

ASCOT STEWARDS' REPORT**Saturday 25 July 2026**

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Rupert Sweeting (Stewards' Panel Chair), Steve Drowne (Steward), Milly Bersey (Assistant Steward), Gwen Thomas (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD TO FIRM

Rail: The rail in place on the Round Course on Friday has been removed for Saturday providing fresh ground on the Round Course for King George Day.

Stalls: Straight Course: Centre. Round Course: Inside

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:55pm	AKKADIAN THUNDER, trained by David O'Meara.	Vets Cert (Lame)
5:20pm	DESERT COP, trained by George Baker.	Vets Cert (Rash)

Race 1 - 1:10pm .**THE DENTAKAY EBF CROCKER BULTEEL "CONFINED" MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 2) (Not Run More Than Once)**

Following the race, Jamie Spencer reported that PUBLIC AFFECTION (FR), placed fourth, jumped right-handed out of the stalls.

Race 2 - 1:45pm .**THE PRINCESS MARGARET JAPAN CUP STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 3)**

Permission was given for DEE'S FUNNY GIRL (IRE), ALTA REGINA (IRE) and MOONRISE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference on the run to the line involving, VELOZEE (IRE), placed third, ridden by W. J. Lee; NUIT D'ECLAIR (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by David Egan and the winner, MOONRISE (IRE), ridden by Oisin Murphy. The interference was found to be accidental as MOONRISE (IRE) ducked quickly left-handed away from the whip before being corrected and thereafter continued to hang left-handed despite the riders best efforts, taking NUIT D'ECLAIR (IRE) slightly off intended line resulting in NUIT D'ECLAIR (IRE) and VELOZEE (IRE) making contact and becoming slightly unbalanced.

Race 3 - 2:20pm .**THE LONGINES VALIANT STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 3)**

Permission was given for PINA SONATA and SUKANYA to wear a red hood to post.

William Buick, the rider of TOULEEN, placed fourth, beaten by a short head for third place, had

appeared to ride less vigorously on the run to the line. After being interviewed and shown recordings of the incident, Buick's explanation that in his opinion the filly was resenting the ground described as Good to Firm, which in his opinion was riding too quick for TOULEEN. Buick further explained that the filly was hanging badly right-handed, a fact which he reported at scales, and therefore he felt it was prudent to keep a tight hold of left right rein while trying to maintain forward momentum whilst being vigilant about horses racing to his inside. Buick's explanation was noted.

Following the race, William Buick reported that TOULEEN, placed fourth, hung right-handed.

Race 4 - 2:55pm .

THE MOET & CHANDON INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2) (HERITAGE HANDICAP)

Permission was given for COMPLETELY RANDOM, ARCTIC DAWN, MEZCALA, BACK IN BLACK (IRE), AALTO (FR), PHILANTHROPIST to wear a red hood to post; SWORD to be mounted in the chute. EXTREMELY ZAIN (FR) wore ear plugs which were removed at the start.

An enquiry was held to consider interference on the run to the line involving, the winner, AMAZING JOURNEY (IRE), ridden by Saffie Osborne and EXTREMELY ZAIN (FR), placed fourth, ridden by Tom Marquand. Osborne was suspended for 2 days for careless riding as she allowed her mount to drift left-handed under a right-handed drive without timely correction and when insufficiently clear, causing Marquand to ease his mount and lose momentum.

Following the race, Ryan Moore reported that COMPLETELY RANDOM, unplaced, had no more to give and Jack Doughty reported that LEADMAN, unplaced, was denied a clear run approximately one furlong out.

Race 5 - 3:35pm .

THE KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 1)

The performance of WURTTENBERG (JPN) which finished ninth of nine, beaten 116 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths, was considered. Hiroshi Miyamoto could offer no explanation for the colt's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined WURTTENBERG (JPN) post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Christophe Lemaire reported that MASQUERADE BALL (JPN), unplaced, ran too free.

Race 6 - 4:10pm .

THE ASCOT SHOP HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBBPLUS RACE)

Permission was given for MASTERINTHEWOODS (IRE), TARITINO (IRE), TAILORMAN (FR), MUDITA (IRE), OHARA (GB) to wear a red hood to post; for A DAUGHTERS LOVE to be mounted in the chute.

Approaching the first bend, in a tightly bunched field, OHARA, unplaced, who was racing freely was forced to check off heels which in turn resulted in OASIS SUNRISE (IRE), placed third, being forced to switch left-handed off the heels of OHARA. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of AKHO MEZZNA (FR) which finished seventh of fifteen, beaten 11 lengths, was considered. William Buick reported that the gelding was never travelling; Jack Jones further added that the gelding was unsuited by the ground described as Good to Firm and would prefer a slower surface.

The performance of OHARA (GB) which finished fifteenth of fifteen, beaten 41 ¼ lengths, was considered. Eve Johnson Houghton could provide no explanation for the performance of the gelding. The Veterinary Officer examined OHARA post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 7 - 4:45pm .

THE BETFRED HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Permission was given for HICKORY (IRE) to go early, wear a red hood to post and be mounted in the chute; for BLUE RC (IRE), CROWN BOARD (IRE), GRIZEDALE, SALAM DUBAWI, SPANISH VOICE and URBAN LION to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Harry Davies reported that SALAM DUBAWI, unplaced, stopped quickly.

Race 8 - 5:20pm .

THE WHISPERING ANGEL HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Permission was given for GETREADYTORUMBLE (GB) and RHYTHM N HOOVES to wear a red hood to post; for INDIAN RUN (IRE) to go early, wear a red hood to post; for ALL WAYS GLAMOROUS to go early, wear a red hood to post and be mounted in the chute; for KING OF LIGHT to be mounted in the chute.

Following the race, Saffie Osborne reported that BOLO NEIGHS (IRE), placed sixth, was slowly away; Silvestre De Sousa reported that SIR YOSHI (IRE), unplaced, jumped right-handed from the stalls; Jack Doughty reported that UNDERWRITER (FR), placed fourth, was denied a clear run from one furlong out to approaching half a furlong out.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Saffie Osborne	Race - 2:55pm	AMAZING JOURNEY (IRE)	2	8 Aug 2026 9 Aug 2026