

# BRITISH HARNESS RACING CLUB CHIEF STEWARDS REPORT



Integrity Officer:	Charles Inglis/Gary Dowse
Regional Steward:	Charles Inglis (Acting)
Deputy Regional Steward:	Gary Dowse
Chief Steward:	Jason Podmore/Gary Dowse
Track:	York
Date:	17 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023
Race Day Secretary:	Cheryl Podmore
	Craig Stevenson

All Stewards in Attendance:	(Please tick box)	Licenced	Opted On
Rex Krebs		X	
Gary Dowse		X	
Dawn Forrest		X	
Charlotte Carr		X	
Charles Inglis		X	
Simon Clarke		X	
Kirsty Legrice		X	
Trevor Harding		X	
Jack Stevenson		X	

QUALIFIER 1:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
MATTS ALL FOLKS moved to Qualifier 6 FREEDIE CAMDEN moved to Qualifier 1 SHANEADOR'S number cloth was damaged and the stewards allowed him to run without a number cloth													

QUALIFIER 2:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
LADYFORD CLINT changed to a workout instead of a qualifier FAIRLIGHT ATTILA (Simon Clarke) added.													

QUALIFIER 3:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
<p>ONFIRE APRIL - Non-runner</p> <p>IMPERIAL MAGIC MISS added to qualifier 3 as a workout, James Haythornwaite was the driver</p> <p>SONNY CAMDEN changed to a workout instead of a qualifier.</p> <p>ONEFORTHEROAD changed to a workout instead of a qualifier.</p> <p>KEEVA CAMDEN changed to a workout instead of a qualifier.</p> <p>IMPERIAL MAGIC MISS had equipment failure around the first bend and was pulled up, the stewards allowed the horse to compete in qualifier 5</p>													

QUALIFIER 4:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
TROTting QUALIFER													

QUALIFIER 5:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
<p>MELDOONS STAR driving change to William Greenhorn</p> <p>RAINBOW DREAMER driving change to Ryan Inglis</p> <p>IMPERIAL MAGIC MISS added to qualifier 5</p> <p>COALFORD LETITRAIN changed to a workout instead of a qualifier</p> <p>RAINBOW DREAMER changed to a workout instead of a qualifier</p> <p>AYR DAVE changed to a workout instead of a qualifier</p> <p>SWEET TRIP changed to a workout instead of a qualifier</p> <p>TOTHEBARANDBACK changed to a workout instead of a qualifier</p> <p>BORN IN ISOLATION made a break and pulled up around the first bend, permission was granted by the stewards for this two year old to be added to a later qualifier, even though two year olds aren't allowed to run twice in a day because of the fact that the horse was pulled up within 1/8 a mile and didn't complete the race.</p>													

QUALIFIER 6:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
<p>MATTS ALL FOLKS (William Laidler) added</p> <p>BORN IN ISOLATION (Grant Cullen) added.</p> <p>QUEST FOR FAME (Watson Harrop) added.</p> <p>ANTISOCIAL changed to a workout instead of a qualifier</p> <p>HOWARDS RAIN DANCE changed to a workout instead of a qualifier</p> <p>SHOWTIME RAGINBULL – Non-runner</p> <p>JACK FOODY sat a re-assessment of his driving licence on CLOSE YOUR EYES, the stewards were satisfied with his drive and granted him his licence.</p>													

QUALIFIER 7:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
<p>RHYDS APPLERED driver James Haythornwaite</p>													

QUALIFIER 8:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
<p>STATESIDE BUGSY (William Laidler) added.</p>													

RACE 1:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
<p>KELLY PEACOCK who was driving CROSSHILL DIABLO drawn 5 was called to the stewards room and questioned regarding her efforts to put her horse in the correct position behind the gate as the starter had reported that she didn't come up into her position. The stewards came to a conclusion after the interview that Miss Peacock was guilty of rule L9(g) and issued a fine of £50 and 1 demerit point.</p> <p>The stewards held an enquiry with JOHN SMART the owner of CROSSHILL DIABLO after an altercation with Chief Steward, Jason Podmore, following an earlier Stewards Enquiry involving his horse. Mr Smart offered the explanation that he felt his horse had been victimised due to the rule not previously being used and that he wished to make the stewards aware that his horse has had problems with stewards before. He explained also that when the now 5 year old had raced at 3, it had always been driven by an experienced A class driver but was today driven by someone who hadn't driven in a race for over a year. He explained that he had been in trotting all his life and that this was</p>													

the first time he had ever been called into an enquiry for his conduct, the stewards accepted that they had never had a problem with Mr Smart's previous behaviour, but they explained that Mr Smart didn't proceed in the correct way. **Mr Smart was found guilty of rule S30(a) and fined £50.**

RACE 2:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
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BLYTHVIEW DEUCE Non-runner  
 MEGAN CAMDEN Non-runner  
 SMUGGLERS COVE Non-runner

The stewards looked at the video footage to see whether there was any interference, the stewards gave the call for all clear and official result to be given as there was no interference or infringements of the rules.

