

## Portmarnock May 2<sup>nd</sup> Stewards Report

Stewards: P Clarke, J O'Sullivan, M. Behan, A. Gosson, J Levis

**Race 1;** 5 runners; One Driving Change – No.1, Anglesey Gayle, driven by P Kane

Winner tested.

No issues reported in this race

**Race 2;** 8 runners; No driving changes

Horses No.1 (Éclair De Roche), No.3 (Banderillero Piya) & No.4 (Europeen) all exceeded the strides allowed and placed last.

Received a report from N. Quigley regarding an incident regarding D. Murphy coming into the home stretch. The stewards reviewed the video and deemed that Mr Murphy's bike had move slightly outwards coming round the bend and he had no room to proceed as he was in the pocket and subsequently broke stride. Mr Quigley simultaneously hooked wheels with Mr Murphy which caused his horse to also break stride. After reviewing the video, the stewards could not apportion blame to either driver.

No issues reported in this race

**Race 3;** 7 runners; One Driving Change, No.6 Devoir Math driven by O Quill

O Quill €50 fine and 1 demerit point added to his licence (whip).

The stewards noted close driving by several drivers during the race and this will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Winner tested.

No other issues reported in this race

**Race 4;** 5 runners; One Non Runner, No.6 Transparency (scratched Transparency after the draw)

R manning - €100 fine , 1 days suspension and 2 d/m points added to his licence (whip)

D Jennings €50 and 1 d/m point added to his licence

No other issues reported in this race

**Race 5;** 4 runners; No driving changes

No.5 Dusty Gel broke (within limits)

No other issues reported in this race

**Race 6;** 4 runners; No driving changes

A Handicap error was noted prior to racing on the race card, No.2 & 3 were at 20yards and No 4 at 40 yards

No issues reported in this race

**Race 7;** 5 Entries; 1 non-runner No.5 Oakwood Temptress; No driving changes

W Stewart Jnr €50 fine and 1 d/m point added to his licence

No other issues reported in this race

**Race 8;** 5 runners; No driving changes

G Murdock €100 fine ,1 days suspension and 2 d/m points added to his licence (whip)

W Stewart Jnr hitting wheel discs with the whip, plus after his horse caused a false start by breaking, he was asked to move from pole position to the outside of the gate which he refused to do and the starter let the rerun go ahead without the changes. The stewards need to speak with Mr Stewart Jnr prior to racing at Annaghmore this weekend regarding these issues as this had been announced to the public.

The starter reported abusive language from most of the drivers while under starters orders. This type of behaviour must stop immediately and will not be tolerated. Any driver who is found to be guilty of this offence may find themselves disqualified and or fined.

A full report into Race 8 will be published next week.

No other issues reported in this race.

**A further issue from Portmarnock 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021: All drivers are reminded that driving colours must be worn whilst exercising on race day.**