

## Stewards Report at Portmarnock Raceway Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

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

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### Race 1 4YO Trot (2400m):

*¼: 33.8 ½: 1.06.9, ¾: 1.38.8, 1mile: 2.11.4, 1.25miles: 2.45.8; 1.5Miles: 3.20.6*

N/R: Etoile Quick, Empereur Souverain, Elfe De Villemer

The stewards noted the over use of the whip of the driver of the winning horse and any further overuse of the whip will result in a penalty.

The stewards also interviewed the drivers, Antony Malone & Martin Loughran in relation to the start of the race. With regards to Antony Malone, the stewards issued him a caution as he failed to come into position at the start which resulted in the horses behind, losing their positions.

The stewards accepted Martin Loughran's response with regards to a brief incident at the beginning of the race. Mr Loughran stated that the horse had broken stride briefly and with nowhere to go, the said incident was caused.

### Race 2: Apprentice Trot H'cap Gr F-D (2400m):

*¼: 31.3, ½: 1.04.5, ¾: 1.1.37.8, 1m: 2.10.0, 1.25miles: 2.43.0, 1.5Miles: 3.14.1*

The stewards interviewed the driver of Belina Royale, Stephen Wallace into his conduct during the race. He was cautioned for not racing his horse to its full potential and any further similar race tactics will result in a penalty being occurred.

### Race 3: Pace Grade G-G1 Handicap (1600m):

*¼: 29.4, ½: 59.8, ¾: 1.31.0, 1m: 2.03.2*

Isabella Camden was withdrawn by the IHRA as clearance was not given by the BHRC.

Change of Driver: Walter Stewart drove Ladyford Jim

The stewards interviewed Philip Gilligan after the race in relation to his excessive use of the whip in the last lap of the race. Mr Gilligan accepted his misconduct. The stewards fined him €50 and suspended the use of the whip for 3 weeks inclusive of the remainder of the raceday.

#### Race 4: Trot Grade F-E H'cap (2400m):

$\frac{1}{4}$ : 30.9,  $\frac{1}{2}$ : 1.04.5,  $\frac{3}{4}$ : 1.37.2, 1m: 2.09.9, 1.25miles: 2.42.2, 1.5miles: 3.13.9

Change of driver: Joesph Caffrey drove Brasilia Match

There was no issues with the running of this race.

#### Race 5: Trot Grade D – B (2400m):

$\frac{1}{4}$ : 32.8,  $\frac{1}{2}$ : 1.06.3,  $\frac{3}{4}$ : 1.39.2, 1m:2.11.6, 1.25miles: 2.42.4, 1.5miles: 3.12.5

PU: Bolchoi De L'iton

Change of Driver: Colline D'Orval was driven by Noel Ryan.

The stewards interviewed Luke darling in relation to his horse breaking during the race and possibly interfering with Colline D'orval as a result. However, after consideration and taking the driver's explanation into account, the stewards felt there was no case to be had as Colliine D'Orval had broke stride prior to Bolchoi De L'Iton breaking.

#### Race 6: Pace Grade F-A3 (1600m):

$\frac{1}{4}$ : 30.5,  $\frac{1}{2}$ : 1.02.4,  $\frac{3}{4}$ : 1.33.4, 1m:2.03.9

N/R: Rhyds Panache; Porterstown Chris

The stewards interviewed the driver of l'm Impartial Too, Philip Loughran, after the race as they were unhappy with his performance from the very start of the race and throughout. The stewards outlined to Mr. Loughran that he did not encourage his horse to his position nor did he try to compete in any fashion throughout the race. In his defense Mr. Loughran said he was unable to strike his horse with the whip as the horse would lash out however when replaying the video, the stewards could not find any such incidents. The driver also said the horse was misbehaving throughout the race and was an awkward horse to train. Taking all the evidence on board including his race time compared to his personal best, the stewards decided the horse needs to re-qualify in Portmarnock Raceway on a raceday, prior to racing again as the horse is not capable of racing in his present state. His behavior behind the gate as well as observing whether he makes false moves in the qualifier will be observed before he shall be permitted to race again.

The stewards also noted the poor performance of Ontop Big C in comparison to his previous season's performance. He will be monitored in future races and major improvement will warrant a full investigation.

**Race 7: Trot Grade B-A1 (2400m):**

*¼: 32.2, ½: 1.05.2, ¾: 1.38.0, 1m:2.09.1, 1.25miles: 2.40.1; 1.5miles: 3.11.2*

DQ: Ultimo D'Ouille for exceeding the 15 strides allowed

The stewards noted the poor performance of all horses in the race except for the winner. When the winner quickened up the pace, none of the other 4 competitors could match his speed, even though the said horses included some of the top trotters in the country for last year.

Their future performances will be carefully observed and any major improvement will be subject to a penalty.