RICHARD HAYTHORNTHWAITE who was driving OAKWOOD DYNASTY was called to the stewards' room. Mr Haythornthwaite had drawn two on the gate and had stepped his 3-year-old filly out of the gate looking for a position behind the horse drawn 1. When he went to pull in, Rockaday and Ryan Inglis who had drawn 1 on the second line had closed the gap. Mr Haythornthwaite had pulled his horse back out to ensure he didn't cause interference, he had again looked for a place on the rail behind Rockaday but Vicky Gill and The Real Rogue were there so he had to pull out again to not cause interference, the stewards accepted the explanation.

VICKY GILL (THE REAL ROGUE) was questioned about an incident that had occurred around the first bend where her horse was running tight to the inside of the track and in fact had ran inside numerous pegs. Mrs Gill explained that when Richard Haythornthwaite was looking to get onto the rail in front of her that she had to move tight to the pegs to make sure she kept her position and her horse had leaned in around the corner causing her horse to be partially off the track. Mrs Gill continued to explain that there hadn't been an issue with the horse previously when he had run on grass and this was his first race with her training him on a hard track. The stewards explained the rule M29 and came to the conclusion that because The Real Rogue didn't have an unfair advantage over the other horses in the race that placings would remain unaltered.

WILLAIM LAIDER JNR was called to the stewards and questioned about rule M8(b) in which drivers must keep both feet in the stirrups. Mr Laidler explained that the cart he was using wasn't his but in fact his dad's and that the foot rests weren't set properly for him. The stewards responded by explaining that they had noticed Mr Laidler had been seen previously dropping his leg, mainly at grass meetings where consideration was given due to the rough ground and that he should in future make sure he fixes his foot rests to the correct position before entering the track. Mr Laidler was found guilty of M8(b) and given a £30 fine and 1 demerit point.

RACE 3:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
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TROT BRITAIN

RACE 4:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
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STATESIDE FANTASY's driver and trainer were called to the stewards after an incident behind the gate where it had looked to the stewards that the driver Richard Haythornthwaite had difficulties controlling the horse and that he had caused a hook up of wheels. Sally Teeboon the trainer and Mr Haythornthwaite the driver came to the stewards together, when questioned about the horse's behaviour behind the gate it was explained to the stewards that this was their first race with this new horse that had come into the stable this season so they didn't know the horse would grab on when behind the gate. Ms Teeboon explained that she would make changes so that the horse is manageable and safe when behind the gate and in the race, the explanation was accepted.

RACE 5:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
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COMFORT ZONE – Non-runner  
 NATIONAL TRESURE - driving change to ALAN HAYTHORNTHWAITE  
 GDS KING – driving change to JAMES HAYTHORNTHWAITE

WILLIAM LAIDLER who was driving YERKES HANOVER drawn 3 on the second line was called to the stewards' room and questioned regarding his efforts to put his horse in the correct position behind the gate as the starter had reported that he didn't come up into his position. The stewards concluded after the interview that Mr Laidler was guilty of rule L9(g) and issued a fine of £50 and 1 demerit point.

RACE 6:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
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TROT BRITAIN

RACE 7:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
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COALFORD ROLLONBYE – Non-runner

A Stewards Enquiry was called straight after the race to allow the stewards to examine a number of incidents that took place throughout the race.

The video footage was watched and it was noted that there were possibly 3 incidents where interference had taken place, two of which were going into the first bend and the third on the home straight.

The stewards' view of the situation was that these incidents were separate, unrelated cases.

WILLIAM LAIDLER was interviewed for his opinion of possible interference around the first corner, he explained that his horse was on the rail in third place at the time when GORDON GILVEAR and LOUISVILLE had come into his horse's running line causing OAKWOOD LUCY LOU to break from her gait.

PATRICK KANE was questioned to his involvement into the incident and explained that he was racing his horse out from barrier 3 on the gate. In his view he was clear of Gordon Gilvear and was able to pull towards the rail, giving sufficient clearance.

The stewards however did not agree and explained that in their opinion he had not given sufficient room and that he was guilty of rule M4(c); the penalty imposed was £50 fine and 3 demerit points. The stewards then discussed whether this had affected the result but came to the decision that they felt the actions of Mr Kane had not affected any horse's finishing position, so he was not disqualified.

The stewards then came to the incident in home straight where Mr Kane and MAIDSWEET were in the lead on the rail, LOUISVILLE was behind MAIDSWEET on the rail with OAKWOOD LUCY LOU on the outside of MAIDSWEET.

As they have entered the home straight Maidsweet drifted off the inside rail slightly and on being driven out to the line by Patrick Kane they have continued to drift off the rail.

