

# **WOLVERHAMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Saturday 23 November 2024**

Stewards: Gregory Pearson (Chief Steward), Caroline Tellwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Guy Upton (Steward), Gwen Thomas (Assistant Steward), Margaret Groves (Assistant Steward), Daniel Andrews (Raceday Assistant).

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 7f 36y outside; Remainder inside

## Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
4:55pm	PRINCE ALI, trained by Thomas Faulkner.	Self Cert (Other) (Travel - high winds)
4:55pm	GREEN POWER, trained by John Gallagher.	Self Cert (Infected Foot)
5:55pm	BANK ON KENT, trained by David Evans.	Self Cert (Swelling)
5:55pm	ZOULU WARRIOR (IRE), trained by Heather Main.	Self Cert (Lame)
5:55pm	LA MER GRISE, trained by Tony Carroll.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
6:55pm	BLUE PRINCE (IRE), trained by David Evans.	Self Cert (Abscess)
6:55pm	STREET KID (IRE), trained by Kevin Philippart de Foy.	Vets Cert (Infected Foot)
7:55pm	TWO AULD PALS (IRE), trained by Lucinda Russell.	Travel (Snow on road)

## Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:25pm	ABBEEY LAW, trained by Amy Murphy.	Unruly at start (Withdrawn by the Starter at 5:27pm - See Notice below)

## **Race 1 - 4:25pm.**

**THE TAKE TIME TO THINK WITH BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV I)**

Permission was given for BOOK OF LIFE to wear a red hood to post and for BILLY MCGARRY to go early to post.

Inside the final furlong, BILLY MCGARRY, unplaced, edged quickly left-handed away from the whip, causing LEGEND OF LEROS (IRE), unplaced, to be hampered, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

### **Race 2 - 4:55pm.**

#### **THE TAKE TIME TO THINK WITH BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV II)**

Permission was given for SOAMES FORSYTE to wear a red hood and go early to post.

The winner OUTRACE (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Lingfield on the 13th November 2024 where the colt finished tenth of twelve runners, beaten 11 ½ lengths. Richard Hannon's representative's explanation that the colt benefitted from first time application of cheekpieces, and being ridden more positively on this occasion was noted. OUTRACE (IRE) was routine tested.

The performance of HAVANA TOUCH which started favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. John Butler could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance other than a report from George Buckell that HAVANA TOUCH hung right-handed. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Ross Coakley reported that SNOOZE LANE (IRE), unplaced, was denied a clear run for some distance in the final furlong. William Carver reported that DEEP BLUE (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly and the Veterinary Officer examined the filly post-race and had nothing to report. Elle-May Croot reported that VECCHIO (IRE), placed fourth, was denied a clear run inside the final half furlong.

### **Race 3 - 5:25pm.**

#### **THE SAFER GAMBLING WEEK 2024 AT BETMGM NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 5) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for both LINDAS LADY and ABBEY LAW wear a red hood to post, and ROHILLA (IRE) to go early to post.

The raceday privilege request for ROHILLA (IRE), trained by Scott Dixon, to go early to post was late being submitted. Dixon was warned as to his responsibility to ensure that all raceday privilege requests are submitted by 1pm on the day before racing.

The Starter reported that ABBEY LAW was unruly at the start and withdrawn at 5:27pm. Amy Murphy was informed that the filly could not run until the day after passing a stalls test. As it was the second occasion within the previous 12 months that ABBEY LAW had been reported, a further report within the same period would mean the filly would be prevented from having a stalls test for 6 months.

Leaving the stalls, INVERSION, unplaced, jumped left-handed, inconveniencing FAZEN (IRE), unplaced. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held into the running and riding of FORMAL ADDRESS, ridden by Laura Pearson and trained by Brett Johnson, which raced in rear throughout before appearing to be conservatively handled from leaving the back straight until straightening for home, whereupon it stayed on evenly under hands and heels riding to finish seventh of ten runners, beaten by 17¾ lengths. The rider was interviewed and shown recordings of the race and the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report. The rider stated her instructions were to drop in and ensure the gelding settled as he had been very keen previously and was also thick in his wind, with the hope of getting FORMAL ADDRESS to be finding the line better. Pearson indicated that she jumped out of the stalls with a good hold of the horses head as she wanted to be in a position to find cover from stall 9 and switch the gelding off, however he travelled too strongly again and ran with the choke out. In explaining her riding from leaving the back straight Pearson told Stewards she was mindful of FORMAL ADDRESS's early exertions and was reluctant to go from the gelding pulling to placing him straight under maximum pressure, so she elected to nurse and coax him into the race again with the focus on keeping the bit up in the horses mouth. From this point Pearson added that approaching the home turn, FORMAL ADDRESS had made a noise consistent with a horse that was holding its breath and from turning in she had ridden the gelding out hands and heels through to the line, where he passed a few weakening runners, whilst still being inclined to carry his head high. Pearson's explanation was noted.

Following the race, Sean Levey reported that LANCASHIRE (FR), placed second, hung left-handed. Charles Bishop reported that LINDAS LADY, unplaced, was never travelling. Nicola Currie reported that PENNY'S SPIRIT (IRE), placed fourth, hung left-handed in the straight.

#### **Race 4 - 5:55pm.**

##### **THE SAFER GAMBLING TOOLS AT BETMGM NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for MASTER ZACK to go to post early.

The raceday privilege request for MASTER ZACK, trained by Martin Dunne, to go early to post was late being submitted. Dunne was warned as to his responsibility to ensure that all raceday privilege requests are submitted by 1pm on the day before racing.

