

## **ASCOT STEWARDS' REPORT**

**Wednesday 30 April 2025**

Stewards: Steve Drowne (Chief Steward), Lyn Williams (Stewards' Panel Chair), Fergus Sweeney (Steward), Daniel Andrews (Assistant Steward), Margaret Groves (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Straight Course**  
Flat Turf Race: Good to Firm (GSt 7.9)  
**Round Course**  
Flat Turf Race: Good to Firm (GSt 6.3)

Stalls: 5F: Stands side, remainder of Straight races: Centre. Round Course: Inside

### Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:10pm	ESCHWEILER (IRE), trained by Gary & Josh Moore.	Self Cert (Cast in Box)
3:23pm	SIR LES PATTERSON, trained by Harry Eustace.	Vets Cert (Abscess)

### Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
1:10pm	WILD THOUGHTS (IRE)	Neil Callan	Tom Marquand	(Callan stuck in traffic)

### **Race 1 - 1:10pm.**

**THE ROYAL ASCOT TWO-YEAR-OLD TRIAL EBF CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS 2) (SPONSORED BY NAAS RACECOURSE) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for SIREN SUIT to wear a red hood to post.

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

### **Race 2 - 1:40pm.**

**THE eventmasters.co.uk PARADISE STAKES (CLASS 1) (A Queen Anne Stakes Trial) (Listed Race)**

Permission was given for HARPER'S FERRY to go early to post and to wear a red hood to the start, for PHANTOM FLIGHT to wear a red hood and to be ponied to the start and for ROYAL DUBAI (FR) to wear a red hood to the start.

The Starter reported that PHANTOM FLIGHT, ridden by Callum Shepherd and trained by George Scott, had arrived late at the start. Shepherd and Scott were interviewed. Scott was fined £140 as he had not left

sufficient time for the gelding to be ponied to the start as per the 'Ponying of horse to start' protocol, contributing to the race being late off.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that UNQUESTIONABLE (FR), unplaced, lost its right-fore shoe.

**Race 3 - 2:15pm.**

**THE LONGINES SAGARO STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 3) (A Gold Cup Trial)**

Permission was given for YASHIN (IRE) to wear a red hood to post. FEIGNING MADNESS wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

**Race 4 - 2:50pm.**

**THE EVENTMASTERS.CO.UK COMMONWEALTH CUP TRIAL STAKES (CLASS 1)(Group 3) (Registered as the Pavilion Stakes)**

Permission was given for both CANDY and ELECTROLYTE (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

An enquiry was held to consider interference inside the final ½ furlong involving the winner, BIG MOJO (IRE), ridden by Tom Marquand and AIN'T NOBODY (IRE), placed third, ridden by Tom Eaves. The interference was found to be accidental as BIG MOJO (IRE) hung left-handed despite the best efforts of Marquand causing AIN'T NOBODY (IRE) to be taken off its intended racing line.

The performance of ELECTROLYTE (IRE) which started second-favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of Archie Watson could offer no explanation for the colt's performance.

**Race 5 - 3:23pm.**

**THE eventmasters.co.uk 40TH ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for BLUE DAY to be mounted in the chute and to wear a red hood to the start and for JENEVER to wear a red hood to the start.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching the line involving BLIND BEGGAR (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Frederick Larson and GOOD EARTH (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Benoit de la Sayette. Joe Leavy, the rider of REBEL EMPIRE (FR), placed fifth, was also interviewed but found not to have been involved. Larson was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he allowed his mount to continue to shift right-handed without timely correction causing de la Sayette to take a check on GOOD EARTH (IRE).

Following the race, Billy Loughnane reported that FLETCHER'S FLIGHT (IRE), unplaced, jumped awkwardly from the stalls which caused the gelding to be slowly away and Frederick Larson reported that BLIND BEGGAR (IRE), placed fourth, hung right-handed.

**Race 6 - 3:55pm.**

**THE DARLEY BRITISH EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for both PURPLE RAINBOW and BRECKENBROUGH to wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, Silvestre De Sousa reported that GULYA (IRE), placed second, was denied a clear run from approximately 1 ½ furlongs out to inside the final ½ furlong and Tom Marquand reported that PURPLE RAINBOW, place fourth, ran too freely.

#### **Race 7 - 4:30pm.**

#### **THE eventmasters.co.uk MANNY MERCER APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3)**

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

#### **Suspensions**

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Frederick Larson	Race - 3:23pm	BLIND BEGGAR (IRE)	2	15 May 2025 14 May 2025

#### **Fines**

Person	Race	Horse	Fine
George Scott	Race 2 - 1:40pm	PHANTOM FLIGHT (GB)	£140.00