As the gap became wider Gordon Gilvear and Louisville tried to get up the inside. With less than 50 yards to go there has then been an incident where MAIDSWEET and LOUISVILLE have collided.

The stewards reviewed the video footage. When interviewed, Mr Kane explained that in his drive for the finish his horse Maidsweet had come off the inside rail, but in his opinion, it didn't come off enough to allow for a horse and cart to fit through the inside safely. As he was approaching the line, his horse has begun to tire, and may have drifted back towards the rail. Mr Kane re-iterated to the stewards that, in his opinion, there was never enough room for a horse to be on his inside.

The stewards examined the video footage again whilst Mr Kane was out the room. The stewards had a discussion to first of all decide whether Patrick Kane was truthful in his explanation and also to see if at any point there was sufficient room to allow a horse and sulky to pass safely on the inside.

The stewards came to the decision that there wasn't enough room to allow the horse and cart to be on the inside safely.

The stewards then gave permission for the judge to allow the commentator permission to give the official result on the winner only.

GORDON GILVEAR was interviewed for his explanation of events. Mr Gilvear explained he felt his filly had been interfered with twice, once coming out of the gate and the other the incident approaching the finishing line.

The stewards asked Mr Gilvear firstly about the incident around the first bend, he went on to explain that when Patrick Kane and Maidsweet had come across him, in his opinion, there wasn't sufficient clearance which caused his filly to lose concentration and that as a result of Maidsweet coming across her that in turn made his horse come over to the rail which resulted in OAKWOOD LUCY LOU making a break.

The stewards came to the conclusion that there was too much of a distance for the interference to be the fault of PATRICK KANE, but that in fact Mr Gilvear had interfered with the horse Oakwood Lucy Lou separately. Mr Gilvear was found Guilty of M4(c) and fined £50 and 3 demerit points.

The stewards also questioned Mr Gilvear about the incident down the home straight. It was the opinion of Mr Gilvear that there was more than ample room for him to safely have driven his horse through and to the line. The stewards explained that in their opinion there wasn't enough room, for enough time to safely drive his horse into that position. They did however come to the conclusion that this was a very marginal decision, and that they would take no further action against Mr Gilvear for this incident in the race.

Maidsweet was subject to a random integrity test

RACE 8:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
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RACE 9:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
<p>RYAN INGLIS who was driving BLUE LA VIDA LOCA drawn 1 on the second line was called to the stewards' room and questioned regarding his efforts to put her horse in the correct position behind the gate as the starter had reported that he didn't come up into his position. The stewards concluded after the interview that Mr Inglis was guilty of rule L9(g) and issued a fine of £50 and 1 demerit point.</p> <p>The stewards looked at the video footage to see whether there was any interference around the final bend when the first two place finishers had come from 3 and 4 wide respectively closer to the rail when passing two horses on their inside, the stewards determined there was no interference and gave the all clear.</p>													

RACE 9:	Accident:	Y	N	Stewards Enq:	Y	N	Ref No:		Integrity Test:	Y	N	Ref No:	
<p>All clear</p> <p>COALFORD GOODFELLA was subject to a random integrity test</p>													

DETAILS OF QUALIFIERS (or attach a separate list)					
Name of Horse	Time:	Qualified Y/N	Name of Horse	Time:	Qualified Y/N
EVENWOOD MR PERFECT	2.11.3	Y	FREDDIE CAMDEN	2.07.3	Y
SHOWTIME HOPE	2.11.7	Y	OAKWOOD ENIGMA	2.10.1	Y
SHANEADOR	2.09.6	Y	ONFIRE ALADIN	2.05.3	Y
MAGIC MIKE	2.11.2	N	MONEYHILL	2.05.6	Y
RHYDS KANDYAPPLE	2.11.3	N	SHOWTIME FAITH	2.08.6	Y
QUEST FOR FAME	2.09.6	Y	MATTS ALL FOLKS	2.11.0	N
ONFIRE ANTONIO	2.13.0	N	HOMEGROWN ALLIAGTOR	2.07.3	Y
BRYNLLO CASANOVA	2.06.3	Y	GREENTREE MYSTIQUE	2.07.2	Y
LANESIDE LUCY	2.04.0	Y	LOU SWEETMIX	2.07.9	N

Details of any driving lessons / tests taken:			
Name:	Horse	Result:	Comment:
JACK FOODY	CLOSE YOUR EYES	PASSED	SUCCESSFULLY PASSED RE ASSESMENT
REECE HOLGATE	GIANT PYLA	SATISFACTORY	
REECE HOLGATE	AYR EMPEROR	PASSED	SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HIS TEST

Comments

ALL RACES WILL NOW BE REVIEWED FOR RETROSPECTIVE STEWARDING

Signed: CHARLES INGLIS Dated: 18/6/23