Passing the half furlong marker, WOODHAY WHISPER (IRE), placed fourth, hung right-handed at the same time as EIGHTEENCARATGOLD, placed third, resulting in both horses coming together, bumping, and becoming unbalanced. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and that it had not improved the placing of either horse.

Following the race, Dylan Hogan, reported that WOODHAY WHISPER (IRE), placed fourth, hung right-handed in the straight.

#### **Race 5 - 6:25pm.**

##### **THE KNOW YOUR LIMITS WITH BETMGM NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for BUST A MOON to go early to post and to wear a red hood to the start, for CLEVER JACK (IRE) to wear a red hood to post and for FIERY ANGEL to go early to post.

Shortly after the start, the winner ARLECCHINO'S REX, lugged right-handed, moving AIM FOR THE BULL (IRE), unplaced, onto TIEMPO ALEGRE (FR), placed third, causing that filly to lose her early position when tightened for room. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and that it had not improved the placing of ARLECCHINO'S REX.

An enquiry was held into the running and riding of BRUCE BANNER (IRE), ridden by Nicola Currie, and trained by Gary Brown which was restrained leaving the stalls and raced towards the rear of the field, before making late ground under patient handling from approaching the home turn to finish eighth of eleven runners, beaten by 8¾ lengths. The rider and the trainer were interviewed and shown recordings of the race. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding which was selected for post-race sampling and had nothing to report. Currie stated that she knew the horse well having ridden him in races previously and her instructions were to drop BRUCE BANNER (IRE) out early, as he was stepping up in distance to 7 furlongs, with a view to him seeing the trip out and hopefully finishing the race off. Currie indicated that BRUCE BANNER (IRE) ran too freely for the first half of the race, a fact she had reported at scales despite finding plenty of cover from stall 9 and he became easily lit up by other runners generally racing in close proximity down the back straight. Currie explained that the gelding is a big long-striding type which raced awkwardly for some distance rounding the home bend and therefore her focus was on keeping a good hold of his head whilst niggling him along, to assist with ensuring BRUCE BANNER (IRE) maintained good balance. Currie added that BRUCE BANNER (IRE) hung left-handed away from the whip early in the home straight, a fact she had reported at scales and thereafter was impeded by AIM FOR THE BULL (IRE) approaching the final furlong which shifted right-handed into her path. From this point despite racing greenly and looking ungainly at times Currie felt BRUCE BANNER (IRE) had stayed on pleasingly and responded to further use of the whip late on. The trainer confirmed the instructions and that the ride had accorded with them, before expressing satisfaction with the manner in which the gelding had been ridden. Brown did agree that BRUCE BANNER (IRE) is still very raw and although ideally he would like to see him step up in trip, there remains the underlying concern that he needs to learn how to switch off and settle in his races. Their explanations were noted.

Following the race, Billy Loughnane reported that CLEVER JACK (IRE), placed fifth, hung left-handed when under pressure. Charles Bishop reported that BUST A MOON, placed fourth, hung left-handed. Dylan Hogan reported that TIEMPO ALEGRE (FR), placed third, hung left-handed throughout. Nicola Currie reported that BRUCE BANNER (IRE), unplaced, ran too free and hung left-handed.

#### **Race 6 - 6:55pm.**

##### **THE STAY SAFE PLAYERS WITH BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)**

Permission was given for YORKSHIRE (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood and MCMANAMAN (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

Leaving the stalls, STONE SOLDIER, unplaced, jumped right-handed impeding RUN BOY RUN, placed third. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held to consider interference rounding the first bend involving FINAL VOYAGE (IRE), unplaced, ridden by R. M. Mulligan and ALZAHIR (FR), unplaced, ridden by Billy Loughnane. Being a 7lb Claimer, Mulligan was accompanied by a senior rider. Mulligan was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he moved FINAL VOYAGE (IRE) left-handed towards the rail when insufficiently clear of

ALZAHIR (FR), causing Loughnane to take a check.

Approximately half a furlong out, the winner YORKSHIRE (IRE), lugged slightly left-handed before being corrected by its rider, lightly bumping with MCMANAMAN (IRE), placed second, carrying that gelding off its intended line. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved, and it had not improved the placing of YORKSHIRE (IRE).

Following the race, Billy Loughnane reported that ALZAHIR (FR), unplaced, was repeatedly denied clear running in the home straight until inside the final furlong.

#### **Race 7 - 7:25pm.**

##### **THE TAKE TIME TO THINK WITH BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for DIOMED SPIRIT to be mounted in the chute, and NIGHT ON EARTH (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, Sean Levey reported that BANG ON THE BELL, placed third, hung right-handed off the bend.

#### **Race 8 - 7:55pm.**

##### **THE SAFER GAMBLING WEEK 2024 WITH BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for PARRAMOUNT to wear a red hood to the start and go early to post, and OUTGUN to be mounted in the chute, wear a red hood to the start, and go early to post.

Following the race, Jonathan England reported that BANDERAS (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly. Billy Loughnane reported that PERCY JONES, unplaced, was never travelling. Archie Young reported that SAX APPEAL, unplaced, stopped quickly.

#### **Race 9 - 8:25pm.**

##### **THE SAFER GAMBLING TOOLS AT BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3)**

Permission was given for NAP HAND (IRE) to be mounted in the chute, wear a red hood to the start, and go early to post, and PARLANDO, GALLANT LION and WESTRIDGE (FR) to each wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, Dougie Costello reported that MOND (GER), unplaced, was slowly away and ran too free.

#### **Suspensions**

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
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R. M. Mulligan	Race - 6:55pm	FINAL VOYAGE (IRE)	2	7 Dec 2024 9 Dec 2024
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