

WOLVERHAMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT

Friday 17 March 2023

Stewards: Greg Pearson (Chief Steward), Caroline Wilson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Louise Moore (Steward), Dan Andrews (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant)

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 7f 36y outside; remainder inside

Fixture Note: An enquiry was held, adjourned from Southwell on Tuesday 14th March 2023, to consider interference at the end of the back straight involving CATESBY, placed fifth, ridden by Elisha Whittington and AUTUMN ANGEL (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Jonathan Fisher. Whittington was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as she allowed her mount to drift left-handed when insufficiently clear of AUTUMN ANGEL (IRE), causing Fisher to take a check on his mount.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
6:00pm	CLIFFS OF MALTA (IRE), trained by Michael Roberts.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
6:30pm	CARLOS FELIX (IRE), trained by Philip Kirby.	Travel (Lorry air brake failure)
6:30pm	JOHN THE PIRATE, trained by Philip Kirby.	Travel (Lorry air brake failure)
7:30pm	JOSIES KID (IRE), trained by Alice Haynes.	Self Cert (Temperature)
8:00pm	DIVINE CONNECTION, trained by Craig Lidster.	Self Cert (Cast in Box)

Race 1 - 4:35pm.

THE SPREADEX SPORTS CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL OFFERS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV I)

Shortly after the start, FAST FLO, unplaced, hung left-handed in behind BRAVE DISPLAY (IRE), unplaced, clipping that runners heels and stumbling, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Joey Haynes reported that FAST FLO, unplaced, jumped left-handed from the stalls and then hung left-handed throughout and William Carson reported that MUTALAAQY (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination revealed the gelding to have an irregular heartbeat.

Race 2 - 5:20pm.**THE SPREADEX SPORTS CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL OFFERS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV II)**

Permission was given for DESERT MIRACLE to wear a red hood to post.

John Flint was cautioned as LILANDRA (FR) had arrived in the Parade Ring without its declared cheek pieces, which were then located and fitted to the mare before going to the start.

Upon leaving the stalls, LILANDRA (FR), unplaced, jumped awkwardly and shifted right-handed, moving GILBERT, unplaced, onto HANDEL (USA), placed third, which was hampered as a result, 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 LILANDRA (FR).

Race 3 - 6:00pm.**THE SCU SELECTS EXPERT TIPS BY BETUK CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6)**

An enquiry was held into the running and riding of RUSHMORE, ridden by Joey Haynes and trained by Chelsea Banham, which was restrained early on from stall 10 and settled in rear throughout, before being patiently ridden until asked for an effort near the 2 furlong marker, whereupon the gelding stayed on evenly to finish to sixth, beaten by 4¾ lengths. The rider and the trainer were interviewed and shown recordings of the race; the Veterinary Officer reported that 2 post-race examinations of the gelding failed to reveal any abnormalities, however RUSHMORE had been coughing on the first examination. The rider stated that his instructions were to take his time on RUSHMORE, creep into the race and try to avoid being pushed wide when mounting his challenge. Haynes explained that RUSHMORE has a history of being keen and with the pace being only modest on this occasion, the gelding was inclined to run freely at stages. Haynes added that he was reluctant to course wide in order to improve his position from leaving the back straight, having felt that this had cost his mount HANDEL victory in the previous race and for this reason had ridden RUSHMORE conservatively seeking the most economical passage into the race. Haynes further added that HANDEL had stayed on one-paced through beaten horses in the home straight, despite him having to slightly change course on more than occasion to secure clear running. The trainer confirmed the instructions and that the ride had accorded with them, before adding that she was satisfied with the ride on RUSHMORE. Their explanations were noted and the gelding was routine tested.

Following the race, William Cox reported that GLINT OF AN EYE (IRE), placed fourth, was slowly away.

Race 4 - 6:30pm.**THE BETUK'S ACCA CLUB £5 FREE BET HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for YOUNG WINSTON to be mounted in the chute and to go early to post.

Following the race, Rossa Ryan reported that MOON OVER THE SEA, placed third, hung left-handed under pressure.

Race 5 - 7:00pm

THE HUGE DAILY BOOSTS ONLY AT BETUK RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 3) (for horses in Bands C and D) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for both DELLA and OPEN MARKET (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Clifford Lee reported that OPEN MARKET (IRE), unplaced, ran too freely.

Race 6 - 7:30pm.

THE BETUK OVER 40,000 LIVE STREAMED RACES HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for SPANISH ANGEL (IRE) to be mounted in the chute and to go early to post.

Upon leaving the stalls ASTROPHYSICS, unplaced, lugged right-handed making contact with GUSTAV GRAVES, unplaced, which in turn inconvenienced NORDIC GLORY (IRE), placed fourth, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, William Carson reported that NORDIC GLORY (IRE), placed fourth, was denied a clear run repeatedly inside the final furlong, Shane Gray reported that SIR BENEDICT (IRE), unplaced, was denied a clear run for some distance in the home straight up to the final furlong, Frederick Larson reported that FRISKY, unplaced, ran too freely and Joanna Mason reported that SPANISH ANGEL (IRE), unplaced, also ran too freely.

Race 7 - 8:00pm.

THE SPREADEX SPORTS LIVE UK RACING STREAMING HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for LANCASHIRE LIFE to wear a red hood to post.

The performance of DREAMS DELIVERED (IRE) which started favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of Michael Appleby could offer no explanation for the performance of the gelding.

Following the race, Jonathan Fisher reported that OKAIDI (USA), placed third, ran too freely and Gina Mangan reported that KASWARAH (IRE), unplaced, ran too freely and hung right-handed in the final stages.

Race 8 - 8:30pm.

THE TOP ODDS EVERY DAY WITH BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Approaching 2 furlongs out, the winner, ENGLISH SPIRIT, shifted right-handed to avoid the heels of a rapidly weakening CAPTAIN ATTRIDGE (IRE), unplaced, moving TIGER BEETLE, placed third, onto HARBOUR VISION, unplaced, which was steadied when becoming short of room between the runners, 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 ENGLISH SPIRIT.



Approximately a furlong out, Mollie Phillips the rider of POETIC FORCE (IRE), placed fourth, struck MAFIA POWER, placed fifth, ridden by Taylor Fisher, once over the nose with the whip, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was considered to be accidental.

Following the race, Joey Haynes reported that ENOUGH ALREADY, unplaced, ran too freely.