

WOLVERHAMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 22 May 2025

Stewards: Greg Pearson (Chief Steward), Caroline Tellwright (Stewards Panel Chair), Tom Evetts (Steward), Milly Bersey (Assistant Steward), Ali Galliers-Pratt (Raceday Assistant)

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 7f 36y outside; Remainder inside

Non-Runners

| Race | Horse and Trainer | Reason |
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| 6:00pm | SILVER CHAMBER, trained by William Haggas. | Self Cert (Girth Gall) |
| 7:30pm | KILTEEL, trained by Ed Dunlop. | Vets Cert (Bruised Foot) |
| 8:00pm | MISS CALCULATION (IRE), trained by Stella Barclay. | Travel Road closures |
| 9:00pm | MAIDS HEAD (IRE), trained by Marco Botti. | Self Cert (Bad Scope) |

Withdrawals

| Race | Horse and Trainer | Reason |
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| 6:30pm | KITTY FURNIVAL (IRE), trained by Simon & Ed Crisford. | Vet advice Withdrawn by the Veterinary Surgeon at 6:28pm |
| 6:00pm | SAY AGAIN (IRE), trained by John & Thady Gosden. | Refused to enter in stalls Withdrawn by the Starter at 6:04pm - See notice below |

Race 1 - 5:30pm.

THE DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for SUN KEEPER and RED VINES to wear a red hood to post.

Having reviewed the start, the Stewards were satisfied that SUN KEEPER had refused to race and was therefore deemed to be a runner.

Leaving the stalls, RED VINES, unplaced, jumped right-handed moving SUMMER RAIN, placed fourth, onto GORGEOUS MR GEORGE (IRE), unplaced, which lost its position when tightened for racing room after the winner FANCY DANCER, had also jumped slightly left-handed from its outside. After viewing a

recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approximately two and a half furlongs out involving, RED VINES, unplaced, ridden by Warren Fentiman; WOODHAY WHISPER (IRE), placed second, ridden by Joe Leavy and UP THE ANTI (IRE), placed fifth, ridden by Jack Doughty. Doughty was suspended for 2 days for careless riding after being deemed to have misjudged the size of the gap when switching his mount right-handed around the heels of the leader PROMISE TIME, hampering RED VINES which was tightened for room and made light contact with WOODHAY WHISPER (IRE) on two occasions, resulting in that filly briefly becoming unbalanced.

The performance of GORGEOUS MR GEORGE (IRE), which finished eighth of eight runners, beaten 29½ lengths, was considered. The representative of Dylan Cunha confirmed the report of rider Morgan Cole, that the gelding was hampered leaving the stalls before being outpaced throughout. The Veterinary Officer examined GORGEOUS MR GEORGE (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

SUN KEEPER, trained by Alice Haynes, had refused to race. Taking into account that the filly had also refused to race at Ripon on 9 May 2025, the representative of Haynes was informed that any future similar behaviour from SUN KEEPER may result in the horse being reported to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority.

Following the race, Warren Fentiman reported that RED VINES, unplaced, suffered interference approximately two and a half furlongs out and the representative of J. S. Moore reported that SUMMER RAIN, placed fourth, lost its right fore shoe.

Race 2 - 6:00pm.

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Permission was given for MISS JUSTICE, FLIGHTOFTHEPHOENIX (IRE), RAJINOORA (IRE) to wear a red hood to post and for SAY AGAIN (IRE) to go early and wear a red hood to post.

The Starter reported that SAY AGAIN (IRE) refused to enter the stalls and was withdrawn at 6:04pm. John and Thady Gosden were informed that the filly could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that MISS JUSTICE, placed second, lost its right hind shoe.

Race 3 - 6:30pm.

THE GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBBPLUS RACE)

Permission was given for KITTY FURNIVAL (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

ISLE OF SARK (USA), drawn 4, anticipated the start and accelerated the gate at the same moment as the race had been started. Being satisfied that it was not caused through a faulty action of the starting stalls, no further action was taken.

Leaving the stalls, SAX APPEAL, placed third, jumped right-handed bumping SHAHBAZ (IRE), placed fourth, which in turn caused the gelding to make contact with ISLE OF SARK (USA), placed second. 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 SAX APPEAL.

The performance of SHAHBAZ (IRE), which started favourite and finished fourth of four, beaten 74 lengths, was considered. The representative of Ian Williams confirmed the report of rider Joe Leavy that the gelding stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer examined SHAHBAZ (IRE) during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 4 - 7:00pm.

THE FREE DIGITAL RACECARD AT [raceday-ready.com](https://www.raceday-ready.com) HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV I)

Permission was given for COILED (IRE) to go early to post and for HELSTON DANCE to go early and wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference entering the first bend involving, HELSTON DANCE, placed fifth, ridden by Rob Hornby; BIGFIELD DREAMS (FR), unplaced, ridden by Christian Howarth and COILED (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Warren Fentiman. The interference was found to be accidental as the free running HELSTON DANCE edged slightly left-handed, moving BIGFIELD DREAMS (FR) onto COILED (IRE) against the rail.

Race 5 - 7:30pm.

