

NEWCASTLE STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 19 March 2026

Stewards: Robert McCarthy (Chief Steward), Philip Spottiswood (Stewards' Panel Chair), Adrian Smith (Steward), Lauren Thomson (Assistant Steward), Lyndsay Glynn (Raceday Assistant).

Going: STANDARD

Stalls: 1m2f and 1m4f - Outside 2m - Inside Straight course - Inside

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
6:30pm	PADDY'S DAY (IRE), trained by Nigel Tinkler.	Vets Cert (Abscess)
6:30pm	GOLDEN REDEMPTION (USA), trained by Andrew Balding.	Vets Cert (Infection)
7:30pm	ALONDRA, trained by Scott Dixon.	Vets Cert (Cut Leg)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
7:00pm	TIGER'S NEST (FR), trained by James Fanshawe.	Unruly in stalls (Withdrawn by the Starters at 7:03pm. See notice below)
8:00pm	LAURA'S BREEZE (IRE), trained by Liam Bailey.	Refused to enter in stalls (Withdrawn by the Starters at 8:00pm. See notice below.)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
6:00pm	GO TEEJAY (GB)	Sam James	Joanna Mason	(James car has broken down)

Race 1 - 5:25pm .

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

An enquiry was held to consider interference approximately 1½ furlongs out involving RIYADH GEM (IRE), placed fifth, ridden by Charles Bishop and STAR CAST, unplaced, ridden by Joanna Mason. Bishop was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to drift right-handed without sufficient correction causing Mason to take a brief check.

Following the race, Joanna Mason reported that STAR CAST, unplaced, suffered interference approximately 1½ furlongs out.



Race 2 - 6:00pm .

THE MIDNITE: BUILT FOR 2026 NOT 2006 RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4) (for horses in Bands C and D) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for MINNIE IDOL to wear a red hood to the start.

Race 3 - 6:30pm .

THE MIDNITE, BUILDING THE FUTURE OF BETTING HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Permission was given for BEAUTY DESTINY (AUS), WILLIAM DEWHIRST (IRE) and FAST TRACK HARRY to all wear a red hood to the start.

Race 4 - 7:00pm .

THE WIN £250,000 WITH BETMGM'S GOLDEN GOALS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for TOO DARN SPICY, ALWAYS PERFECT (IRE) and INFINITE DREAM to all wear a red hood to the start.

The Starter reported that TIGER'S NEST (FR) was unruly in stalls and withdrawn at 7:03pm. James Fanshawe was informed that the colt could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

Following the race, Andrew Mullen reported that EL PINTO, unplaced, hung right-handed from half way.

Race 5 - 7:30pm .

THE MIDNITE AIN'T YOUR GRANDAD'S BOOKIE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for JUAN LES PINS to go early wearing a red hood to the start.

Race 6 - 8:00pm .

THE BET £10 GET £40 WITH BETMGM CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for PEBBLE DASH (IRE) and YORKSTONE to both wear a red hood to the start.

The Starter reported that LAURA'S BREEZE (IRE) refused to enter the stalls and was withdrawn at 8:00pm. Liam Bailey was informed that the mare could not run until the day after passing a stalls test. As it was the second occasion within the previous 12 months that LAURA'S BREEZE (IRE) had been reported, a further report within the same period would mean the mare would be prevented from having a stalls test for 6 months.

Approaching the final furlong STARSHOT (IRE), placed fourth, lugged slightly right-handed moving TOP GUN TINA, unplaced, off its intended line. Simultaneously to PEBBLE DASH (IRE), placed second, moving left-handed carrying WOODRAFFF, unplaced, off its intended which in turn caused TOP GUN TINA to be shifted back onto the heels of STARSHOT (IRE). 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 either STARSHOT (IRE) or PEBBLE DASH (IRE).

Following the race, Andrew Mullen reported that TOP GUN TINA, unplaced, suffered interference



approaching the final furlong. Rowan Scott reported that CHRIS'S MATE, unplaced, weakened quickly inside the final furlong.

Race 7 - 8:30pm .

THE READ MEG NICHOLLS' BLOG AT betmgm.co.uk HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

The winner, FICKLE MCSELFISH appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Newcastle on 14 February 2026 where the colt finished fifth of eight runners beaten by 12 lengths. The explanation given by Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood that the colt may have benefitted from first time application of cheek pieces and an uncontested lead on this occasion, was noted. FICKLE MCSELFISH was routine tested.

Following the race, Cam Hardie reported that WHAT A TAHOO (IRE), unplaced, ran too free.