

CHANNEL ISLANDS RACING AND HUNT CLUB

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JERSEY – Sunday 17th July 2011
GOING : GOOD to SOFT, SOFT IN PLACES

Non Runners

MAJOR MAXIMUS – Vets Certificate
MAJESTICAL – Awaiting Vets Certificate

Owing to the inclement weather the Stewards, bar Mr. Mark Torode who had yet to arrive from Guernsey, and Stewards Secretary convened at the course at 10 am to hold an inspection. After walking the course with Mr. Mark Evans, Clerk of the Course, the Stewards concurred with the going as published above. Taking note of available weather forecasts which indicated that the wind speed would lessen over the day, they were happy for racing to proceed.

The Stewards Secretary noted that Mr. R. Vibert was Starter and not as per the Race Card Mr. C. Le Riche.

Before the running of the first race Mr. J.S.O. Arthur requested that **GREEK THEATRE** running in the last be allowed to do one circuit of the parade ring early and then be allowed to go to post. As per the horses last outing he noted that the horse might be required to be led in. The Stewards again after some debate allowed the request mindful of the Stewards Report of Sunday 15th May. The Stewards Secretary once again arranged for the Judge to be at the top of the chute & also arranged that the commentator kept a discreet silence as the horse came on to the track.

Following the running of the first the Stewards interviewed the jockey Caroline Hurley as to the running of **SHIPS HILL** which had pulled up some 2 furlongs from home. The jockey stated she rode the horse every day and that it had just stopped quickly, perhaps unsettled by the going. The Stewards noted her explanation. The vet later reported the horse was fine.

Before the running of the fifth race Mr. J Mercier requested that **CRONKYVODDY** be led in at the start. Following a conversation with the Starter who has the authority to sanction such requests permission was given.

Following the running of the third race the Stewards upon reviewing the tape spotted what appeared to be interference between the two and final furlong marker between **TOP PURSUIT** ridden by Mr. L. Lawson and **HOLD THE BUCKS** ridden by Mr. A. Procter. An enquiry was immediately called. They then called to be interviewed Mr. Lawson & Mr. Procter, Mr. Procter was unable to attend the enquiry and was reported to be in the saddling

enclosure. Mr. Lawson stated that there had been no interference however he did have to 'pull around' Mr. Procter whose charge was heading for the rail. The tape then shows **TOP PURSUIT** drifting across the track to the stand side and not holding a straight line. After much deliberation the Stewards let the result stand and interview Mr. Procter when possible. After the running of the fourth race the jockey was interviewed, he stated that he hadn't seen **TOP PURSUIT** on his inside and was only aware of him when he heard the rider shout. He then attempted to pull **HOLD THE BUCKS** off the running rail and the jockey can be seen changing his riding style to reflect that. The Stewards noted his explanation and concluded there might have been marginal interference at best but no further action was required.

Following the running of the fifth race the Stewards noted that there was nothing to report, save that the wind had not abated quite as forecast.

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