

SOUTHWELL STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 24 October 2026

Stewards: Simon Connaway (Chief Steward), Caroline Wilson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Louise Moore (Steward), Gwen Thomas (Assistant Steward), Annabelle Johnson (Raceday Assistant)

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 5 furlong centre; remainder, inner

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:00pm	WATEEN (IRE), trained by Robert Cowell.	Self Cert (In Season)
7:00pm	BATTLE STANDARD, trained by Jack Morland.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
8:00pm	HOT MOONSTONE (FR), trained by Jennie Candlish.	Self Cert (Blood Analysis Not Normal)
8:30pm	DRAGON GOD, trained by Jack Morland.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
8:30pm	ADDICTIVE (IRE), trained by Craig Benton.	Travel (Issue with horse box)
8:30pm	MONTPELLIER GREEN (IRE), trained by Ian Williams.	Self Cert (Burst Blood Vessel)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
8:00pm	SIGMA (GB)	Daniel Muscutt	Kaiya Fraser	Newbury abandoned
8:00pm	WORLD STAR (IRE)	Callum Rodriguez	Kevin Stott	Rodriguez stood down by RMO
8:30pm	HAVANA JOY (GB)	Daniel Muscutt	Mark Winn	Muscutt riding abroad tomorrow and forced to change flight due to weather
8:30pm	UNCLE SAM (GB)	Callum Rodriguez	Billy Loughnane	Rodriguez stood down by RMO

Race 1 - 4:24pm .

THE AWC SEASON 14 HAS BEGUN NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

The winner, UNDERCOVER AFFAIR (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Nottingham on 1 October 2026, where the gelding finished last of ten runners, beaten 20 lengths. It was noted that David Evans could offer no explanation for the gelding's improved form.

Following the race, Jack Callan reported that BLAKE'S MONARCH (IRE), placed third, hung left-

handed.

Race 2 - 5:00pm .

THE MIDNITE ARE UPPING THE BETTING GAME HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for SUGAR HILL BABE (IRE) and BONA FORTUNA (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood and for MOULIN BOOJ (IRE), RHYTHM N HOOVES, SHE'S GOT A BROTHER and KANISHKA (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Leaving the stalls, ALMATY STAR (IRE), placed fourth, jumped left-handed at the same time as ALONDRA, unplaced, jumped right-handed, causing KANISHKA, unplaced, and SUGAR HILL BABE (IRE), unplaced, to be short of room. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching the final half furlong involving ALMATY STAR (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Robert Havlin and NIGHT STORM (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Rob Hornby. Havlin was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed ALMATY STAR (IRE) to drift left-handed without sufficient correction, causing Hornby to ease NIGHT STORM (IRE) for a few strides.

Following the race, Ryan Kavanagh reported that KANISHKA (IRE), unplaced, suffered interference leaving the stalls causing it to be slowly into stride and the Veterinary Officer reported that NIGHT STORM (IRE), unplaced, had lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 3 - 5:30pm .

THE JOIN THE MIDNITE MOVEMENT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for ALKAIOS to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference passing the furlong marker on the first circuit involving LEDNIKOV, placed fourth, ridden by Elle-May Croot, MASEGO (IRE), placed second, ridden by Kevin Stott, HAVACHOC, placed fifth, ridden by Paddy Bradley and HIGHLAND HARVEY (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Callum Shepherd. Croot was cautioned for careless riding as she shifted LEDNIKOV left-handed towards the rail when insufficiently clear of HIGHLAND HARVEY (IRE), causing Shepherd to take a precautionary check. Shortly after, in a tightly-bunched field, HIGHLAND HARVEY (IRE) shifted marginally right-handed giving a bump to HAVACHOC, which drifted right-handed across the heels of MASEGO (IRE).

Rounding the bend leaving the back straight, SPIRIT OF NATURE (IRE), unplaced, brushed the inside running rail causing it to stumble and briefly hamper the winner, CLIPSHAM NOBLE (IRE). After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching four furlongs out involving the winner, CLIPSHAM NOBLE (IRE), ridden by Rob Hornby, SPIRIT OF NATURE (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Harry Davies and RAYSHAM (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Luke Morris. The interference was found to be accidental as CLIPSHAM NOBLE (IRE) edged left-handed at the same time as SPIRIT OF NATURE (IRE) was improving around a rapidly weakening RAYSHAM (IRE), causing SPIRIT OF NATURE (IRE) to be moved slightly off its intended line resulting in Morris having to take a check aboard RAYSHAM.

The performance of SPIRIT OF NATURE (IRE), which started joint-favourite and finished unplaced,

was considered. The representative of Jim Goldie could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. SPIRIT OF NATURE (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Callum Rodriguez reported that MISS VERONIKA, unplaced, was never travelling and Luke Morris reported that RAYSHAM (IRE), unplaced, suffered interference approaching four furlongs out.

Race 4 - 6:00pm .

THE AWC SEASON 14 HAS BEGUN EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 3) (DIV I) (GBB/GBBPLUS RACE)

Permission was given for JEEPERS FORTUNE (IRE) and NATIONAL ANTHEM to wear a red hood to post and for NAVAL EMPIRE (IRE) to be mounted on the chute.

Just inside the final furlong, RING OF MUSIC (IRE), placed third, shifted left-handed at the same time as SPLINTERED, unplaced, shifted right-handed causing the runners to bump and become briefly unbalanced. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Race 5 - 6:30pm .

THE AWC SEASON 14 HAS BEGUN EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 3) (DIV II) (GBB/GBBPLUS RACE)

Permission was given for KINGS MEDAL to wear a red hood to post.

Race 6 - 7:00pm .

THE AW TRAILS DAY - LINGFIELD 2ND JAN 2027 HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for DUMFRIES to go early to post and for LILI MARLEEN (GER) and BLUE SAMUNA (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

The performance of LOVE YOU MORE, which finished unplaced, was considered. Joseph Parr's representative could offer no explanation for the filly's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined LOVE YOU MORE post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Billy Loughnane reported that AFRICAN SPIRIT (IRE), unplaced, was slowly away.

Race 7 - 7:30pm .

THE ALL-WEATHER CHAMPIONSHIP IS BACK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for FINN IRONSIDE to go early to post and for RED HAT EAGLE and RIBBLE EMPEROR (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Leaving the stalls, AKABUSI, placed fifth, jumped left-handed taking CAPTAIN PARMA (IRE), unplaced, ESPANITA (IRE), unplaced, and RIBBLE EMPEROR (IRE), unplaced, off their intended lines. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and it had not improved the placing of AKABUSI.

Race 8 - 8:00pm .

THE AWC FINALS DAY AT NEWCASTLE 26TH MARCH NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)



Permission was given for CRYSTAL DARK, FLICK OF AN EYE (IRE) and HUNSTANTON to wear a red hood to post.

On the run to the line, the winner, AL ARRAAB (IRE), shifted quickly left-handed before being quickly corrected, carrying FLICK OF AN EYE (IRE), placed second, slightly off its intended line. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and it had not improved the placing of AL ARRAAB (IRE).

Race 9 - 8:30pm .

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

Permission was given for EDMOND HALLEY (IRE), HE'S AN ANGEL and PAPA DON'T PREACH (IRE) to go early to post.