

WOLVERHAMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 21 November 2024

Stewards: Greg Pearson (Chief Steward), Jeremy Barlow (Stewards' Panel Chair), Shaun Parker (Steward), Philippa Hardy (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant).

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 7f 36y outside; Remainder inside

Fixture Note: An inspection was held as a result of concerns regarding visibility and snow on the racing surface following heavy snowfall, during and after Race 7. Riders, Luke Morris, Jack Mitchell and Marco Ghiani; Trainers, Tony Carroll, John O'Shea and Nikki Evans; The Clerk of the Course, a representative of the Managing Executive and the Veterinary Officer were interviewed. Having considered the evidence, the Stewards were satisfied that racing could continue as the snowfall had abated during the inspection and remedial works had been carried out to reinstate the racing surface to the satisfaction of all parties.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
4:10pm	TANJEN (IRE), trained by Sylvester Kirk.	Vets Cert (Heat in Leg)
4:40pm	MYTHICAL BIRD (IRE), trained by Hughie Morrison.	Declared in error (£140 Fixed Penalty Imposed)
5:40pm	GLOBAL WARNING, trained by John Butler.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
7:10pm	DARKENED EDGE, trained by Christopher Mason.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
7:10pm	NEXT SECOND, trained by Ruth Carr.	Self Cert (Pulled Muscle)
8:15pm	SHAAD, trained by James Owen.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Race 1 - 4:10pm.

THE SAFER GAMBLING TOOLS AT BETMGM EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Bands B, C and D) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for SARAFINA MSHAIRI to wear a red hood to post.

DUSKY RAIN broke through some plastic railings going onto the course, unseating Warren Fentiman. Having been checked by the Doctor and Veterinary Surgeon at the start respectively, both were deemed fit to race.

ONE FOR HARVEY, trained by Julia Feilden, spread a plate on the way to post. As the trainer had not indicated at declaration stage that the filly should be withdrawn in the event of losing a shoe on the way to post, ONE FOR HARVEY, ran without its left-hind shoe.

Leaving the stalls, SOLVENCY (IRE), placed second, jumped left-handed inconveniencing FANCY

DANCER, unplaced, but 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 SOLVENCY (IRE).

Approaching 4 furlongs out, a hard pulling ROCK HUNTER, unplaced, shifted right-handed giving a bump to DUSKY RAIN, unplaced, which became unbalanced as a result, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of ROCK HUNTER, which finished unplaced, beaten by 7¼ lengths, was considered. The representative of Amy Murphy's explanation that the gelding was slowly away and as a result got further back than intended was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined ROCK HUNTER post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 2 - 4:40pm.

THE KNOW YOUR LIMITS WITH BETMGM MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 5) (DIV I) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for BLUE SIAM (IRE), CAPE FLORA and HONOUR WHIM to wear red hoods to post.

Following the race, Adam Farragher reported that JOODY (IRE), unplaced, was restless in the stalls and slowly away as a result. The Veterinary Officer reported that CAPE FLORA, unplaced, lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 3 - 5:10pm.

THE KNOW YOUR LIMITS WITH BETMGM MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 5) (DIV II) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for CREPE SUZETTE (IRE) and HOLY SMOKER to both wear red hoods to post.

Leaving the stalls, PATAGONIA GIRL, unplaced, jumped awkwardly and shifted right-handed hampering CAPTIOUS CANTOR, unplaced, which in turn caused BERRY HAPPY, unplaced, to be badly crowded for room and in turn inconvenience the winner, KATE O'RILEY, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Approximately 1 furlong out, HOLY SMOKER, unplaced, shifted quickly right-handed away from the whip carrying SAFE IDEA, placed fourth, off its intended line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Race 4 - 5:40pm.

THE STAY SAFE PLAYERS WITH BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

The performance of RUSHEEN BOY, which started favourite and finished unplaced, beaten by 13 lengths, was considered. Julia Feilden could offer no suitable explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined RUSHEEN BOY post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Luke Morris reported that ROYAL PARADE (IRE), unplaced, ran too free.

Race 5 - 6:10pm.**THE ALWAYS GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY WITH BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for ANGEL OF ANTRIM (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Just inside 3 furlongs out, PORT NOIR, placed fourth, edged slightly left-handed carrying SORONTAR, placed second, onto CAREY STREET (IRE), placed third, which had to be checked on the rail, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Approximately 2 furlongs out, GRECIAN GOD (IRE), unplaced, was denied a clear run when attempting to improve its position, into a tight gap to the outside of ANGEL OF ANTRIM (IRE), unplaced, which had moved slightly right-handed to avoid the heels of a weakening RAVENGLASS (IRE), unplaced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Taryn Langley reported that RAVENGLASS (IRE), unplaced, ran too free.

Race 6 - 6:40pm.**THE SAFER GAMBLING TOOLS AT BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for MIGHTY NEBULA (IRE) to be mounted in the chute, for KITTY FURNIVAL (IRE) and FIGHTER COMMAND to wear red hoods to post. LUDO'S LANDING (IRE) wore ear plugs which were removed at the start.

Leaving the stalls, FIGHTER COMMAND, unplaced, jumped awkwardly and shifted right-handed hampering KITTY FURNIVAL (IRE), placed third, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Jack Doughty reported that SOMETHING, placed second, hung left-handed in the home straight.

Race 7 - 7:10pm.**THE KNOW YOUR LIMITS WITH BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for ROGUE DE VEGA to go early to post and for both WAKAI UMI (IRE) and DOCTOR VUBY (IRE) to wear red hoods to post.

Mark Winn, the rider of ROGUE DE VEGA, drawn 8, was slow to remove the blindfold resulting in his mount missing the break. Winn's explanation that he lost his grip on the blind at the first attempt and required a second attempt to remove it was noted.

On the bend leaving the back straight, DOCTOR VUBY (IRE), unplaced, crossed RED WALLS, unplaced, when sufficiently clear, however shortly after when the pace steadied RED WALLS was checked to avoid its heels and also impeded SO GRATEFUL, placed fourth, on the rail, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Race 8 - 7:45pm.

THE STAY IN CONTROL WITH BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

The winner, CRYPTOS DREAM (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Southwell, on 02 November 2024 where the mare finished twelfth of twelve, beaten by 17¼ lengths. Tony Carroll's explanation that CRYPTOS DREAM (IRE) had benefited from the reapplication of blinkers was noted and the mare was routine tested.

Following the race, Georgia Dobie reported that GLEN ESK, unplaced, never travelled.

Race 9 - 8:15pm.

THE ALWAYS GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY WITH BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Connor Planas, the rider of BALLET BLANC, drawn 6, was slightly slow to remove the blindfold resulting in his horse being slowly into stride. Planas's explanation that the blindfold was stuck on the bridle and took two attempts to remove was noted.