

**WOLVERHAMPTON STEWARDS' REPORT**
**Wednesday 12 March 2025**

Stewards: Louise Moore (Chief Steward), Caroline Wilson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Greg Pearson (Steward), Beth Dowswell (Assistant Steward), Michael Walton (Trainee Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant)

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 7f 36y outside; Remainder inside

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:30pm	SHAMARDIA, trained by Ismail Mohammed.	Self Cert (In Season)
7:00pm	KAARANAH (IRE), trained by John Butler.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
8:30pm	PORSCHER LAD (IRE), trained by Sean Davis.	Travel (Second horse box broke down on way to ferry)

**Race 1 - 4:55pm .**
**THE WEEKLY £5 FREE BET WITH BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3)**

Permission was given for GRACE ANGEL and RHYTHM N HOOVES to wear a red hood to post, and for MICHAELA'S BOY (IRE) to go to post early wearing a red hood.

The raceday privilege request for KINGS MERCHANT trained by Edward Bethell to go to post early was not submitted. Bethell was warned as to his responsibility to ensure that all raceday privilege requests are submitted by 1pm on the day before racing.

Approximately 3½ furlongs out a hard pulling SPORTS COACH (IRE), placed fifth, shifted right-handed off the rail enabling a free running MON NA SLIEVE (IRE), unplaced, to improve through on its inside, before SPORTS COACH (IRE) then shifted left-handed back to the rail whilst continuing to race ungenerously which resulted in MON NA SLIEVE (IRE) being checked 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 SPORTS COACH (IRE).

**Race 2 - 5:30pm .**
**THE GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Approximately one furlong out, the rider of PIPERSTOWN (IRE), placed fifth, committed for a legitimate gap to the inside of MEHMO (IRE), placed fourth, at the same time as that runner edged slightly left-handed which moved PIPERSTOWN (IRE) off its intended line, causing the rider of ALSHIMALI (IRE), unplaced, to take a precautionary check 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 PIPERSTOWN (IRE) or MEHMO (IRE).

Following the race, Jack Doughty reported that AUTUMN ANGEL (IRE), unplaced, was restless in the stalls.

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

**THE FREE BETS WITH BETUK BET CLUB RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Bands B, C and D) (GBB RACE)**

Leaving the stalls, SILENT AFFAIR (IRE), placed fourth, jumped awkwardly and shifted right-handed badly crowding FLUTE D'OR (IRE), unplaced, for room and causing it give a significant bump to MAXIMUS DECIMUS (IRE), placed third, which unbalanced that colt 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 SILENT AFFAIR (IRE).

Approaching 6½ furlongs out a free-running MAXIMUS DECIMUS (IRE), placed third, shifted right-handed off the heels of the winner MARHABA GHAIYYATH (IRE), which carried CHILLI QUEEN, placed second, wider off its intended line before a short distance later CHILLI QUEEN shifted left-handed whilst racing greenly which hampered LUISA, unplaced, and in turn left FLUTE D'OR (IRE), unplaced, briefly short of room on the rail. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved nor had it improved the placing of any horse.

An enquiry was held to consider interference rounding the first bend involving CHILLI QUEEN, placed second, ridden by Georgia Dobie and LUISA, unplaced, ridden by Jack Doughty. Kieran O'Neill the rider of MAXIMUS DECIMUS (IRE), placed third, was also interviewed but was found not to be involved. Dobie was suspended for 5 days for careless riding as she allowed her mount to drift left-handed going into the bend when insufficiently clear of LUISA, causing that filly to clip her heels.

An enquiry was held into the running and riding of GUINNESS LAD (IRE) ridden by Dougie Costello and trained by Neil Mulholland, which was restrained from a wide draw and held up at the rear of the field before making steady progress in the home straight under predominantly hands and heels riding to finish sixth of nine runners, beaten by 10¾ lengths. Costello was interviewed and shown recordings of the race, and the Veterinary Officer reported a post-race examination of the gelding during routine testing, failed to reveal any abnormalities. The rider stated his instructions were to get GUINNESS LAD (IRE) out of the stalls the best he could, but ensure the gelding relaxed and found a nice racing rhythm as he has a history of running freely in previous starts, without lying too far out of his ground and thereafter to make his best way home. Costello explained that he settled off the rail in behind REIGNMAN with cover and was taking his time whilst the field sorted themselves out early on, before switching down to the rail approaching the first bend. However, due to interference rounding the first bend, the field bunched and GUINNESS LAD (IRE) began to run freely and race awkwardly. He added that he got the gelding on an even keel towards the end of the back straight but then hit a flat spot rounding the final bend which resulted in him losing ground and he expected that this could be the end of his run, however, once he was in the home straight and having passed tiring horses, he felt the gelding get more competitive and he was pleased with the way GUINNESS LAD (IRE) found the line in the circumstances. Costello added that he had spoken with Mr Mulholland suggesting that GUINNESS LAD (IRE) would, once he learned to settle, benefit from a step up in trip and in his opinion be better suited by a more galloping track. His explanation was noted.

Following the race, Georgia Dobie reported that CHILLI QUEEN, placed second, ran green and was unbalanced in the home straight.

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

**THE £30 IN FREE BETS WITH BETUK ACCA CLUB HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5) (DIV I)**

Permission was given for SENSE OF WORTH (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

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

**THE £30 IN FREE BETS WITH BETUK ACCA CLUB HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5) (DIV II)**

Permission was given for FINN RUSSELL (IRE) and LECHUGA LAD to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Daniel Muscutt reported that LECHUGA LAD, placed third, ran too free; Charles Bishop reported that FINN RUSSELL (IRE), placed fourth, ran too free. Joe Leavy reported that MASQOOL (IRE), unplaced, weakened quickly. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding, post-race and had nothing to report. Jack Mitchell reported that ENGLISH SPIRIT, unplaced, ran too free.

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

**THE BETMGM: IT'S SHOWTIME HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for TREASURE BAY to wear a red hood to post.

The winner, FIRST GREYED (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Lingfield on 22 January 2025, where the gelding finished eight of ten runners, beaten 5¼ lengths. Thomas Faulkner's representative explained that the gelding benefitted from the re-application of the visor and being ridden with more restraint on this occasion. FIRST GREYED (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Josephine Gordon reported that TREASURE BAY, unplaced, ran too free; Sean Davis reported that VENETIAN (IRE), unplaced, missed the break and was denied a clear run on several occasions in the home straight; Saffie Osborne reported that MISS DANDYLION (IRE), placed fifth, was slowly away from the stalls and Lewis Edmunds reported that BACK FROM DUBAI (IRE), placed third, reared in the stalls.

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

**THE GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Leaving the stalls, ROMANOVICH (IRE), placed second, became short of room and lost its position between PORFIN (IRE), unplaced, which lugged left-handed and PILOTO PARDO (IRE), unplaced, which jumped right-handed but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Dale Swift reported that MUDLAHHIM (IRE), unplaced, was slowly away and the Veterinary Officer reported that CONQUEST OF POWER, unplaced, lost its right fore shoe.

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

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

Following the race, Rossa Ryan reported that TANCREDI, unplaced, stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding, post-race and had nothing to report. Warren Fentiman reported that



BLACK SMOKE (IRE), unplaced, was unsuited by being trapped 3 wide without cover throughout. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding, post-race and had nothing to report. Robert Havlin reported that CRYSTAL GUARD (IRE), placed fifth, hung right-handed.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Georgia Dobie	Race - 6:00pm	CHILLI QUEEN (GB)	5	30 Mar 2025 29 Mar 2025 28 Mar 2025 27 Mar 2025 26 Mar 2025