

HEREFORD STEWARDS' REPORT

Monday 26 October 2026

Stewards: Thomas Evetts (Chief Steward), Roger Bellamy (Stewards' Panel Chair), Steve Drowne (Steward), Michael Walton (Assistant Steward), Margaret Groves (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD TO FIRM, GOOD (IN PLACES)

Rail: Bends moved out.

Race Delay: At the request of the BHA Racing Department, the following races have been delayed:

Race 1 - 12:48 +3 minutes (now 12:51)
 Race 2 - 1:18 +3 minutes (now 1:21)
 Race 3 - 1:48 +3 minutes (now 1:51)
 Race 4 - 2:18 +3 minutes (now 2:21)
 Race 5 - 2:52 +3 minutes (now 2:55)
 Race 6 - 3:27 +3 minutes (now 3:30)
 Race 7 - 4:00 +2 minutes (now 4:02)

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:18pm	FOZZY OSBOURNE, trained by Grace Harris.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
1:18pm	JETZET (IRE), trained by Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls.	Self Cert (Going)
1:48pm	NICOLAI, trained by Neil Mulholland.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
1:48pm	CHARLES DARNAY, trained by James Owen.	Vets Cert (Girth Gall)
2:18pm	SOLAR JET (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Self Cert (Knocked Joint)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
12:48pm	KING OF THE BRONX (IRE)	Mr Evan Daly	Amber Jackson-Fennell	(Daly not qualified)
2:18pm	ECHO VALLEY (GB)	Ben Poste	Gavin Sheehan	(Poste injured)

Race 1 - 12:48pm .

THE BETTING.BET FREE RACING TIPS 'HANDS AND HEELS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)(Conditional & Amateur Jockeys') (Part of the Racing Excellence Series)

Following the race, Osian Radford reported that LORD CAUVELLIERE (FR), placed fourth, was reluctant to jump off.

Race 2 - 1:18pm .**THE BETTING.BET NEW BETTING SITES NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

The Stewards noted that VALENCIAGA (IRE), unplaced, C'EST POUR MOI (FR), placed third, JOHN GALT (FR), placed fourth, and THEYBOUNCEWELL (IRE), placed second, were all hampered by the faller.

Ben Poste, the rider of JETBOB (IRE) had fallen approaching the bend at the end of the home straight going into the final circuit. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no other horse or rider was involved and was caused by a very free running JETBOB (IRE) running up the inside of the winner, KAMILLE AU KANADA (FR), which did not move off its line at the point where the inside island railing met the field, which resulted in JETBOB (IRE), making contact with the rail causing it to fall.

Race 3 - 1:48pm .**THE BETTING.BET PLAY CHAMPION TIPSTER JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (DIV I) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Jack Tudor reported that MICK THE HAT (IRE), which was pulled up, jumped poorly.

Race 4 - 2:18pm .**THE BETTING.BET PLAY CHAMPION TIPSTER JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (DIV II) (GBB RACE)**

The performance of OURWEEHORSE (IRE) which started favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. The representative of Harry Derham could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. OURWEEHORSE (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Jonathan Burke reported that MERITOCRATIC (IRE), which was pulled up, ran too free and the Veterinary Officer reported that MERITOCRATIC (IRE), which was pulled up, finished lame on its left-fore.

Race 5 - 2:52pm .**THE BETTING.BET FREE BETS MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for HELLO SWEETY and LUCY THE WIRE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Race 6 - 3:27pm .**THE tigerbet.co.uk DOWNLOAD OUR APP MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (Herring Queen Mares' Novices' Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for GRACEFUL GRACE and TANGLED WEBB (IRE) to wear a red hood to post with the latter also going early to post.

Following the race, Sean Houlihan reported that BONNIE LAZAREVIC, which was pulled up, made a bad mistake at the second last hurdle.



Race 7 - 4:00pm .

THE HALO LEISURE MORE THAN JUST A GYM HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

The performance of SANDSCAPE which started favourite and was pulled up, was considered. Henry Daly's explanation that the gelding didn't put its best foot forward today, was noted. SANDSCAPE was routine tested.