

BRIGHTON STEWARDS' REPORT**Sunday 23 August 2026**

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Caroline Holiday (Stewards' Panel Chair), Joseph Chan (Steward), Lauren Thomson (Assistant Steward), Gwen Thomas (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD TO FIRM, GOOD (IN PLACES)

Rail: Rail has been moved by 3 yards from 6f - 4f Home bend has been moved by 5 yards from 4f - 3 1/2, creating a cutaway.

Stalls: 1m4f - Outside, 1m - Inside, Remainder - Centre

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
3:50pm	DIOMED SPIRIT (GB)	Saffie Osborne	John Egan	(Osborne had a blow out, unable to make it on time)

Race 1 - 2:20pm .**THE BLACKMORE BUILDING CONTRACTORS AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for both WRIST ART (IRE) and THE PUG (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

The Clerk of the Scales reported that Mr Liam McGaffin, the rider of HIGHLAND HARVEY (IRE)), placed third, trained by Gihan Arnolda, had weighed in at 10 stone 7 lbs having weighed out at 10 stone 5 lbs. The rider, the trainer and the Clerk of the Scales were interviewed. Mr McGaffin was suspended for 3 days, on dates to be notified to him by the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority, for weighing in at 2lb overweight.

Following the race, Mr Ross Birkett reported that STINTINO SUNSET, placed second, hung left-handed in the concluding stages.

Race 2 - 2:50pm .**THE blackmorebuild.com EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Band D) (EBF Restricted Race Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Luke Morris reported that TRICKY JENNY, unplaced, ran too free. Ray Dawson reported that WATER ANGEL, placed fourth, was slowly away.

Race 3 - 3:20pm .**THE JOHN HEAL MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Permission was given for CYDNEY SWEENIE to wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, Harry Davies reported that PRISCILLA'S HOPE, unplaced, hung badly left-handed;

the Veterinary Officer reported that the filly had lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 4 - 3:50pm .

THE BLACKMORE EQUESTRIAN CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2) (Brighton Summer Sprint Series Final)

Permission was given for both BIG TIME RASCAL and PREFER THE SISTER (IRE) to go early wearing a red hood to the start; for both WASHINGTON HEIR and PORT HEDLAND to go early to the start.

Leaving the stalls BATED BREEZE (IRE), unplaced, jumped left-handed at the same time as DALEY T (IRE), unplaced, jumped right-handed causing PREFER THE SISTER (IRE), unplaced, to be squeezed out. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The winner GAIANT appeared to show improved form, compared with its previous run at Brighton on 5 August 2026, where the gelding finished seventh of nine, beaten 12½ lengths. The explanation given by the representative of Ian Williams that the gelding had appreciated the dropped back down in trip to 6 furlongs from a mile, was noted. GAIANT was routine tested.

Following the race, Christian Howarth reported that PREFER THE SISTER (IRE), unplaced, had lost its action; the Veterinary Officer examined the mare post-race and reported it to be lame on its right-fore. Kieran Fox reported that TWIRLER, unplaced, was denied a clear run. Joe Leavy reported that SECRET HANDSHEIKH, placed fifth, hung right-handed. The representative of Tony Carroll reported that PORT HEDLAND, unplaced, was denied a clear run. Tyler Heard reported that BATED BREEZE (IRE), unplaced, jumped right-handed leaving the stalls.

Race 5 - 4:20pm .

THE BLACKMORE DESIGN & BUILD HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for KNIGHTS GOLD (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

Following the race, Marco Ghiani reported that FORESEEN , unplaced, anticipated the start thereafter reared after the race was effected and was slowly away as a result.

Race 6 - 4:50pm .

THE BLACKMORE PROUDLY SPONSORING BRIGHTON RACECOURSE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for MY OLD MATE (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

The winner DANEHILL STAR (IRE) appeared to show improved form, compared with its previous run at Brighton on 6 August 2026, where the gelding finished fifth of six, beaten 12½ lengths. The explanation given by the representative of Tony Carroll that on its previous outing the race was not run to suit the gelding, in that he was unable to race handily, was noted.

Following the race, Benoit de la Sayette reported that MARSH BENHAM (IRE), placed fourth, was slowly away.

