

## **WOLVERHAMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Monday 18 December 2023**

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), Peter Heaton (Stewards Panel Chair), Guy Upton (Steward), Kelly O'Boyle (Assistant Steward), Beth Dowswell (Raceday Assistant)

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 7f 36y outside; remainder inside

### **Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:30pm	BABYIGOTYOURMONEY (IRE), trained by Ivan Furtado.	Self Cert (Rash)
7:00pm	BAZBALL (IRE), trained by K. R. Burke.	Self Cert (Off Colour)
8:00pm	PONTIUS (IRE), trained by Charles Hills.	Vets Cert (Temperature)
8:00pm	DUISKER, trained by Hughie Morrison.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
8:30pm	BIG NARSTIE (FR), trained by Michael Appleby.	Self Cert (Girth Gall)
8:30pm	RETIREMENT BECKONS, trained by Linda Perratt.	Self Cert (Coughing)

### **Withdrawals**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:00pm	NELLIE FRENCH (IRE), trained by Katie Scott.	Vets Cert (Lame) (Withdrawn by Veterinary Officer at 4:17pm)

### **Race 1 - 5:00pm.**

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

Permission was given for MONITOLA to be mounted in the chute and go early to post and for both SUANNI and BASHOLO (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that JACQUELINA (IRE), placed fourth, was struck into on its right-hind.

### **Race 2 - 5:30pm.**

#### **THE BETMG: IT'S SHOWTIME EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Bands C and D have run no more than three times) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for ROYAL VELVET to wear a red hood to the start and LIEGE (IRE) wore earplugs

throughout the race.

The raceday privilege request in relation to THEWORLDSNOTENOUGH (IRE), trained by Tom Ward, to wear a red hood to post, was late being submitted. As this was his fourth breach within the previous 12 months, Ward was fined £80.

On the first bend, a free running LIEGE (IRE), unplaced, edged right-handed off the rail resulting in WADACRE ICARUS, unplaced, becoming short for room causing its rider to take a check, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

½ furlong out, MR TIBBS, unplaced, hung quickly left-handed resulting in the rider of WADACRE ICARUS, unplaced, having to take a check momentarily, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

On the run to the line, the winner, ROYAL VELVET, hung right-handed moving HANDSOME CHAP (IRE), placed second, off its intended line which in turn caused RAVENSWELL (FR), placed fourth, to be moved off its intended line, 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 ROYAL VELVET.

Following the race, Rossa Ryan reported that LIEGE (IRE), unplaced, ran too free early; Brandon Wilkie reported that ATLANTIC GAMBLE, unplaced, hung right-handed; Finley Marsh reported that MR TIBBS, unplaced, had stopped quickly and hung left-handed. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

### **Race 3 - 6:00pm.**

#### **THE BETUK. HOME OF THE ACCA- FENWA HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for TYPICAL MAN to wear a red hood to the start.

An enquiry was held to consider interference on the run to the line involving VIRTUAL HUG (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Joshua Bryan and BLACK SMOKE (IRE), placed third, ridden by Callum Hutchinson. Bryan was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to drift left-handed, without sufficient correction, causing BLACK SMOKE (IRE) to be carried slightly off its intended line.

Following the race, Elisha Whittington reported that SOCIOLOGIST, unplaced, ran too free.

### **Race 4 - 6:30pm.**

#### **THE BETUK. IT'S WHERE THE UK BETS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for CAUSTIC and VILLAZON to wear a red hood to the start.

An enquiry was held to consider interference inside the 3 furlong marker involving LORD MELBOURNE (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Harry Davies and BLONDELLE, unplaced, ridden by Kieran O'Neill. Davies was suspended for 4 days for careless riding as he had angled his mount left-handed, when insufficiently

clear, causing O'Neill to take a significant check for several strides.

Following the race, Oisín Murphy reported that CAUSTIC, placed third, was slowly away and Dougie Costello reported that VILLAZON, unplaced, was denied a clear run 2½ furlongs out.

**Race 5 - 7:00pm.**

**THE BOOST YOUR ACCA WITH BETMGM NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Following the race, Rossa Ryan reported that IPPOTHEOS (IRE), placed fourth, hung left-handed under pressure.

**Race 6 - 7:30pm.**

**THE BUILD YOUR ACCA WITH BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for CUTTLESTONE BRIDGE to be mounted in the chute.

The Starter reported that STORM ASSET was reluctant to load. Tony Carroll was informed that the gelding could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

Following the race, Steph Hollinshead reported that CUTTLESTONE BRIDGE, unplaced, stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report; The representative of Philip Kirby reported that RAFFLES REBEL, unplaced, was never travelling.

**Race 7 - 8:00pm.**

**THE BEST RACING ODDS GUARANTEED AT BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV I)**

Permission was given for SIX STRINGS to go early to post.

On the first bend, a free running INDRAPURA STAR, unplaced, ran onto the heels of PALLAS LORD (IRE), placed second, forcing its rider to take a check, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Adam Farragher reported that INDRAPURA STAR, unplaced, ran too free and Callum Hutchinson reported that BROUGHTONS FLARE (IRE), unplaced, ran too free.

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

**THE BEST RACING ODDS GUARANTEED AT BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV II)**

Permission was given for REAL QUIZ to wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, Adam Farragher reported that GLORY AND GOLD, unplaced, ran too free.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Harry Davies	Race - 6:30pm	LORD MELBOURNE (IRE)	4	4 Jan 2024 3 Jan 2024 2 Jan 2024 27 Dec 2023

Fines

Person	Race	Horse	Fine
Tom Ward	Race 2 - 5:30pm	THEWORLDNOTENOUGH (IRE)	£80.00