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JERSEY RACE CLUB STEWARDS' REPORT

Sunday 8th September 2024

CHAMPIONS DAY

Chief Steward	Elizabeth Vautier
Stewards' Pannel Chair	Robert Whittle
Stewards	Jacob Shenkin, Michaela Swann
CIHA	Jonathan Perrée

Going at 12.30: Soft, Good to Soft in Places

Rail: No dolling

Non-Runners: None.

Prior to Racing:

Adverse Weather

At 8am the going was reported by the Clerk of the Course as *GOOD, SOFT in places*.

At 10am the Jersey Race Club (JRC) called for an inspection of the racing surface and reported that racing was to take place. The inspection party was reported to consist of Chairman of the JRC, Jim Cattle, Clerk of Course, Glynn Mitchell, Starter, Mattie Batchelor, Trainer, Alyson Malzard, Jockey Victoria Malzard. All reported that they were satisfied with the condition of the course ahead of racing, agreeing with the going on course as *GOOD, SOFT in places*.

At 10.56am Jonathan Perrée received a call from Mattie Batchelor, Starter for the day and he reported that he had inspected the course and in his opinion the course was fit to race on.

At 12pm following an inspection of the course by Jim Cattle, accompanied by Danny Mullins (jockey) who reported that the course was *GOOD to SOFT, SOFT in places*, with it being a little bit softer around back of course. He reported the course, was in his opinion, safe to race on.

At 12.30pm, The Stewards walked the course with John Hamilton CIHA Head of Equine Welfare. The Stewards found that the going had changed again due to the persistent and heavy bouts of rain and was now *SOFT, GOOD to SOFT in places*, this was relayed to the Clerk of the Course, who reluctantly agreed to the change in going as he believed the going was still Good, Good to Soft in places.

The Stewards also noted that adverse weather conditions were likely to impact race timings.



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Testing

The Stewards noted that the results from the routine test of, EVENING SONG, trained by Karl Kukk came back negative. The trainer was dually informed.

Error In Race Card

In the first race, horse No 3 was listed as DIPLOMATIE and BIG UP listed as No4, the TOTE computer reflected them reversed and to avoid any confusion for spectators, the horses would remain numbered as per the race card. The TOTE was duly amended.

Changes Of Jockey None.

Permissions

Karl Kukk trainer of ST OUEN requested that the horse have a handler at the start. The request was dully granted. Kukk was reminded that if the horse needed to be lead in it should be from the second row.

Alyson Malzard trainer of MAQUIGNON, running in the third, requested that the horse be allowed to go to the start without parading. The Stewards granted this requested this under Rule 30.1.2. in Race Manual (B).

Celine De La Haye trainer of AGAPANTHER requested that the horse be mounted in the chute and have a handler at the start. The trainer was reminded that the horse should be led in from the second row if it required assistance.

RACE 1 - 2.30pm

The Millbrook 2024 Channel Islands Champion Hurdle
Conditional Hurdle
Two Miles & One Furlong

The vets reported that the runners were going in quite a way into the soft going. The Stewards inspected the course, and the divots were addressed by the grounds team.

RACE 2 – 3.05pm

The Polygon Collective 2024 Jersey Bullet
Conditional Stakes
Five Furlongs

Raul De Silva, jockey of ST OUEN, placed 2nd, claimed when weighing in that he had been subjected to interference, in that his whip had been knocked out of his hand ½ a furlong from home and was unable to ride out the finish. The Stewards immediately called an Enquiry.

The Stewards reviewed all footage including from the Head On camera and found that he had lost his whip a stride before the line, and thus would have had no impact on how



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his horse would travel in the closing part of the race. The result was therefore allowed to stand.

RACE 3 – 3.40pm

The 2024 Jersey St Leger

Conditional Stakes

One Mile & Three Quarters Quarter Conditional Handicap

Stewards ordered the routine testing of NAN BRADY, trained by Celine De La Haye.

