

NEWBURY STEWARDS' REPORT

Wednesday 26 August 2026

Stewards: Steve Drowne (Chief Steward), Lyn Williams (Stewards' Panel Chair), Sophie Candy (Steward), Margaret Groves (Assistant Steward), Gwen Thomas (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD TO FIRM

Rail: All rail on the inner most line (Line 1).

Stalls: 1m2f - Inside. Remainder (straight) - Centre.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:20pm	SATURN STAR (IRE), trained by Ralph Beckett.	Vets Cert (Blood Analysis Not Normal)
5:55pm	LETTER TO HERMIONE, trained by Ed Walker.	Going (Changed since declaration)
6:30pm	ELECTRIC DREAMS, trained by James Fanshawe.	Vets Cert (Other)
7:30pm	FANS FAVOURITE, trained by Hugo Palmer.	Going (Changed since declaration)
7:30pm	MAGNATURA (IRE), trained by Tom Ward.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
4:10pm	REGAL TIGER, trained by Hugo Palmer.	Unruly in stalls (Withdrawn by the Starter at 4:12pm)

Race 1 - 4:10pm .

THE PUMP TECHNOLOGY NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for DISSENTER (IRE), EL LAMBO (IRE), SOVEREIGNS HIGH (IRE), and STAR BAYSIDE BOY (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

The Starter reported that REGAL TIGER was unruly when breaking out of the stalls and withdrawn. Hugo Palmer was informed that the colt could not run until the day after passing a stalls test.

Following the race, Robbie Downey reported that the saddle had slipped on GOLDEN OASIS shortly after the start, causing him to unseat.

Race 2 - 4:45pm .

THE BRICKLAYERS ARMS NEWBURY EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4) (DIV I) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for CRUSHERMAN (IRE), FLICK OF AN EYE (IRE), SOL DORADO, and SOLAR SWING (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Race 3 - 5:20pm .

THE BRICKLAYERS ARMS NEWBURY EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4) (DIV II) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Taylor Fisher reported that TOM THUMB, unplaced, was slowly away.

Race 4 - 5:55pm .

THE IRE INCENTIVE, IT PAYS TO BUY IRISH MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for BIDSTA (IRE), BLING (IRE), SOMERS ISLES (IRE), and STARBURSTER (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Race 5 - 6:30pm .

THE GRACELANDS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for WALSON'S LAW to go early to post wearing a red hood, and for CLOUD FOREST, DISTINCT SPIRIT, PRINCESS RASCAL, and RIVER CARD (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching a furlong out, involving ACCADEMIA, placed fifth, ridden by Kieran Shoemark, and BEST RATE, unplaced, ridden by Seamus Cronin. Shoemark was suspended for 3 days for careless riding as he allowed his mount to shift left-handed without timely correction, causing Cronin to have to take a significant check.

Following the race, Billy Loughnane reported that ZATSGOOD, placed third, hung right-handed.

Race 6 - 7:00pm .

THE DAILY RACING BET BOOSTS AT BetVictor HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for COOL MOLLY (IRE) to be mounted in the chute, and go early to post wearing a red hood.

Race 7 - 7:30pm .

THE SHELDRAKE TRAINING LIMITED 'TRAIN AN APPRENTICE' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBBPLUS RACE)

GUESSTIMATE wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after interference inside the final furlong, involving the winner, MAGICAL MERLOT, ridden by David Egan, and EMPIRICAL (IRE), placed second, ridden by Kieran Shoemark. The Stewards considered that the interference had not improved the placing of MAGICAL MERLOT as although the gelding had drifted right-handed towards EMPIRICAL when hanging in the closing stages, moving it slightly off its intended line, EMPIRICAL lost no momentum and was able to continue with a challenging run. The Stewards could not be satisfied that the ground lost by EMPIRICAL from the right-handed shift was more than the winning distance of half a length with MAGICAL MERLOT appearing to hold EMPIRICAL to the line. The interference was

found to be accidental as MAGICAL MERLOT hung right-handed when under pressure in the closing stages despite Egan's best efforts.

Following the race, Tom Marquand reported that GUESSTIMATE, unplaced, ran too free.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Kieran Shoemark	Race - 6:30pm	ACCADEMIA (GB)	3	10 Sep 2026 11 Sep 2026 13 Sep 2026