

**SEDGEFIELD STEWARDS' REPORT**
**Wednesday 01 April 2026**

Stewards: Alan Dempsey (Chief Steward), Alison Banks (Stewards' Panel Chair), Adrian Smith (Steward), Nathan Green (Assistant Steward), Sarah Russell (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: All bends will be divided Distances are as advertised

**Non-Runners**

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:40pm	BEEP BEEP BECKY (IRE), trained by Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:10pm	HILLSTEELS BLUE (IRE), trained by Max Young.	Going (Changed since declaration)

**Race 1 - 2:40pm .**
**THE SEDGEFIELD RACECOURSE SUPPORTS AUTISM IN RACING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)**

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

**Race 2 - 3:10pm .**
**THE SIGN LEAD YOUR HORSE TO WATER HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

**Race 3 - 3:40pm .**
**THE JAYNE AND GREG COMPLETE ALL THE RACECOURSES HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

RESTANDBETHANKFUL wore ear plugs which were removed at the start.

Following the race, Johnathan England reported that DIXIE COWBOY (IRE), which was pulled up, made a bad mistake at the sixth fence. The Veterinary Officer examined DIXIE COWBOY (IRE) post-race and reported that the gelding had sustained a wound on its right-fore.

**Race 4 - 4:10pm .**
**THE FAIRLIGHT STUDIOS MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

The Starter reported that there had been a malfunction with the starting tape mechanism, so permission was given for a flag start to be used.



**Race 5 - 4:40pm .**

**THE MW CIVILS & GROUNDWORKS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for both LADDIE COOPER MIA (IRE) and SEEYAINTHESUNINN to wear a red hood to post.

**Race 6 - 5:10pm .**

**THE PAUL RICHARDSON VISITING SEDGEFIELD TODAY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5)**  
**(Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)**

Approaching the line, the winner, CONNELLS CROSS (IRE), hung right-handed bumping and moving MORDS LAVIE SPIGAO (FR), placed third, off its intended line which in turn gave a slight bump to THE GEM STATE (IRE), placed second, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involve and that it had not improved the placing of CONNELLS CROSS (IRE).

Following the race, Joe Williamson reported that SMART ORDER, unplaced, ran too free.