

## UTTOXETER STEWARDS' REPORT

**Saturday 14 March 2026**

Stewards: Louise Moore (Chief Steward), Jeremy Barlow (Stewards Panel Chair), Greg Pearson (Steward), Milly Bersey (Assistant Steward), Dan Andrews (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**  
(GSt 3.4)  
**Hurdle Course**  
(GSt 4.2)

Rail: All Bends divided Running on most inner line Distances as advertised

### Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:25pm	IDEM (FR), trained by Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore.	Self Cert (Stiff)
3:00pm	SPORTING ACE (IRE), trained by Neil King.	Self Cert (Knocked Joint)
3:35pm	ELYSIAN KNIGHT, trained by Neil Mulholland.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:45pm	GWENNIE MAY JEM (FR), trained by Christian Williams.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
4:45pm	KALISTA LOVE (FR), trained by Tom Symonds.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:20pm	WHITING ASH, trained by Alastair Ralph.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:20pm	CLOVERS FRONTIER, trained by Alastair Ralph.	Going (Changed since declaration)

### Race 1 - 1:50pm .

#### THE JENNINGSBET 200 SHOPS NATIONWIDE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

Permission was given for THANKSFORTHEHELP (FR) to wear a red hood to post and for IT'S TOP (FR) to wear a red hood in the parade ring.

An enquiry was held to consider interference after jumping the final hurdle involving, the winner, WELLINGTON ARCH, ridden by Jonjo O'Neill Jr. and A PERFECT DAY (IRE), placed second, ridden by Ben Jones. O'Neill Jr. was cautioned for careless riding as he allowed his mount to drift left-handed under a right-handed drive, causing Jones to take a precautionary check and switch off the rail.

An enquiry was held to consider whether Harry Skelton, the rider of WEST TO THE BRIDGE (IRE), which was pulled up shortly after the second hurdle, could have done so and dismounted sooner after the gelding had appeared to go lame after jumping the first. The rider and the Veterinary Officer were interviewed and recordings of the incident were viewed. The Veterinary Officer confirmed that the gelding was lame on its right hind. The rider explained that, although WEST TO THE BRIDGE (IR) didn't feel right after jumping the first flight, he put this down to the tacky ground but, as soon as he met better ground, he realised that the gelding had lost his action and needed to be pulled up. However, as he was on the inside with runners to his right, he found himself committed to jumping the second flight

but pulled him up as soon as he could after it had been negotiated. Regarding his delay in dismounting, he explained that after coming back to a walk, WEST TO THE BRIDGE (IRE) felt only intermittently lame and whilst he wanted to get off him as soon as possible, the gelding was still keen so soon after the start. Thus, he considered the best course of action was to remain on him where he had more control, to get him off the racing line and to a point against the rail where he was more tractable. The Stewards noted his explanation.

The performance of IT'S TOP (FR), which was pulled up, was considered. Oliver Signy could provide no explanation for the performance of the gelding. The Veterinary Officer examined IT'S TOP (FR) post-race and had nothing to report.

### **Race 2 - 2:25pm .**

#### **THE JENNINGSBET HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for KING OF THE LAKE, TWIG and ROARING CONQUEST (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference on the bend leaving back-straight involving, NAB WOOD (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Danny McMenamin; JOHN BARBOUR, which was pulled up, ridden by Jack Hogan; JUST GOLDEN (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Harry Atkins and KEABLE (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Mr Jack Stenhouse. Being a 7lb claiming conditional, Atkins was offered the opportunity to be accompanied but declined and being a 7lb claiming amateur, Mr Stenhouse was offered the opportunity to be accompanied but declined. The interference was found to be accidental as the weakening KEABLE (IRE) shifted slightly right-handed at the same time as JUST GOLDEN (IRE) edged marginally left-handed, resulting in JOHN BARBOUR and NAB WOOD (IRE) being buffeted for room and losing their positions.

The performance of JOHN BARBOUR, which was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Fergal O'Brien could provide no explanation for the performance of the gelding. The Veterinary Officer examined JOHN BARBOUR post-race and had nothing to report.

The winner, DOUGHMORE BAY (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Haydock on 14 February 2026, where the gelding finished sixth of thirteen runners, beaten 26 ¼ lengths. Emma Lavelle could provide no explanation for the improvement in form. DOUGHMORE BAY (IRE) was routine tested.

### **Race 3 - 3:00pm .**

#### **THE JENNINGSBET MIDLANDS GRAND NATIONAL (HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE) (CLASS 1)(PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)**

Approaching the final fence, ROCK MY WAY (IRE), placed second, shifted right-handed bumping the winner, ISAAC DES OBEAUX (FR), unbalancing both runners. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of J'ARRIVE DE L'EST (FR), which started favourite and was pulled up, was considered. The representative of Emmet Mullins' explanation that the gelding had made a respiratory noise, was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined J'ARRIVE DE L'EST (FR) post-race and had nothing to report other than some nasal discharge.

The performance of AWORKINPROGRESS (IRE), which started second favourite and was pulled up, was considered. Nick Gifford's explanation that the gelding was never travelling, was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined AWORKINPROGRESS (IRE) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

**Race 4 - 3:35pm .**

**THE JENNINGSBET NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of MILCREE (IRE), which started favourite and was pulled up, was considered. The rider, Danny McMenemy reported that the gelding was never travelling. The Veterinary Officer examined MILCREE (IRE) post-race and reported that the gelding had bled from the nose.

The performance of GOLDEN POINT (FR), which was pulled up, was considered. Lucinda Russell could provide no explanation for the performance of the mare. The Veterinary Officer examined GOLDEN POINT (FR) post-race and had nothing to report.

**Race 5 - 4:10pm .**

**THE JENNINGSBET 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, the representative of Dan Skelton reported that KADASTRAL (FR), placed fourth, was unsuited by the ground described as Soft and would prefer a quicker surface.

**Race 6 - 4:45pm .**

**THE JENNINGSBET HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for KELIJOE (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

**Race 7 - 5:20pm .**

**THE JENNINGSBET MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 4) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for KNIGHT CROSSING (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

DALEELA (IRE) was kicked at the start. Having been examined by the Veterinary Surgeon, the filly was deemed fit to race.