

MUSSELBURGH STEWARDS' REPORT

Tuesday 25 August 2026

Stewards: Adrian Smith (Chief Steward), Franki Clark (Stewards' Panel Chair), Robert McCarthy (Steward), Katie Dowson (Assistant Steward), Lauren Thomson (Raceday Assistant).

Going: **Round Course**
Flat Turf Race: Good
Straight Course
Flat Turf Race: Good (Good to Soft in places)

Rail: Bottom bend moved out 7 yards with a drop in to the front straight.

Stalls: 5 furlong stand side. Remainder inside.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:45pm	NED BROY (IRE), trained by Iain Jardine.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
4:15pm	JOSHUAS DREAM, trained by Jim Goldie.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:45pm	MARDY BUM (IRE), trained by David O'Meara.	Refused to enter in stalls (Withdrawn by the Starter at 2:47pm - see notice below)
3:45pm	FLORIDA DREAMS (IRE), trained by Sandy Thomson.	Unruly in stalls (Withdrawn by the Starter at 3:50pm -see notice below)

Race 1 - 2:15pm .

THE EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4) (for horses in Bands C and D) (EBF Restricted Race Qualifier) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for DIPLOMACY, THREEOCLOCKFLYER and BASMAAH (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Race 2 - 2:45pm .

THE NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for NEEDIN' U to wear a red hood to post.

The Starter reported that MARDY BUM (IRE) refused to enter the stalls and was withdrawn at 2:47pm. David O'Meara was informed that the filly could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

The performance of SPECTACULAR DIVER (IRE), which finished last of seven runners, beaten by 15 lengths, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Tim Easterby could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer examined SPECTACULAR DIVER (IRE) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 3 - 3:15pm .

THE THOMSON BETHUNE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for TRUCIAL PEARL to go early to post wearing a red hood.

Race 4 - 3:45pm .

THE PORTOBELLO CUP HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBBPLUS RACE)

Permission was given for TROJAN SUN and GALLUS NORMAN to wear a red hood to post.

The Starter reported that FLORIDA DREAMS (IRE) was unruly in stalls and was withdrawn at 3:50pm. Sandy Thomson was informed that the gelding could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

Race 5 - 4:15pm .

THE AAB GROUP AND BIBBY FINANCIAL SERVICES HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for EDMOND HALLEY (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood and for GRESSINGTON (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Rounding the home bend, EDMUND HALLEY (IRE), placed fifth, hung left-handed, taking COCONUT BAY, unplaced, off its intended line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and it had not improved the placing of EDMUND HALLEY (IRE).

The performance of COCONUT BAY (IRE), which finished ninth of ten runners, beaten by 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, was considered. It was noted that Tristan Davidson could offer no explanation for the mare's performance on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer examined COCONUT BAY (IRE) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Oisin Orr reported that EDMOND HALLEY (IRE), placed fifth, hung left-handed rounding the bend.

Race 6 - 4:45pm .

THE MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Nothing to report