

BANGOR-ON-DEE STEWARDS' REPORT
Saturday 21 March 2026

Stewards: Guy Upton (Chief Steward), Caroline Tellwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Greg Pearson (Steward), Michael Walton (Assistant Steward), Nathan Green (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**
Chase Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 4.5)
Hurdle Course
Hurdle Race: Good (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 5.0)

Rail: All chase bends in 2yrds since last meeting. All hurdle bends in the same position as last meeting, except the bend into the home straight which is out 2yrds.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:37pm	PINOT ROUGE (IRE), trained by Susan Corbett.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:45pm	JUNIOR DES MOTTES (FR), trained by Nick Scholfield.	Going (Changed since declaration)
3:20pm	NOWMELAD (IRE), trained by Henry Oliver.	Self Cert (Other)

Race 1 - 1:07pm .
THE ALFA AGGREGATES PRODUCTS MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

An enquiry was held into the running and riding of DRAKARIS (IRE), ridden by Charlie Todd and trained by Dan Skelton, which was ridden quietly at the rear of the field before being tenderly handled in the home straight to finish eighth of ten runners, beaten 51¼ lengths. The rider and the trainer's representative were interviewed and shown recordings of the race. The Veterinary Officer examined the mare post-race during routine testing on two occasions and had nothing to report. The rider stated his instructions were to drop DRAKARIS (IRE) in and get her settled with a view to finishing the race off better on this occasion, something she had failed to do on both previous starts over hurdles at the 2-mile trip. Todd explained that the mare had relaxed nicely, courtesy of a strong pace and its jumping was satisfactory in the circumstances despite the odd untidy jump. Todd continued by saying that he felt DRAKARIS (IRE) was outpaced on the quicker ground conditions today and when he asked her for an effort the response was very limited. The trainer's representative confirmed the instructions and was satisfied with the ride given. Todd was suspended for 10 days for failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures on DRAKARIS (IRE), in that he had failed to ride his mount in such a way that he could be seen to ask for real and substantial effort to obtain the best possible placing.

Following the race, Theo Gillard reported that DOUBLE INDEMINITY (IRE), which was pulled up, stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and reported that it had an irregular heartbeat.

Race 2 - 1:37pm .**THE WEATHERBYS nhstallions.co.uk HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)**

Nothing to report

Race 3 - 2:15pm .**THE VIRGIN BET HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for NO TACKLE to wear a red hood to post and to be mounted in the chute.

The winner, JOYEAUX MACHIN (FR), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Ascot on 14 February 2026 where the gelding finished ninth of eleven runners, beaten by 34½ lengths. The representative of Dan Skelton's explanation that the gelding benefitted from a drop-in class from Class 1 to a less competitive Class 3 contest, was noted. JOYEAUX MACHIN (FR) was routine tested.

Following the race, Mel Rowley reported that VAL DANCER (IRE), which was pulled up, did not appreciate the going on this occasion, which was officially described as Good to Soft, Good in places and would prefer a slower surface and the Veterinary Officer reported that BO CRUZ (IRE), placed second, lost its left-fore shoe and had symptoms of post-race ataxia.

Race 4 - 2:45pm .**THE WREXHAM LAGER NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

The winner, THEREYARE (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Uttoxeter on 19 December 2025 where the gelding finished eighth of eleven runners, beaten by 34¾ lengths. Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero's explanation that the gelding benefitted from a step up in trip from 2 miles to 2 miles and 7 furlongs as well as the first time application of a tongue strap, was noted. THEREYARE (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Stan Sheppard reported that ROCKVALE (IRE), unplaced, hung left-handed; the Veterinary Officer reported that MAGGIES BOY (IRE), unplaced, and GREEDY SMITH (IRE), unplaced, lost their right-fore shoes.

Race 5 - 3:20pm .**THE VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for THE FOUR SIXES (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Approaching three and a half furlongs out, NORMAN FLETCHER, placed third, lugged quickly left-handed rounding the bend, causing the rider of IN THE AGE (FR), placed fourth, to take a precautionary check which in turn left MAGISTRATO (FR), placed fifth, short of room on the rail but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved and that it had not improved the placing of NORMAN FLETCHER.

The performance of AURIGNY MILL (FR) which finished sixth, was considered. Robert Walford could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance other than that the gelding appears to be struggling to be competitive off his current mark of 138.

Race 6 - 3:55pm .

THE OVERTON HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

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

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that PADDYS POLICY (IRE), which was pulled up, bled from the nose.

Race 7 - 4:30pm .

THE TOM JONES LIVE AT CHESTER RACECOURSE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that GOLDEN IDENTITY, which was pulled up, was lame on its right-fore and Luke Scott reported that NOBLE GEORGE (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Charlie Todd	Race - 1:07pm	DRAKARIS (IRE)	10	4 Apr 2026 5 Apr 2026 6 Apr 2026 7 Apr 2026 8 Apr 2026 9 Apr 2026 10 Apr 2026 11 Apr 2026 12 Apr 2026 13 Apr 2026