

WINDSOR STEWARDS' REPORT**Monday 24 August 2026**

Stewards: Richard Westropp (Chief Steward), Mark Elgar (Stewards' Panel Chair), Sophie Candy (Steward), Annabelle Johnson (Assistant Steward), Gwen Thomas (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD TO FIRM, GOOD (IN PLACES)

Rail: All rail will be positioned 9 yards off the inside line.

Stalls: 5F,6F,1m2F and 1m3F Centre 1m Inside

Race 1 - 5:13pm .**THE MATCHBOOK BETTING EXCHANGE SUPPORTING UK RACING FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

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

Following the race, Hector Crouch reported QUEEN OF HOPE, unplaced, hung badly right-handed into the rail, the Veterinary Officer examined the filly post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 2 - 5:48pm .**THE JUDDMONTE EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 2) (for horses in Bands B, C and D) (EBF Restricted Race Qualifier) (GBB/GBBPLUS RACE)**

Permission was given for BISCAYSIAN (FR), THE SERGEON and NAKILA SUN (GER) to wear a red hood to post.

REGALISM (IRE) wore earplugs throughout the preliminaries which were removed upon arrival at the start.

Following the race, Pat Dobbs reported SON OF A FISH, unplaced, hung left-handed around the top bend.

Race 3 - 6:18pm .**THE PLAY THE FREE £20,000 MATCHBOOK MATCH 6 HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBBPLUS RACE)**

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

An enquiry was held to consider interference 1 ½ furlongs out involving, MORCAR, placed second, ridden by Pat Dobbs and JUST AN HOUR (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Lewis Edmunds. The interference was found to be accidental as MORCAR rolled quickly right-handed before being corrected, away from the winner, CAPE FEAR who had made for a run up the outside of that gelding, causing Edmunds to have to take a check.

The performance of RAULIN (IRE), which finished last of seven runners, beaten 42 lengths, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Gary & Josh Moore could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance.

Race 4 - 6:48pm .

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Permission was given for BERKSHIRE BOOM (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Race 5 - 7:18pm .

THE MATCHBOOK LOVES RACING HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for MOLLY MAC (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood and for HELLCAT to go early to post.

STAR OBSESSION wore earplugs throughout.

Race 6 - 7:48pm .

THE WINDSOR HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Permission was given for TRAFALGER to go early to post wearing a red hood and for DAKENED EDGE to wear a red hood to post.

Having reviewed the start, the Stewards were satisfied that JUST JUMP (IRE) had refused to race as the start was effected and was therefore deemed a runner.

The Stewards considered the unruly behaviour of JUST JUMP (IRE) which had refused to race. As the gelding had also been very reluctant to race at Windsor on 23 May 2026, Tony Carroll was informed that any future similar behaviour from JUST JUMP (IRE) may result in the horse being reported to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority.

Following the race, Tom Marquand reported DRAGON GOD, placed third, was denied a clear run in the closing stages.