

## **WOLVERHAMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Monday 02 March 2026**

Stewards: Gregory Pearson (Chief Steward), Caroline Robinson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Thomas Evetts (Steward), Beth Dowswell (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant)

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 7f 36y outside; remainder inside.

### Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
4:50pm	V POWER, trained by Thomas Faulkner.	Self Cert (Knocked Joint)
6:00pm	OMAN (IRE), trained by Tony Carroll.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
8:30pm	TWOFORTHEGUTTER (IRE), trained by Christopher Kellett.	Self Cert (Heat in Leg)

### Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
8:30pm	GLENRIDDING, trained by Ewan Whillans.	Refused to enter in stalls (Withdrawn by the Starter at 8:31pm - See Notice below)

### Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
8:00pm	PAPA DON'T PREACH (IRE)	Oliver Stammers	Hollie Doyle	(Stammers travel issues)

### **Race 1 - 4:50pm .**

#### **THE CREATE YOUR BET BUILDERS AT MIDNITE APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

ARENAS DEL TIEMPO made contact with the rail in the chute when leaving the Parade Ring. Having been checked by the Veterinary Surgeon at the start, the mare was deemed fit to race.

An enquiry was held to consider interference rounding the first bend involving LION CITY (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Alfie Redman, and CHARLIE DARLING (FR), placed fifth, ridden by Jake Dickson. Redman was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to move left-handed towards the rail when not fully clear of a free-running CHARLIE DARLING (FR), causing Dickson to briefly take a check.

An enquiry was held to consider interference turning into the home straight on the first circuit involving

BELLE OF KT, placed third, ridden by Ashley Lewis, and the winner, SNEAKY BLINDER (FR), ridden by Rose Dawes. Lewis was cautioned for careless riding as he edged left-handed when insufficiently clear of SNEAKY BLINDER (FR), causing Dawes to take a slight check.

**Race 2 - 5:25pm .**

**THE DAILY PROFIT BOOSTS AT betmgm.co.uk RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4) (for horses in Bands C and D) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for HEART SIGN to wear a red hood to the start.

P. J. McDonald, the rider of PEROLA (FR), placed third, beaten by a head for second place had appeared to ride less vigorously for a number of strides on the run to the line. After being interviewed and shown recordings of the incident, McDonald explained that his mount had got racing from approaching 2 furlongs out and thereafter had a sustained battle with the winner, PINTS IN PEACE (IRE), which was eventually getting the better of his mount over the concluding stages. McDonald acknowledged that he had briefly been less vigorous for approximately 2 strides nearing the winning post, when being comfortably held by PINTS IN PEACE (IRE), however he felt PEROLA (FR) was coming to the end of its run and would have been beaten by a strong finishing CUBAN FLAME (FR), placed second, irrespective of his slight period of inactivity. Taking into account the head margin between second and third, the Stewards were unable to be satisfied that McDonald's actions had prejudiced PEROLA (FR)'s chances of finishing second. His explanation was noted.

Following the race, Nicola Currie reported that LEONIE, placed fourth, was denied a clear run in the closing stages.

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

**THE ALWAYS GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for VOLTO DI MEDUSA (IRE) to be mounted in the chute and go early to post.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference inside the final furlong involving HE'S A GENTLEMAN (IRE), placed second, ridden by Jason Hart, and VOLTO DI MEDUSA (IRE), placed third, ridden by Dylan Hogan. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved HE'S A GENTLEMAN (IRE)'s placing as despite VOLTO DI MEDUSA (IRE), which was beaten  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length, receiving interference on two occasions as a result of HE'S A GENTLEMAN (IRE) drifting right-handed causing Hogan to be tightened up for racing room, they were unable to be satisfied that had the interference not occurred that VOLTO DI MEDUSA (IRE) would have beaten HE'S A GENTLEMAN (IRE) home. Hart was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he allowed his horse to drift right-handed into the whip for some distance without sufficient or timely correction firstly carrying VOLTO DI MEDUSA (IRE) off its intended line and causing that runner to be short of racing room to the inside of the winner, SERIOUS LOOK (IRE) before Hogan was latterly obliged to take a precautionary check on VOLTO DI MEDUSA (IRE) when running out of racing room, due to pressure from his inside.

Following the race, Kieren Fox reported that BILLY MILL, unplaced, ran too free and hung left-handed.

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

**THE MIDNITE: BUILT FOR 2026 NOT 2006 CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV I)**

Leaving the stalls, the winner, LION RING (IRE) jumped right-handed bumping OPTIMISTIC, placed second, which in turn made contact with FIRCOMBE HALL, placed fifth, 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 LION RING (IRE).

Following the race, P. J. McDonald reported that ISLA BELLA, unplaced, hung right-handed.

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

**THE MIDNITE: BUILT FOR 2026 NOT 2006 CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV II)**

Following the race, Gina Mangan reported that MUSAYTIR (IRE), unplaced, was never travelling.

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

**THE WIN £250,000 WITH BETMGM'S GOLDEN GOALS FILLIES' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Following the race, Joanna Mason reported that COURT DRIVE (IRE), unplaced, was denied a clear run for some distance approaching and passing the 1-furlong marker.

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

**THE JOIN THE MIDNITE MOVEMENT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for PAPA DON'T PREACH (IRE) to go early to post and for GUSTAV GRAVES to go early to post wearing a red hood.

Following the race, Taryn Langley reported that the saddle slipped on PHOENIX BEACH (IRE), unplaced, and the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

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

**THE MIDNITE ARE UPPING THE BETTING GAME HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for DESIDERATA (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

The Starter reported that GLENRIDDING refused to enter the stalls and was withdrawn at 8:31pm. Ewan Whillans was informed that as it was the third occasion within the previous 12 months the gelding had been reported, GLENRIDDING would not be able to have a stalls test for 6 months.

An enquiry was held to consider two incidents interference inside the final furlong involving the winner, VIRTUAL HUG (IRE), ridden by Kieran O'Neill, BIGZ BELIEF (IRE), placed second, ridden by Gina Mangan, and EL GHAAWY, placed fourth, ridden by Hollie Doyle. In the first incident, the interference was found to be accidental in that BIGZ BELIEF (IRE) lugged slightly right-handed before being corrected by Mangan making light contact with EL GHAAWY briefly unbalancing that runner. In the second incident, the interference was also found to be accidental in that VIRTUAL HUG (IRE) lugged quickly left-handed before being corrected by O'Neill causing Doyle to have to take a check on EL GHAAWY.

**Suspensions**

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Jason Hart	Race - 6:00pm	HE'S A GENTLEMAN (IRE)	2	16 Mar 2026 9 Mar 2026