

**SOUTHWELL STEWARDS' REPORT****Saturday 17 October 2026**

Stewards: Simon Connaway (Chief Steward), Anthony McGlone (Steward), Nathan Green (Steward), Louise Neale (Assistant Steward), Annabelle Johnson (Raceday Assistant).

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 5 furlong centre; remainder, inner

**Non-Runners**

| Race   | Horse and Trainer                                    | Reason                                            |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 4:23pm | DESIDERATA (IRE), trained by Thomas Faulkner.        | Self Cert (Off Colour)                            |
| 4:23pm | AIM FOR THE BULL (IRE), trained by Mike Murphy.      | Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)                          |
| 4:23pm | ASPULL, trained by Phil McEntee.                     | Self Cert (Knocked Joint)                         |
| 7:00pm | WHAZZIMO, trained by Robert Cowell.                  | Self Cert (In Season)                             |
| 7:00pm | DANCE FANTASY (IRE), trained by Simon & Ed Crisford. | Declared in error<br>(£140 Fixed Penalty Imposed) |
| 8:00pm | CRYSTAL JET (FR), trained by Toby Bulgin.            | Self Cert (Stiff)                                 |

**Race 1 - 4:23pm .****THE BOOK THE BISTRO IN SEASONS RESTAURANT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for RELEVANT RANGE (IRE) and SECRET ROAD (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood, and for LILI MARLEEN (GER) to wear a red hood to post.

AVATAR JET (IRE) trained by Declan Carroll spread a plate on the way to post. As the trainer had not indicated at declaration stage that the gelding should be withdrawn in the event of losing a shoe on the way to post, AVATAR JET (IRE) ran without its right-hind shoe.

Approaching 2 furlongs out, THE NEW BAY PEARL, placed fifth, hung right-handed despite the rider's best efforts, causing PORTMAN BLUE, unplaced, to become short of room on the rail 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 THE NEW BAY PEARL.

The performance of ADELAIDE BAY which finished unplaced, was considered. Daragh Bourke's explanation that the gelding ran flat, was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined ADELAIDE BAY post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Zak Wheatley reported that AVATAR JET (IRE), unplaced, stopped quickly, the Veterinary Officer examined AVATAR JET (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report. Dylan Hogan reported that SOAMES FORSYTE, unplaced, was slowly away, and Billy Garritty reported that SECRET ROAD (IRE), unplaced, was denied a clear run approaching 2 furlongs out.

**Race 2 - 5:00pm .****THE DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES CHRISTMAS PARTIES FILLIES' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for RADIANCE to wear a red hood to post, and for PATRICIA R to be mounted in the chute. THALUNA wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that WID (IRE), unplaced, was lame on its left-fore.

**Race 3 - 5:30pm .****THE SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER GENTS NIGHT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5) (DIV I)**

Permission was given for BEAUZON to be mounted in the chute and go early to post wearing a red hood.

ROYAL JET appeared to get its hind leg up on the running board in the stalls. Having been removed from the stalls and checked by the Veterinary Surgeon, the gelding was deemed fit to race.

The winner, MONSIEUR BONDY, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Newcastle on 25 September 2026 where the gelding finished tenth of eleven runners, beaten by 12 lengths. It was noted that the representative of Geoff Oldroyd could offer no explanation for the gelding's improved form. MONSIEUR BONDY was routine tested.

Following the race, Shane Gray reported that KODY B (IRE), unplaced, hung violently right-handed.

**Race 4 - 6:00pm .****THE SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER GENTS NIGHT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5) (DIV II)**

Permission was given for ENCORE (FR) and ALWAYS BLUE to wear a red hood to post. to wear a red hood to post, for INVINCIBLE RUBY (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood, and for KING SHARJA to go early to post.

The winner, NATIVE HONEY (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Hamilton Park on 21 September 2026 where the gelding finished last of eight runners, beaten by 13¼ lengths. It was noted that the representative of Jim Goldie could offer no explanation for the gelding's improved form other than that he may have appreciated a return to the all-weather on this occasion. NATIVE HONEY (IRE) was routine tested.

