

KEMPTON PARK STEWARDS' REPORT
Wednesday 07 January 2026

Stewards: Fergus Sweeney (Chief Steward), Charlie Corbett (Stewards' Panel Chair), Joseph Chan (Steward), Angus Kirkland (Trainee Stewards' Panel Chair), Lauren Thomson (Assistant Steward), Ben Ford (Raceday Assistant).

Going: STANDARD TO SLOW

Stalls: All: Inside

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:00pm	ESPONA BAY (IRE), trained by Michael Bell.	Vets Cert (Runny Nose)
5:30pm	SANDS END (IRE), trained by William Muir & Chris Grassick.	Self Cert (Runny Nose)
6:00pm	LERWICK, trained by Mark Loughnane.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
6:00pm	TOKEN GESTURE (IRE), trained by Mark Usher.	Self Cert (Other) (Ran the previous day, 06 January 2026 at Wolverhampton)
7:30pm	BASHFUL BOY (IRE), trained by David Pipe.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
8:00pm	PHAEDRA, trained by Richard Hannon.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
6:30pm	GALLANT (FR), trained by Oli Rix.	Vet advice (Withdrawn by Veterinary Surgeon at the start at 6:30pm)
8:00pm	EGOISTE (USA), trained by David Menuisier.	Vet advice (Withdrawn by Veterinary Officer at 7:38pm)
7:00pm	CAPH STAR, trained by Gordon Treacy.	Refused to enter in stalls (Withdrawn by the Starters at 7:04pm. See notice below)

Race 1 - 5:00pm .
THE TRY UNIBET'S SUPPORTBOOSTS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (London Sprint Series Qualifier)

Permission was given for STAY SHARP and COPPERFIELD to both wear a red hood to the start.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching the final furlong involving MUSICAL SOLDIER (IRE), placed fifth, ridden by Libby Swallow and EUPHONIA, unplaced, ridden by Luke Morris. Being a 7lb claiming apprentice, Swallow was accompanied in the enquiry by a senior rider. Swallow was cautioned for careless riding as she allowed her mount to drift left-handed without

sufficient correction, causing Morris to take a precautionary check.

Following the race, Jason Watson reported that COPPERFIELD, unplaced, hung badly left-handed. Luke Morris reported that EUPHONIA, unplaced, was denied a clear run approaching the final furlong.

Race 2 - 5:30pm .

THE UNIBET/EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 4) (for horses in Bands B, C and D) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for SOVIET SYMPHONY to wear a red hood to the start and for ADALIDA to be mounted in the chute.

ADALIDA unseated Marco Ghiani in the chute. Having been checked at the start by the Doctor, Ghiani was deemed fit to race

Race 3 - 6:00pm .

THE BET £20 GET £20 WITH UNIBET HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for MAID IN CHELSEA (IRE) to go early wearing a red hood to the start and to be mounted in the chute.

The performance of UP THE ANTI (IRE), which started favourite and finished seventh of eight runners beaten by 13 lengths, was considered. It was noted that Tony Carroll could offer no explanation for the filly's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined UP THE ANTI (IRE) during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Sean Levey reported that CAPOTE'S DREAM (IRE), unplaced, ran too free

Race 4 - 6:30pm .

THE TRY UNIBET'S NEW SMARTVIEW RACECARDS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Permission was given for GALLANT (FR) to go early wearing a red hood to the start; for MOUNT ATHOS, POPMASTER (IRE), HEATHCLIFF and THE LOST KING to all wear a red hood to the start.

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after the start involving DOCTOR KHAN JUNIOR, placed fourth, ridden by P.J. McDonald; GRAND TRAVERSE (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Luke Morris and POPMASTER (IRE), placed second, ridden by Oisin Murphy. McDonald was suspended for 4 days for careless riding as he moved his mount right-handed towards the rail when insufficiently clear of GRAND TRAVERSE (IRE), causing Morris to have to take a significant check. This resulted in GRAND TRAVERSE (IRE) making contact with POPMASTER (IRE), who became unbalanced when tightened for room against the rail.

Race 5 - 7:00pm .

THE TRY UNIBET'S SAME RACE MULTI HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5) (London Mile Series Qualifier)

Permission was given for RAJINOORA (IRE) to wear red hood to the start.

The Starter reported that CAPH STAR refused to enter the stalls and was withdrawn at 7:04pm. Gordon Treacy was informed that the gelding could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

The winner, PORT ROAD (USA) appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Lingfield on 8 December 2025 where the gelding finished ninth of ten runners beaten by 7 ¼ lengths. The explanation given by Simon Dow that PORT ROAD (USA) benefited from having a better draw on this occasion and also that the gelding may have appreciated the return to Kempton, was noted.

Race 6 - 7:30pm .

THE UNIBET 3 UNIBOOSTS A DAY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (London Stayers' Series Qualifier) (GBBPLUS RACE)

An enquiry was held to establish the circumstances as to why the loading progress was underway before the Veterinary Surgeon was in place at the start. The Starters, the Veterinary Surgeon and the Veterinary Officer were all interviewed. A report was forwarded to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority for further consideration.

Race 7 - 8:00pm .

THE INDUSTRY LEADING IN-PLAY MARKETS AT UNIBET HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for READ ALL ABOUT IT to wear a red hood to the start; for SAAHIR (IRE) to be mounted in the chute.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
P. J. McDonald	Race - 6:30pm	DOCTOR KHAN JUNIOR (GB)	4	19 Jan 2026 23 Jan 2026 22 Jan 2026 21 Jan 2026