

## **WOLVERHAMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Saturday 27 April 2024**

Stewards: Greg Pearson (Chief Steward), Jenny Swainson (Stewards Panel Chair), Simon Connaway (Steward), Lyndsay Allan (Assistant Steward), Kelly O'Boyle (Raceday Assistant)

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 7f 36y outside; remainder inside

### Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
7:00pm	BIG BLUE BOY (IRE), trained by David O'Meara.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
7:30pm	LOCOMOTIVE, trained by Mark Walford.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
8:30pm	ON CLOUD, trained by Kevin Frost.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

### Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
6:30pm	TIME TO RULE, trained by Richard Hannon.	Unruly in stalls (withdrawn by Starter 6:31pm - see notice below)

### **Race 1 - 6:00pm.**

#### **THE GET RACEDAY READY APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for BLUEBELLS BOY to wear a red hood to post and for SEA THE BUCKTHORN to go to post early.

On leaving the stalls, BLUEBELLS BOY, unplaced, jumped awkwardly and shifted right-handed badly hampering the winner, LITTLE EMPIRE (IRE), which lost its early position. However, after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching 2½ furlongs out, when BLUEBELLS BOY, unplaced, ridden by Aidan Jones, interfered with the winner, LITTLE EMPIRE (IRE), ridden by Tommy Jakes. Being a 7lb apprentice, Jones was accompanied in the enquiry by a senior rider. Jones was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he had angled his mount right-handed off the rail when insufficiently clear, hampering LITTLE EMPIRE (IRE) which was carried notably wider off its racing line.

An enquiry was held into the running and riding of SEA THE BUCKTHORN, ridden by Luke Catton and

trained by Mark Usher, which was restrained at the start from its wide draw in stall 10 and raced towards the rear throughout until being asked for an effort approximately 2½ furlongs out, from which point it stayed on evenly under hands and heels riding until being disappointed for clear running passing the 1 furlong marker and thereafter was considerably ridden to finish seventh of ten, beaten 4¾ 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 his instructions were to take his time, ensure SEA THE BUCKTHORN relaxed and found a nice racing rhythm, having had a history of being keen in the past and bleeding on its last start, before warming into the race. Catton explained that the pace was strong, which enabled him to drop the gelding out early although SEA THE BUCKTHORN still raced freely into the first bend before eventually settling down the back straight. Catton added that he was tracking the winner, LITTLE EMPIRE (IRE), leaving the back straight when that runner had suffered interference and got carried very wide, however, although not directly affected his mount had wanted to follow it a little. Catton indicated he first placed SEA THE BUCKTHORN under pressure approaching 2 furlongs out and did not feel there was much response to his urgings, with the gelding taking a while to pick up and find his stride before being denied a clear run between SWISS ROWE (IRE), unplaced, and BLUEBELLS BOY, unplaced, which wandered left-handed near the 1 furlong marker, a fact he had reported at scales. Catton further added that inside the final furlong, he was forced to switch back to the inner and was conscious of PORT NOIR, placed third, veering sharply right ahead of him and became concerned about running onto heels and for this reason had stopped riding for a number of strides as a precaution. Catton was cautioned for failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures to obtain the best possible placing by easing prematurely, on a horse which could have finished sixth.

Following the race, Joe Leavy reported that PORT NOIR, placed third, suffered interference inside the final furlong. Luke Catton reported that SEA THE BUCKTHORN, unplaced, was denied a clear run approaching the final furlong.

#### **Race 2 - 6:30pm.**

**THE FREE DIGITAL RACECARD AT [raceday-ready.com](https://www.raceday-ready.com) NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 5) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for APPROVAL to go to post early wearing a red hood.

The Starter reported that TIME TO RULE tried to break out under the stalls and was withdrawn at 6:31pm. Richard Hannon was informed that the colt could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

Rounding the first bend, NEVERNAY (IRE), unplaced, shifted right-handed whilst running greenly, impeding SERENITY DREAM (IRE), unplaced. However, after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Approximately 2 furlongs out, NEVERNAY (IRE), unplaced, hung quickly right-handed inconveniencing SINDORIYNO (IRE), placed fourth, which in turn moved EXTRA BEAT (IRE), unplaced, notably wide off the bend. However, 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 any horse.

Following the race, Oisin Murphy reported that SINDORIYNO (IRE), placed fourth, was slowly away. Adam Farragher reported that APPROVAL, placed second, hung right throughout. Sam Hitchcott reported that NEVERNAY (IRE), unplaced, hung right and ran green.

### **Race 3 - 7:00pm.**

#### **THE DEREK THOMAS RICHARD BUTLER 80TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for GLAMOROUS JOY to go to post early, and for SO OBSESSED (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Leaving the stalls, the winner, SO OBSESSED (IRE), jumped right-handed moving BELVOIR KITTEN, placed fourth, into the path of JUSTAHUNCH, unplaced, causing that runner to be hampered. However, 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 any horse.

Following the race, Alex Jary reported that SMOOTH SILESIE (IRE), placed fifth, hung right in the final furlong. Gina Mangan reported that GLAMOROUS JOY, unplaced, was slowly away.

### **Race 4 - 7:30pm.**

#### **THE GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH raceday-ready.com NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 5) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for GRANDLAD (IRE) to go to post early, for BATEMAN (IRE) to be mounted in the chute, and for ENCHANTING to wear a red hood to post.

### **Race 5 - 8:00pm.**

#### **THE FREE DIGITAL RACECARD AT raceday-ready.com HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for HAVANARAMA to wear a red hood to post.

Leaving the stalls, the winner, HAVANARAMA, lugged right-handed at the same time as ORBITAL, placed

fifth, jumped slightly left causing RICH HARRY (USA), unplaced, to be checked. However, 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 HAVANARAMA.

On leaving the stalls FOREVER A DIAMOND (IRE), unplaced, veered sharply right-handed carrying GREAT ACCLAIM, placed third, onto TWIRLER, placed second, which was hampered and in turn moved into the path of ETRETAT, placed fourth, which had to be checked. However, 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 any horse.

Following the race, Nicola Currie reported that FOREVER A DIAMOND (IRE), unplaced, jumped right-handed leaving the stalls. Hollie Doyle reported that RICH HARRY (USA), unplaced, was short of room leaving the stalls. Georgia Dobie reported that GREAT ACCLAIM, placed third, ran in snatches.

#### **Race 6 - 8:30pm.**

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Following the race, Trevor Whelan reported that ALCHEMYSTIQUE (IRE), unplaced, was denied a clear run approaching the home bend.

#### **Race 7 - 9:00pm.**

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On leaving the stalls, RUBELLITE (IRE), placed third, jumped right-handed moving BEAR CLAWS (IRE), placed fourth, onto GLOBAL TYCOON (IRE), placed second, which was crowded for room and in turn caused LADYPACKSAPUNCH, unplaced, to be tightened for room when KINGSTON JOY (IRE), unplaced, had also jumped left-handed from its outside. However, 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 any horse.

An enquiry was held to consider interference on the run to the line, when GLOBAL TYCOON (IRE), placed second, ridden by Oisin Murphy, interfered with the winner MUHALHEL (IRE), ridden by Tommy Jakes. Murphy was cautioned for careless riding as he had allowed his mount to hang left without sufficient correction, giving a slight bump to MUHALHEL (IRE) which turned its quarters.

Following the race, Callum Hutchinson reported that LADYPACKSAPUNCH, unplaced, suffered interference leaving the stalls.

#### **Suspensions**

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Aidan Jones	Race - 6:00pm	BLUEBELLS BOY (GB)	2	12 May 2024 3 May 2024

