

Stewards Report at Portmarnock Raceway Sunday 29th April 2018

Venue:	Portmarnock Raceway
Stewards:	P. Clarke, J. O'Sullivan, J. Levis
Assistants:	M. Behan (Starter/Gear), G. Kane (Mobile/Brands), A. Gosson (Paddock)
Veterinary Surgeon:	Dr. P. O' Scanail
Weather:	Dry, Clear
Track:	Standard

Race 1 4YO Trot (2011m):

¼: 33.2 ½: 1.08.0, ¾: 1.41.2, 1mile: 2. 14.5, 1.25miles: 2.46.5

DQ: Elfe De Villemer: breaking stride 24 times and pulled up; Empereur Souverain: Breaking within the last 100m; El Tejar: Breaking within the last 100m

The driver of Extase Des Epines caused a small problem at the start for failing to come up to his mark which resulted in the horses trailing behind to have given a larger trail.

Overall the stewards, were extremely happy with the progression of the horses as 4 year olds. Most of the horses have improved significantly from last year, including the winner, Espion D'ecole who trotted perfectly over the course and distance.

Race 2: G-G1 Pace (1600m):

¼: 31.3, ½: 1.02.5, ¾: 1.32.3, 1m: 2.03.1

There was no issues with this race. The stewards noted the unease of Blackfield Jennie at the parade prior to the start but once the race commenced, she paced well although back from the main field.

Race 3: Trot Grade F-D Handicap (2011m):

¼: 31.5, ½: 1.03.5, ¾: 1.35.6, 1m: 2.08.4; 1.25Miles: 2.40.0

Change of handicap: Colline D'Orval was in the incorrect handicap as a C class allowance was given to the driver Luke Kelleher in error and therefore was placed behind at the 40 yard trail.

This was a very competitive race with only 17 lengths from first to last.

The driver of Ulysse Perrine was noted for not keeping a straight line coming into the finish. The driver of Cilando Du Temps was lucky enough to spot this early in time and prevent an incident occurring. This was noted by the stewards and any similar traits by the driver Bernard Grendon will be dealt with accordingly.

Race 4: Pace Grade E-A1 H'cap (1600m):

¼: 30.1, ½: 1.00.0, ¾: 1.30.9, 1m: 2.01.6

There were no issues with the running of this race.

Race 5: Trot Grade D – A1 (2011m):

¼: 31.5, ½: 1.04.4, ¾: 1.36.1, 1m:2.07.2, 1.25miles: 2.38.4

DQ: Bolchoi De L'iton exceeded the 15 strides within the race.

Change of Driver: Ultimo D'Ouille was driven by Shane Howard.

The stewards had no issues with the running of this race.

The stewards at the conclusion of the meeting acknowledged the good behavior of the drivers in relation to the use of the whip and to trailing at the start. This must be relayed back to all involved and is seen a major step forward for the integrity and welfare of the sport.