

CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 12 March 2026

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Caroline Robinson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Thomas Evetts (Steward), Guy Upton (Steward), Kate Smith (Assistant Steward), Margaret Groves (Raceday Assistant), Daniel Andrews (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: Chase rail +6y

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:00pm	SIXMILEBRIDGE (IRE), trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Going (Changed since declaration)
2:00pm	OLD COWBOY, trained by Gary & Josh Moore.	Self Cert (Temperature)
3:20pm	GWENNIE MAY BOY (IRE), trained by Christian Williams.	Self Cert (Lame)
4:00pm	CROKE PARK (IRE), trained by Gordon Elliott.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
4:00pm	FACT TO FILE (FR), trained by W. P. Mullins.	Going (Changed since declaration)
5:20pm	UNCLE BERT, trained by Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
4:40pm	MINELLA SIXO (IRE)	Sam Ewing	Danny Gilligan	Ewing injured.
2:40pm	JETARA (IRE)	Sam Ewing	James Bowen	Ewing injured.
2:00pm	GOLD DANCER (FR)	Anna McGuinness	Sean Cleary-Farrell	McGuinness unwell.
1:20pm	CHOSEN COMRADE (IRE)	Sam Ewing	Donagh Meyler	Ewing injured.

Race 1 - 1:20pm .

THE RYANAIR MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (Registered as THE DAWN RUN MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for AMEN KATE (IRE), CARRIGMOORNASPRUCE (IRE), OLDSCHOOL OUTLAW (IRE), MANGANESE (FR), and MILLE ET UNE VIES (FR), and ECHOING SILENCE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

After an initial false start, the start was effected successfully on the second attempt from a standing start. However, having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

It was noted that AMEN KATE (IRE), unplaced, was reluctant to jump off hampering BLUE VELVET

(IRE), unplaced, causing them both to be slow to start.

The performance of BAMBINO FLYER (IRE), which started favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. W. P. Mullins confirmed Paul Townend's report that the filly jumped poorly and stopped quickly, and added that BAMBINO FLYER (IRE) was unsuited by the Good, Good to Soft in places ground and would prefer a slower surface; his explanation was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined BAMBINO FLYER (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 2 - 2:00pm .

THE JACK RICHARDS NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (Registered as The GOLDEN MILLER) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for WINGMEN (IRE), and THE BLUESMAN (FR) to wear a red hood to post, and for REGENT'S STROLL (IRE) to go early to post.

After an initial false start, the start was effected successfully on the second attempt. However, having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

It was noted that at the fifth fence, OL MAN DINGLE (IRE), unplaced, made a bad mistake nearly unseating the rider.

The winner, MEETMEBYTHESEA (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Newbury on 07 February 2026, where the gelding finished last of six runners, beaten by 51¼ lengths. Ben Pauling explained that MEETMEBYTHESEA (IRE) had benefitted from a step up in trip from 2 miles, to 2 miles 4 furlongs, and today's Good, Good to Soft in places ground, compared to the Heavy, Soft in places at Newbury. His explanation was noted, MEETMEBYTHESEA (IRE) was routine tested.

Following the race, Tom Bellamy reported that MOON ROCKET (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling. The Veterinary Officer reported that DR EGGMAN (FR), unplaced, finished lame on its left-hind leg.

Race 3 - 2:40pm .

THE CLOSE BROTHERS MARES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Registered as The DAVID NICHOLSON MARES' HURDLE) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for DREAM ON BABY (IRE) and FEET OF A DANCER (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

Race 4 - 3:20pm .

THE PADDY POWER STAYERS' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for HONESTY POLICY (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

On the approach to the final flight, the winner, HOME BY THE LEE (IRE), edged slightly right-handed moving KABRAL DU MATHAN (FR), placed fourth, towards the outside rail which resulted in BALLYBURN (IRE), placed second, and TEAHUPOO (FR), placed sixth, becoming momentarily inconvenienced. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was

involved and it had not improved the placing of HOME BY THE LEE (IRE).

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after the final flight involving BALLYBURN (IRE), placed second, ridden by Paul Townend, and TEAHUPOO (FR), placed sixth, ridden by Jack Kennedy. Townend was cautioned for careless riding for allowing his mount to drift left-handed away from the rail under a right-hand drive, causing a tiring TEAHUPOO (FR) to be taken marginally off its intended line.

The performance of IMPOSE TOI (FR), which was pulled up, was considered. It was noted that Nicky Henderson confirmed Nico de Boinville's report that the gelding was never travelling; the Veterinary Officer examined IMPOSE TOI (FR) post-race and had nothing to report.

The performance of MA SHANTOU (IRE), which finished eighth, beaten by 50¾ lengths, was considered. It was noted that Emma Lavelle had no explanation for the gelding's performance; the Veterinary Officer examined MAN SHANTOU (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that KABRAL DU MATHAN (FR), placed fourth, had lost its right-fore shoe.

Race 5 - 4:00pm .

THE RYANAIR STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 1) (Registered as The FESTIVAL TROPHY) (Grade 1) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for MATATA (IRE) to go early to post wearing a red hood. JONBON (FR) wore earplugs which were removed at the start.

The performance of IMPAIRE ET PASSE (FR), which was pulled up, was considered. It was noted that W. P. Mullins confirmed Paul Townend's report that the gelding was never travelling; the Veterinary Officer examined IMPAIRE ET PASSE (FR) post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 6 - 4:40pm .

THE PERTEMPS NETWORK FINAL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for LAVIDA ADIVA (IRE), IKARAK (FR), YEAH MAN (IRE), C'EST DIFFERENT (FR), and CHAMPAGNE CHIC (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

After an initial false start, the start was effected successfully on the second attempt from a standing start. However, having reviewed recordings of the false start, the Starters were satisfied that no riders should be reported for contravening the starting procedures.

An enquiry was held to consider interference shortly after the second last flight involving the winner, SUPREME WEST (IRE), ridden by Harry Skelton, and IKE SPORT (FR), unplaced, ridden by Connor O'Farrell. Skelton was cautioned for careless riding for edging his mount left-handed towards the rail when insufficiently clear, causing O'Farrell to have to take a slight check.

Following the race, Jack Kennedy reported that STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT (IRE), which was pulled up, jumped badly right-handed; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.



Race 7 - 5:20pm .

**THE ROSCONN GROUP FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP
STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for HERAKLES WESTWOOD (FR), SANDOR CLEGANE (IRE), CAVE COURT (IRE) and GERICAULT ROQUE (FR) to wear a red hood to post, and for IL RIDOTO (FR) to go early to post wearing a red hood, and be mounted in the chute.

At the top of the hill on the first circuit in a tightly bunched field, KIM ROQUE (FR), placed fourth, became momentarily short for room on the inside running rail causing the rider to take a check, but after viewing a recording of the incident it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Following the race, James King reported that HUNG JURY (IRE), which was pulled up, was never travelling.