Freddie Tett jockey of ROI DU MONDE reported that the horse did not handle the ground.

Raul Da Silva reported that his mount SUMATRAN TIGER was never travelling.

Race 4 – 4.15pm

The Anchor Club 2024 Glory Bee Handicap

A Conditional Handicap

One Mile & a Quarter Conditions Handicap

The Stewards asked Celine De La Haye to explain the improved performance of AGAPANTHER. She reported that the horse was dropped in weight by handicapper and with her additional claim this had made the horse competitive. Additionally, and perhaps on a day where the going on the inside rail was very soft, De La Haye reported that she had ridden wide to take advantage of very favorable ground and in particular in the home straight.

Raul Da Silva, jockey of BETWEEN THE COVERS reported that the horse was not travelling.

Race 5 – 4.50pm

The Fine & Country Handicap

One Mile & 100 Yards Handicap

Stewards immediately sounded an enquiry after the Steward in the Judges Box and the Head On positions reported that there appeared to be interference between the first and second placed horses. The Stewards reviewed all available recording and noted that the winner CUEROS ridden by Victoria Malzard and the second placed horse NEVER SAID NOTHING had come together about 1f to 1/2 furlong from the finish. They noted that CUEROS drifts into NEVER SAID NOTHING and could see that Victoria Malzard made every effort to pull the reins to correct the drift. The Stewards concluded that the incident did not affect placings and announced that the result stood.

Raul Da Silva reported that EVENING SONG ran too free.



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The assistant starter reported that there were no additional holes to tighten the girth on CASARUAN.



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Continuation of Enquiry from 28th August 2024

Prior to the first race the stewards concluded the enquiry from the 28th of August 2024 meeting.

The Stewards continued to interview Victoria Malzard, they for good order, informed Ms Malzard that between meetings they had reviewed the footage of the incident, Ms Malzard responded that she had also reviewed the footage.

Ms Malzard maintained her claimed that the horse of Dylan Johnston had in essence gone for a gap that wasn't there.

The Stewards noted this but found Ms Malzard had not taken reasonable steps to avoid interference by allowing her horse I'M DIGBY to drift and thus cause interference. She was therefore in breach of Manual (B) Race Manual Rule 50.1. *A rider is guilty of careless riding if he fails to take reasonable steps to avoid causing interference or causes interference by inattention or misjudgement.*

The penalty for Careless Riding is a Caution or 2 to 14 days. The Stewards deemed that the penalty for this incident to be 7 days suspension.

They informed Ms Malzard that the suspension would start 14 days from today, Sunday 8th September 2024. Ms Malzard was informed that if she wished to appeal that she has 48 hours from tomorrow, with at £100 deposit lodged with the Head of Integrity, Michael Shenkin. The appeal must be lodged by 5pm on Wednesday 11th September 2024.

Extract from Stewards Report on 28th August 2024

Race 5) 4.50pm THE COLIN GRANT MEMORIAL HANDICAP The Stewards enquired into the unseating of Dylan Johnston rider of NO WORRIES, trained by Neil Mulholland at around the 6 1/2f mark. When interviewed Dylan Johnston claimed Victoria Malzard rider of, I'M DIGBY, trained by Alison Malzard had caused interference to his mount by squeezing his racing line and leaving him nowhere to go. He reported he repeatedly shouted out to Victoria Malzard to give him room which she didn't do, he felt this was poor Jockeyship. NO WORRIES eventually clipping heels with I'M DIGBY causing a spectacular unseating. Victoria Malzard when interviewed claimed her horse was hanging left during the race and she couldn't correct the horse in time, when the Stewards asked why she hadn't reported this to them as required under rules, she replied that she had reported this to the Clerk of the Scales. The Clerk of the Scales confirmed that Victoria Malzard had reported the horse was lugging to its left. As the Stewards considered their deliberations, the enquiry was caused to be suspended as both riders needed to urgently depart for the airport. The enquiry therefore remains open, and any conclusions will be communicated at the next meeting.