the chute; NOTEBOOK (GER) and PUT THE KETTLE ON (IRE) wore earplugs throughout the race.

Having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

The performance of NOTEBOOK (GER), which started favourite and finished last of the six finishers, beaten by 27 lengths, was considered. Henry de Bromhead could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. NOTEBOOK (GER) was routine tested.

Following the race, P. Townend reported that CASH BACK (FR), which was pulled up, ran too freely. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of ROUGE VIF (FR), placed third, during routine testing shortly after the race, revealed the gelding lost its right-hind shoe.

Race 3 - 2:50pm .

THE ULTIMA HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 3)

Permission was given for MULCAHYS HILL (IRE) to be mounted in the chute.

Following the race, Jeremiah McGrath reported that BURBANK (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling and Jonathan Burke reported that ACTIVIAL (FR), which was pulled up, stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer reported that DISCORAMA (FR), which started joint-favourite and finished third, lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 4 - 3:30pm .

THE UNIBET CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (CLASS 1) (Grade 1)

Permission was given for PETIT MOUCHOIR (FR) to be mounted in the chute; BALLYANDY and PETIT MOUCHOIR (FR) wore earplugs which were removed at the start and FUSIL RAFFLES (FR) and EPATANTE (FR) wore earplugs throughout the race.

Having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

Daryl Jacob, the rider of FUSIL RAFFLES (FR), unplaced, was suspended for 5 days for using his whip when out of contention after jumping the final hurdle.

The performance of CORNERSTONE LAD, which was pulled up, was considered. Micky Hammond could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance other than Henry Brooke reporting that CORNERSTONE LAD ran flat; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Race 5 - 4:10pm .

THE CLOSE BROTHERS MARES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Registered as The David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle Race) (Grade 1) (NHMOPS Bonus Race)

BENIE DES DIEUX (FR) wore earplugs throughout the race.

Race 6 - 4:50pm .

THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Listed Race)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that WHATMORE, placed fourth, lost its right-fore shoe and a post-race examination of TRAINWRECK (IRE), unplaced, during routine testing shortly after the race, revealed the gelding lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 7 - 5:30pm .

THE NATIONAL HUNT CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR RIDERS' NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2)

Following the race, Mr P. W. Mullins reported that CAREFULLY SELECTED (IRE), which started favourite and unseated its rider, ran too freely. The Veterinary Officer reported that LORD DU MESNIL (FR), placed second, received treatment for post-race heat stress.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Daryl Jacob	Race - 3:30pm	FUSIL RAFFLES (FR)	5	28 Mar 2020 27 Mar 2020 26 Mar 2020 25 Mar 2020 24 Mar 2020