**Race 5 - 6:30pm .****THE CELEBRATE WITH SPONSORSHIP AT SOUTHWELL RACECOURSE RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Bands B, C and D) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for FULLY STOCKED (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Approaching the first bend, SUNRISE AT DAWN, unplaced, moved marginally left-handed, causing YOUNGHEARTSRUNFREE (IRE), placed third, to take a slight check, but 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 when involving the winner, FULLY

STOCKED (IRE), ridden by Joe Leavy, KABOOM (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Sean Levey, BAD BAKER, unplaced, ridden by Daniel Muscutt and MIDNIGHT EMPRESS (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Sean Dylan Bowen. Leavy was suspended for 5 days for careless riding as he allowed his mount to shift left-handed when insufficiently clear, causing KABOOM (IRE) to be short of room and Levey having to take a check, which in turn caused MIDNIGHT EMPRESS (IRE) to be short for room and become unbalanced on the rail, which resulted in BAD BAKER having to take a check off the heels of MIDNIGHT EMPRESS (IRE) when also on the rail.

**Race 6 - 7:00pm .**

**THE WINTER LADIES NIGHT SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for KING CHERRY (IRE) to be mounted in the chute and for ARC LA SHARI to go early to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approximately 2 furlongs out, when SHUSH A MINUTE, placed fifth, ridden by William Carson interfered with KODICALL (IRE), unplaced, ridden by William Cox. Carson was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to drift right-handed when insufficiently clear, causing KODICALL (IRE) to take a slight check.

The winner, PIVOTAL TERMS, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Newcastle on 2 September 2026 where the filly finished seventh of nine runners, beaten by 5½ lengths. It was noted that the representative of Iain Jardine could offer no explanation for the filly's improved form on this occasion. PIVOTAL TERMS was routine tested.

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

**THE SOUTHWELL RACECOURSE CONFERENCE AND EVENTS EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for BANTER INN COURT (IRE), EDGE OF DESIRE and SAYIDAH DUBAWI (IRE) to wear a red hood to post, and for TIME TO CLIMB (IRE) to be mounted in the chute.

Following the race, Finley Marsh reported that HEART OF GLASS, unplaced, missed the break and was slowly away as a result.

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

**THE ANDREW AND TONY ROY MEMORIAL RACE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for SATYRESS and POP THE QUESTION to go early to post, and for BELLE AMIE (SWE) to wear a red hood to post.

The winner, FLEUR DE MER (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Southwell on 6 October 2026 where the mare finished seventh of nine runners, beaten by 10¾ lengths. It was noted that the representative of Martin Todhunter could offer no explanation for FLEUR DE MER (IRE)'s improved form on this occasion.

Following the race, Alistair Rawlinson reported that SARATOGA GOLD, unplaced, jumped awkwardly from the stalls and was slowly away as a result.

**Race 9 - 8:30pm .****THE CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for SEACOLE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Callum Shepherd, the rider of CALEDONIAN, was asked to explain his riding in the final two furlongs of this race where he appeared to ride with varying degrees of vigour to finish fifth of six runners to beaten  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length for fourth place. Shepherd explained that he had anticipated mounting a challenge down the outside rail but that when attempting to make his run CAPTAIN FOX (IRE), placed fourth, had edged right-handed causing the gap to narrow and CALEDONIAN to be denied a clear run for several strides inside the 2 furlong marker. Thereafter, Shepherd explained that he had elected to switch his mount left-handed to continue in its run but that approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  a furlong from the finishing line, he became aware that SEACOLE (IRE) had rolled out, onto Shepherd's intended line, denying the now weakening CALEDONIAN, causing the gelding to lose all remaining momentum, and to finish its race having achieved the best possible placing. The Stewards noted his explanation.

**Suspensions**

| Person    | Race          | Horse               | Days | Suspended Days                                                      |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Joe Leavy | Race - 6:30pm | FULLY STOCKED (IRE) | 5    | 5 Nov 2026<br>4 Nov 2026<br>3 Nov 2026<br>2 Nov 2026<br>31 Oct 2026 |