THE FREE DIGITAL RACECARD AT [raceday-ready.com](https://www.raceday-ready.com) HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV II)

Rounding the first bend, the free running INVINCIBLE STORM (IRE), unplaced, made contact with the hind quarters of the winner, POMME POMME (IRE), unbalancing both runners. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

As the pace slackened rounding the first bend, the hard pulling IGNITION (IRE), placed fourth, had to be checked off the heels of SCENARIO, placed third, and shifted right-handed. 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, IGNITION (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Jack Doughty; SCENARIO, placed third, ridden by Joe Leavy and MIGHTY REAL, unplaced, ridden by Saffie Osborne. Osborne was cautioned for careless riding as she allowed her mount to drift left-handed towards the rail causing the free running SCENARIO to be slightly hampered.

An enquiry was held to consider interference leaving the back-straight involving, INVINCIBLE STORM (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Ryan Kavanagh and BENNY THE BOUNCER, unplaced, ridden by Warren Fentiman. Kavanagh was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to cross left-handed towards the rail when not sufficiently clear, inconveniencing BENNY THE BOUNCER.

Following the race, Jack Doughty reported that IGNITION (IRE), placed fourth, ran too free.

Race 6 - 8:00pm.**THE GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH raceday-ready.com HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV I)**

The winner, CLASSY CLARETS (IRE) appeared to show an improvement in form compared with its previous run at Leicester on 10 May 2025, where the gelding finished fourteenth of fourteen runners, beaten 24½ lengths. The representative of Alice Haynes explained that CLASSY CLARETS (IRE) had worn a brush pricker when making its debut for the yard on that occasion before being inclined to hang quite markedly, so it was decided to resort to a rubber pricker and it had the desired effect with the gelding racing much more tractably this evening.

The performance of FISTRAL BEACH (IRE), which finished ninth of nine, beaten 12¼ lengths, was considered. John Mackie confirmed the report of rider P. J. McDonald that the mare ran flat. The Veterinary Officer examined FISTRAL BEACH (IRE) post-race and reported that the mare was coughing.

Race 7 - 8:30pm.**THE GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH raceday-ready.com HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV II)**

The performance of DILIGENT HENRY, which started favourite and finished eighth of nine, beaten 10 ¾ lengths, was considered. The representative of Jessica Macey reported that the gelding ran too free and would be better suited running with cover. The Veterinary Officer examined DILIGENT HENRY during routine testing and reported that the gelding was lame on its right fore.

Following the race, Warren Fentiman reported that BOWMAN (IRE), placed fifth, was denied a clear run on the home-bend and Cieren Fallon reported that AUTUMN FESTIVAL, unplaced, moved poorly; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 8 - 9:00pm.**THE RACE AND REST - WOLVERHAMPTON HOLIDAY INN FILLIES' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for SIBYL CHARM (IRE) to wear a red hood to post; for LITTLE SHE (FR) to go early to post and for SHEEPHAVENBAYSTORY to go early to post and be mounted in the chute.

Leaving the stalls, SHEEPHAVENBAYSTORY, unplaced, jumped left-handed bumping ENCHANTED WAY, unplaced, which was moved into the path of LITTLE SHE (FR), unplaced, which was hampered when crowded for room. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Inside the three furlong marker, DANCE RECITAL (IRE), unplaced, hung left-handed despite the riders best efforts causing LITTLE SHE (FR), unplaced, to lose its position when badly tightened for room against the rail. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Approximately one and a half furlongs out, GRADUATED, placed third, hung quickly right-handed impeding the winner, DREAM ILLUSION. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no

riding offence was involved.

Mohammed Tabti, the rider of SIBYL CHARM (IRE), trained by Iain Jardine, was asked to explain his riding of the mare specifically from approaching the home turn and in the early part of the home straight, where despite being in an unpromising position and travelling strongly SIBYL CHARM (IRE) was not asked for maximum effort until approaching the final furlong before staying on well to finish fourth of eleven runners, beaten by 2 lengths. Tabti indicated his instructions from a tricky draw in stall 10, were to drop in and seek to find cover somewhere around mid-division ideally before looking to mount his challenge between runners in the home straight. However, after the mare had been slowly away he found himself towards the rear of the field and elected to fold across in behind runners and obtain the cover his trainer desired. Tabti stated that despite being further back than intended, SIBYL CHARM (IRE) was not that far off the leaders on settling and through the middle stages but unfortunately BLUE EMPRESS (IRE), which he was tracking in the three wide line was under pressure leaving the back straight and thus was not providing him with a tow into the race and there had also been significant interference just in advance of him near the 3 furlong marker. As a result of this he was faced with the decision of either hooking the mare wide and making a long sustained run to improve his position, which he felt would not be viewed favourably by his trainer or to take his medicine and continue riding for luck, hoping to find a passage between runners. In explaining his riding over the final 2 furlongs, Tabti added that he was focussed on keeping the mare balanced and going through the gears slowly before looking to pounce with a late challenge. Tabti further added that he considered SIBYL CHARM's effort had flattened out over the final ½ furlong and she was being comfortably held by the first three horses through to the line. His explanation was noted.

Suspensions

| Person | Race | Horse | Days | Suspended Days |
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| Jack Doughty | Race - 5:30pm | UP THE ANTI (IRE) | 2 | 8 Jun 2025 28 May 2025 |