

**WOLVERHAMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT****Saturday 11 January 2025**

Stewards: Guy Upton (Chief Steward), Catherine Nash (Stewards' Panel Chair), Louise Moore (Steward), Milly Bersey (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant)

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 7f 36y outside; Remainder inside

**Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
6:00pm	ONLY ONE BLUE (IRE), trained by Richard Hannon.	Vets Cert (Runny Nose)
7:00pm	MASTER OF MY FATE (IRE), trained by John & Sean Quinn.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
7:30pm	ROTATION, trained by Eve Johnson Houghton.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
8:00pm	SMASHER (IRE), trained by Michael Attwater.	Self Cert (Colic)

**Race 1 - 5:30pm.****THE BETMGM: IT'S SHOWTIME HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for LION'S DREAM (FR) to go early and wear a red hood to post.

The raceday privilege request in relation to HEAVENLY FIRE, trained by Scott Dixon, to go early to post, was late being submitted. As this was his seventh breach within the previous 12 months, Dixon was fined £80.

An enquiry was held to consider interference inside the final furlong involving, VOLTAIC, placed fifth, ridden by Molly Gunn and SOCIALISE (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Frederick Larson. Being a 7lb claimer, Gunn was offered accompaniment but declined. Dale Swift, the rider of HEAVENLY FIRE, unplaced, was also interviewed but found not to be involved. Gunn was cautioned for careless riding as she allowed her mount to drift left-handed without timely correction, causing Larson to take a slight check.

**Race 2 - 6:00pm.****THE WIN £1M WITH BETMGM'S GOLDEN GOALS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for DESTRUCTIVE (USA) and WANDERLUST (ITY) to wear a red hood to post.

**Race 3 - 6:30pm.****THE GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for FERNANDO, MANARA and UNKNOWN JOURNEY (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Leaving the stalls, ABSTRACT ART (IRE), placed third, jumped sharply left-handed, inconveniencing PATROL (IRE), placed second, causing PATROL (IRE) to be slowly into stride. 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, ABSTRACT ART (IRE), placed third, ridden by Kieran O'Neill and PATROL (IRE), placed second, ridden by Rhys Clutterbuck. O'Neill was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he manoeuvred his mount left-handed towards the rail, causing Clutterbuck to take a check.

The performance of FERNANDO which finished sixth of six, beaten 25  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths, was considered. George Downing reported that the gelding stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer examined FERNANDO during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Hector Crouch reported that TIEMPO ALEGRE (FR), placed fifth, hung left-handed.

#### **Race 4 - 7:00pm.**

##### **THE GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for POPULAR DREAM to go early, wear a red hood to post and be mounted in the chute.

An enquiry was held to consider interference leaving the back-straight involving, NOGO'S DREAM, placed second, ridden by Ethan Jones and MARIS ANGEL, unplaced, ridden by Warren Fentiman. Being a 7lb claimer, Fentiman was offered accompaniment but declined. Fentiman was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he manoeuvred his mount left-handed towards the rail when insufficiently clear, causing Jones to take a check.

Following the race, Jack Doughty reported that SECRET MISTRAL, unplaced, hung left-handed and Clifford Lee reported that BANG ON THE BELL, placed fourth, hung right-handed.

#### **Race 5 - 7:30pm.**

##### **THE BOOST YOUR ACCA AT BETMGH HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for ROYSDELIGHT (IRE) to go early to post and for SARAFINA MSHAIRI to wear a red hood to post.

The apparent improvement in form of the winner, TOP BILLER which had never previously been placed, was considered. The representative of Jamie Osbornes' explanation that the gelding had improved for a 105-day break and the first-time application of blinkers, was noted. TOP BILLER was routine tested.

Following the race, Jordan Williams reported that ROYSDELIGHT (IRE), unplaced, hung right-handed.

**Race 6 - 8:00pm.****THE BETUK. IT'S WHERE THE UK BETS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for COOLAGH MAGIC to go early to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after the start involving, the winner, RED WALLS, ridden by Edward Greatrex; COOLAGH MAGIC, unplaced, ridden by William Carson; ROGUE THUNDER, placed third, ridden by Ryan Kavanagh and MAHARAJAS EXPRESS, placed fourth, ridden by David Probert. Being a 7lb claimer, Kavanagh was offered accompaniment but declined. Finley Marsh, the rider of CONQUEST OF POWER, unplaced, was also interviewed but found not to be involved. Greatrex was suspended for 3 days for careless riding as he angled his mount left-handed when insufficiently clear, causing Carson to take a check, shifting left-handed and inconveniencing both MAHARAJAS EXPRESS and ROGUE THUNDER, which were running freely to his inside. The Stewards further noted that CONQUEST OF POWER, placed fifth, had shied away from the rails and became briefly unbalanced, causing the gelding to lose its position prior to the interference taking place.

Following the race, Warren Fentiman reported that SNOW BERRY (IRE), unplaced, was slowly away and Finley Marsh reported that CONQUEST OF POWER, unplaced, was denied a clear run inside the final half furlong.

**Race 7 - 8:30pm.****THE WEEKLY FREE BETS WITH BETMGM EXTRA HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for KIT GABRIEL (IRE) to go early to post and for YEOMAN, FINN RUSSELL (IRE) and CIOTOG (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference inside the final furlong involving VISIBILITY (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Kieran O'Neill and YEOMAN, placed third, ridden by Daniel Muscutt. The interference was found to be accidental as EQUION, unplaced, shifted slightly right-handed at the same time as Muscutt committed to a legitimate run, which resulted in the gap marginally closing and O'Neill having to take a precautionary check.

The winner, IMPERIAL FIGHTER (IRE), appeared to show an improvement in form, compared with its previous run at Lingfield Park on 3 January 2025, where the gelding finished seventh of ten, beaten 22 lengths. The representative of Jamie Osbornes' explanation that the gelding had benefited from being ridden more prominently combined with the re-application of a hood, which enabled the gelding to settle better on this occasion, was noted.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that FINN RUSSELL (IRE), placed second, had bled from the nose.

**Suspensions**

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Kieran O'Neill	Race - 6:30pm	ABSTRACT ART (IRE)	2	27 Jan 2025 23 Jan 2025
Warren Fentiman	Race - 7:00pm	MARIS ANGEL (GB)	2	27 Jan 2025 22 Jan 2025
Edward Greatrex	Race - 8:00pm	RED WALLS (GB)	3	28 Jan 2025 27 Jan 2025 21 Jan 2025

#### Fines

Person	Race	Horse	Fine
Scott Dixon	Race 1 - 5:30pm	HEAVENLY FIRE (GB)	£80.00