

KEMPTON PARK STEWARDS' REPORT**Wednesday 25 February 2026**

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Georgina Cartwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Joseph Chan (Steward), Ben Ford (Assistant Steward), Michael Walton (Raceday Assistant), Angus Kirkland (Trainee Stewards' Panel Chair).

Going: STANDARD TO SLOW

Stalls: All: Inside

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:05pm	STARAKOVA, trained by Warren Greatrex.	Self Cert (Knocked Joint)
6:40pm	RHYTHM N ROCK (IRE), trained by John Butler.	Other

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
6:40pm	TOP OF THE CLASS (GB)	Billy Loughnane	Jack Callan	(Loughnane ill)
8:10pm	INVINCIBLE SPEED (IRE)	Billy Loughnane	Paddy Bradley	(Loughnane ill)

Race 1 - 5:05pm .**THE UNIBET SUPPORT SAFER GAMBLING HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for PRIVATE PROJECT (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Paddy Bradley reported that SATURDAY AGAIN, unplaced, ran too free and hung left-handed on the bend.

Race 2 - 5:40pm .**THE TRY UNIBET'S NEW IMPROVED ACCA BOOSTS NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for COSI BEAR (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Approximately two furlongs out, passing the cutaway, the winner ABLON (FR), stepped quickly left-handed and in doing so took MARLBOROUGH PLACE (IRE), placed fourth, slightly off its intended line, but 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 ABLON (FR).

Following the race, Taryn Langley reported that MARLBOROUGH PLACE (IRE), placed fourth, was restless in the stalls.

Race 3 - 6:10pm .**THE BET £20 GET £20 WITH UNIBET HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3)**

Permission was given for POPMASTER (IRE) and KINGDOM COME (IRE) to wear a red hood to post and for NIKOVO to go to post early.

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after the start involving BRUNEL NATION (FR), placed fifth, ridden by Tyler Heard, POPMASTER (IRE), placed second, ridden by Ashley Lewis and NIKOVO, placed third, ridden by Jason Hart. Heard was suspended for 3 days for careless riding as he shifted his mount right-handed when insufficiently clear, which moved POPMASTER (IRE) off its intended line, causing it to be short of room, which then in turn caused Hart to have to take a check on NIKOVO when short of room on the rail.

Race 4 - 6:40pm .**THE TRY UNIBET'S NEW SMARTVIEW RACECARDS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5) (London Mile Series Qualifier)**

Permission was given for HOLY FIRE and SIMPLY BLUE to wear a red hood to post and for TRONIDO to go to post early.

The performance of LUMINOUS WARRIOR (IRE) which finished last of twelve runners, beaten 28 ¼ lengths was considered. It was noted that the representative of Dylan Cunha could offer no further explanation for the gelding's performance other than the report from the Veterinary Officer that LUMINOUS WARRIOR (IRE) lost its right-hind shoe.

Following the race, Jack Callan reported that TOP OF THE CLASS, unplaced, was slowly away and Jack Mitchell reported that ENPASSANT (IRE), unplaced, ran too free.

Race 5 - 7:10pm .**THE 'EUROPEAN ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY' CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for VENETIAN PRINCE to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Hollie Doyle reported that TADEJ, placed third, ran too free.

Race 6 - 7:40pm .**THE GET BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT UNIBET HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (London Middle Distance Series Qualifier) (GBBPLUS RACE)**

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

Following the race, Callum Hutchinson reported that HELGA, placed fifth, ran too free.

Race 7 - 8:10pm .**THE GET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS AT UNIBET HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5) (London Sprint Series Qualifier)**

Permission was given for EM FOUR and DISTANT RUMBLE to be mounted on the course and to go to post early wearing a red hood and for JESSE LUC to wear a red hood to post.

Conor Whiteley, the rider of EM FOUR, which finished fifth, beaten by a nose for fourth place, had appeared to stop riding shortly before the winning post. Being a 7lb claiming apprentice, Whiteley, was accompanied in the enquiry by a senior rider. After being interviewed and shown recordings of the incident, Whiteley was suspended for 2 days for failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures to obtain the best possible placing on a horse that could have finished fourth.

Following the race, Cieren Fallon reported that DISTANT RUMBLE, unplaced, ran too free and hung left-handed.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Tyler Heard	Race - 6:10pm	BRUNEL NATION (FR)	3	12 Mar 2026 11 Mar 2026 2 Mar 2026
Conor Whiteley	Race - 8:10pm	EM FOUR (GB)	2	12 Mar 2026 9 Mar 2026