

WOLVERHAMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT

Monday 06 January 2025

Stewards: Greg Pearson (Chief Steward), Jeremy Barlow (Stewards' Panel Chair), Thomas Evetts (Steward), Margaret Groves (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant)

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 7f 36y outside; Remainder inside

Fixture Note: An enquiry was held, adjourned from Lingfield Park on Tuesday 31 December 2024, to consider interference approximately 2½ furlongs out, involving THE THAMES BOATMAN, unplaced, ridden by Finley Marsh; EXISTENT, placed second, ridden by Jack Doughty and SOMMELIER, unplaced, ridden by Marco Ghiani, in Race 5. Marsh was suspended for 3 days for careless riding as he failed to take sufficient steps to prevent his mount from shifting left-handed when not fully clear of a free-running EXISTENT, which had established a position to his inside for a number of strides, causing that runner to be moved left-handed onto SOMMELIER, which resulted in Ghiani taking a check on the rail and losing his rightful running.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:00pm	BEAUZON, trained by Ian Williams.	Self Cert (Runny Nose)
6:00pm	KEWMILL, trained by Michael Appleby.	Self Cert (Temperature)
8:30pm	EXCEPTIONALITY (IRE), trained by Scott Dixon.	Self Cert (Not Sound)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
7:00pm	CIRCLES (IRE)	Oisin Orr	Callum Shepherd	(Oisin Orr unable to make weight)

Race 1 - 5:00pm .

THE GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for EM JAY KAY to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Jack Doughty reported that LEQUINTO (IRE), placed second, was denied a clear run approaching the final furlong and inside the final furlong, and Grace McEntee reported that EM JAY KAY, placed third, hung left-handed in the home straight.

Race 2 - 5:30pm .

THE WEEKLY FREE BETS WITH BETMGM EXTRA FILLIES' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

JAZZY ANGEL, trained by Harry Eustace, 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 As the trainer had not indicated at declaration stage that the filly should be withdrawn in the event of losing a shoe on the way to post, JAZZY ANGEL, ran without its right-hind shoe.

Race 3 - 6:00pm .

THE WIN £1M WITH BETMGM'S GOLDEN GOALS RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Bands B, C and D) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for GREY PHOENIX (IRE) and SIXTEEN ONE to wear a red hood to post.

Rounding the first bend, a free-running ORANGESANDLEMONS, placed second, had to be checked after becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of SWEET COUTURE (IRE), placed third. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held to consider interference entering the first bend involving SIXTEEN ONE, unplaced, ridden by Grace McEntee; HOLYWELL BAY, unplaced, ridden by Chloe Lyons and PHRYGIA, unplaced, ridden by David Probert. McEntee was cautioned for careless riding as she allowed her horse to move left-handed towards the rail when insufficiently clear of HOLYWELL BAY, which was slightly hampered and made brief contact with PHRYGIA.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approximately 1½ furlongs out involving QUICK TO DECIDE, unplaced, ridden by Luke Morris and HOLYWELL BAY, unplaced, ridden by Chloe Lyons. Being a 7lb claimer, Lyons was offered accompaniment but declined. The interference was found to be accidental as HOLYWELL BAY had shifted left-handed away from the whip at the same time as QUICK TO DECIDE lugged slightly right-handed, resulting in both runners becoming unbalanced after making contact. A short distance later, QUICK TO DECIDE, which was being ridden to hold its position between runners then shifted quickly right-handed and bumped heavily with HOLYWELL BAY.

Approaching the home bend, SIXTEEN ONE, unplaced, hung right-handed off the rail despite its rider's efforts to correct the filly, carrying HOLYWELL BAY, unplaced, wider off its intended line. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Approaching the ½ furlong marker, PHRYGIA, unplaced, shifted right-handed whilst racing greenly, hampering DIXIE'S DELIGHT, unplaced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Callum Shepherd reported that SWEET COUTURE (IRE), placed third, hung right-handed in the home straight.

Race 4 - 6:30pm .

THE BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Nothing to report

Race 5 - 7:00pm .

THE BETMGM: IT'S SHOWTIME HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for WHERE'S FREDDY (IRE) to be mounted in the chute, for FOOLS RUSH IN (IRE) to be mounted in the chute and go early to post, and for CIRCLES (IRE) to wear a red hood to

post.

HARBOUR VISION, drawn 5, 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.

Following the race, Jack Mitchell reported that MESAAFI, unplaced, was denied a clear run turning into the home straight, and Paddy Bradley reported that EDEN STORM (IRE), placed fifth, was briefly denied a clear run inside the final furlong.

Race 6 - 7:30pm .

THE BETUK: IT'S WHERE THE UK BETS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for SO OBSESSED (IRE) to wear a red hood to post, and for GUSTAV GRAVES to go early to post wearing a red hood.

Approaching one furlong out, SIR BENEDICT (IRE), unplaced, had to be checked to avoid the heels of a weakening HIMAWARI, unplaced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Clifford Lee reported that SOLDIERS DESIGN (IRE), unplaced, suffered interference leaving the stalls. Lewis Edmunds reported that BURABACK (IRE), placed fourth, ran too freely and was denied a clear run for some distance approaching and passing the 1 furlong marker. The Veterinary Officer reported that ALAFDHAL (IRE), unplaced, lost its left-hind shoe.

Race 7 - 8:00pm .

THE FREE BETS WITH BETUK BET CLUB HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV I)

Permission was given for OCEAN RIDGE to wear a red hood to post.

Approximately 7 furlongs out, a free-running OCEAN RIDGE, placed fifth, hung right-handed bumping VILLAZON, unplaced, on two occasions which unbalanced both runners, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and it had not improved the placing of OCEAN RIDGE.

Approaching the final furlong a weakening OCEAN RIDGE, placed fifth, shifted quickly left-handed bumping PITTSBURG (IRE), placed fourth, which was briefly inconvenienced as a result. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Joe Leavy reported that VILLAZON, unplaced, stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 8 - 8:30pm .

THE FREE BETS WITH BETUK BET CLUB HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV II)

Permission was given for DESIDERATA (IRE) to be mounted in the chute and wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Jack Doughty reported that WALK THE MOON, placed second, hung right-handed.

