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**Stallion Inspection report for Gortfree Big Star (2016)**

**Venue:** Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell **Date of inspection:** 3 September 2021

**Name of owner:** Helena Davies  **Inspection classification:** Class 1

**Inspectors:** Julie Cornthwaite, Mark Fitton(IDHS (GB)) and Andrew Gardiner (Horse Sport Ireland)

**Profile recording:** Heather Chaplin

**Vet:** Liam Kearns MVB MRCVS, Three Counties Equine Hospital, Tewkesbury

**Measurements: Height**: 15.2 ¾” / 159.5 cms **Girth**: 77” / 195.58 cms **Bone:** 8.5” / 21.59 cms

**Veterinary report:**  Within normal limits.

**Upper beam scores:**

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|  | **Conformation**  *Min. required*  *for Class 1 is 70* | **Type**  *Min. required*  *for Class 1 is 65* | **Movement**  *Min. required*  *for Class 1 is 70* | **Athleticism**  *Min. required for Class 1 is 65* |
| **Score/100** | **70** | **65** | **Walk: 70**  **Trot: 70**  **Canter: 70** | **Reflexes: 75**  **Technique: 75**  **Scope: 75** |
| **Totals:** | **70** | **65** | **Average: 70** | **Average: 75** |

**Chairman’s report:**

**Conformation:** An attractive horse who is slightly heavy in front. He has narrow feet.

**Type:** Meets breed standards for type.

**Walk, trot and canter:** Adequate in all three paces.

**Athleticism:** He is quick off the floor, showing good bascule.

**Overall comments:**  A well-presented stallion.

***Notes: The Irish Draught Studbook classification system is as follows:***

***Class 1****: for inspected animals that meet veterinary requirements and all the inspection requirements for conformation, type, movement and (where applicable) athleticism.*

***Class 2:*** *for inspected animals that meet veterinary requirements but do not meet all the requirements for conformation, type, movement and athleticism.*

***Class 3:*** *For animals that do not meet veterinary requirements.*

***Class 4/Uninspected:*** *Entry level into the Main Studbook, for animals that have not yet been inspected, or where the inspection could not be completed.*

**Bar Chart for Gortfree Big Star**

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|  | **Conformation trait** | **Description** | **Obvious** | | | **Average** | | | **Obvious** | | | **Description** |
|  |  |  | **a** | **b** | **c** | **d** | **e** | **f** | **g** | **h** | **i** |  |
| 1 | Body Shape | rectangular |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | square |
| 2 | Head appearance | fine |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | plain |
| 3 | Head/neck connection | light |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | heavy |
| 4 | Length of neck | long |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | short |
| 5 | Muscling of neck | heavy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | poor |
| 6 | Position of neck | vertical |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | horizontal |
| 7 | Height of withers | high |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | flat |
| 8 | Position of shoulder | sloping |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | straight |
| 9 | Barrel | deep |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | shallow |
| 10 | Line of back | strong |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | weak |
| 11 | Line of loins | strong |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | weak |
| 12 | Shape of croup | sloping |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | flat |
| 13 | Length of croup | long |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | short |
| 14 | Forearm | strong |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | weak |
| 15 | Cannon bone length | short |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | long |
| 16 | Substance of legs | heavy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | light |
| 17 | Stance of forelegs | over at knee |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | back at knee |
| 18 | Stance of pastern | sloping |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | upright |
| 19 | Heels | high |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | low |
| 20 | Stance of hind legs | sickle |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | straight |
| 21 | Knees (front view) | big |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | small |
| 22 | Stance of forelegs | toed in |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | toed out |
| 23 | Shape of feet | wide |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | narrow |
| 24 | Quality of legs | clean |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | blurred |
| 25 | Hindquarters/gaskins | strong |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | weak |
| 26 | Stance of hind legs | cow-hocked |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | bow-hocked |
| 27 | Type | breed standard |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | not breed standard |
| **Movement trait** | | **Description** | **Obvious** | | | **Average** | | | **Obvious** | | | **Description** |
|  |  |  | **a** | **b** | **c** | **d** | **e** | **f** | **g** | **h** | **i** |  |
| 28 | Walk: length of stride | long |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | short |
| 29 | Walk: correctness | toed in |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | toed out |
| 30 | Trot: length of stride | long |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | short |
| 31 | Trot: correctness | correct |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | incorrect |
| 32 | Trot: elasticity | elastic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | stiff |
| 33 | Trot: impulsion | powerful |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | weak |
| 34 | Trot: balance | carrying |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | pushing |
| 35 | Canter: length of stride | long |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | short |
| 36 | Canter: impulsion | powerful |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | weak |
| 37 | Canter: balance | carrying |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | pushing |
| **Athleticism trait** | | **Description** | **Obvious** | | | **Average** | | | **Obvious** | | | **Description** |
|  |  |  | **a** | **b** | **c** | **d** | **e** | **f** | **g** | **h** | **i** |  |
| 38 | Reflexes: | quick |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | slow |
| 39 | Technique: forelegs | bent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | stretched |
| 40 | Technique: back | rounded |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | hollow |
| 41 | Technique: haunches | open |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | tight |
| 42 | Scope: | much |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | little |
| 43 | Elasticity: | supple |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | stiff |
| 44 | Care: | careful |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | not careful |
| 45 | Attitude: | much |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | little |

**Comments from profile: Point 16: tied-in knee.**

*Bar chart completed 5 September 2021 on behalf of the inspection team by Heather Chaplin*

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