

EPSOM DOWNS STEWARDS' REPORT**Thursday 30 July 2026**

Stewards: Sophie Candy (Chief Steward), Sarah Ellison (Stewards' Panel Chair), Joseph Chan (Steward), Margaret Groves (Assistant Steward), Michael Walton (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD TO FIRM

Rail: Rail out 2 yards from 1 mile to winning post.

Stalls: 6f - Outside 1m 4f - Centre to Outside Remainder - Inside

Race 1 - 5:30pm .**THE SPILLERS FUTURE CHAMPIONS APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Nothing to report

Race 2 - 6:05pm .**THE SPILLERS EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 4) (for horses in Bands C and D) (EBF Restricted Race Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for COOL KING to wear a red hood to post.

Harry Eustace was fined £100 for failing to notify the Racing Calendar Office prior to declarations that OTIS BAY (IRE) had been gelded, this being his first breach within the previous 12 months.

OTIS BAY (IRE) unseated Jack Nicholls in the parade ring. Having been checked by the Doctor at the start, Nicholls was deemed fit to ride.

Race 3 - 6:40pm .**THE SPILLERS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for IMPERIAL CULT (IRE) to be mounted in the chute and go early to post.

Race 4 - 7:15pm .**THE IRISH EBF FIFINELLA FILLIES' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

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

Approaching two furlongs out, CELESTRA (FR), placed third, lugged right-handed before being corrected, moving CHANTELLE, placed second, off its intended line, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, Dylan Hogan reported that CHANTELLE, placed second, hung right-handed. Kieran O'Neill reported that CELESTRA (FR), placed third, hung right-handed.

Race 5 - 7:50pm .**THE SPILLERS WINNERS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Following the race, the representative of Jack Channon reported that RED MOON (IRE), unplaced, was not suited by the track; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 6 - 8:25pm .

THE SPILLERS SPECTACULAR HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for LADY GORMIRE (IRE) and SUGAR SUGAR (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood.

LADY GORMIRE (IRE) unseated Sean Kirrane on the way to post. Having been checked by the Doctor at the start, Kirrane was deemed fit to ride.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching half a furlong out, involving TWIRLER, placed second, ridden by Seamus Cronin, and HARRY BROWN, placed third, ridden by Rob Hornby. Cronin was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as he drifted left-handed when insufficiently clear, causing Hornby to take a check and switch right-handed off heels to continue his run.

An enquiry was held to consider interference inside the final half furlong, involving the winner, SUGAR SUGAR (IRE), ridden by George Bass, and MOUNT MOGAN, placed fourth, ridden by Georgia Dobie. The interference was found to be accidental in that SUGAR SUGAR (IRE) hung significantly left-handed despite Bass's best efforts, causing Dobie to have to take a check.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Seamus Cronin	Race - 8:25pm	TWIRLER (GB)	2	13 Aug 2026 14 Aug 2026

Fines

Person	Race	Horse	Fine
Harry Eustace	Race 2 - 6:05pm	OTIS BAY (IRE)	£100.00