

CHESTER STEWARDS' REPORT**Sunday 02 August 2026**

Stewards: Greg Pearson (Chief Steward), Caroline Robinson (Stewards' Panel Chair), Tom Evetts (Steward), Lyndsay Glynn (Assistant Steward), Daniel Andrews (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD

Rail: Rail will be out approximately 9 yards from 6f - 1.5f and 3 yards from the 1.5f - 6f.

Stalls: 1m2f - Outside Remainder - Inside

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
4:52pm	NAPLES (IRE), trained by Steph Hollinshead.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Race 1 - 2:10pm .**THE RADNOR HILLS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBBPLUS RACE)**

Permission was given for CHARMAINE and TIMBER TWELVE to wear a red hood to post.

The performance of TIMBER TWELVE, which started second favourite but finished last of the seven runners, beaten 8½ lengths, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Michael Bell could offer no explanation for the performance, other than the gelding may have been unsuited by the tight nature of the track on this occasion. The Veterinary Officer examined TIMBER TWELVE post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 2 - 2:45pm .**THE BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF "CONFINED" MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4) (For horses which have not run more than three times) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for SOVEREIGNS HIGH (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Race 3 - 3:20pm .**THE QUEENSFERRY STAKES (CLASS 1) (Listed Race)**

Permission was given for ARDISIA (IRE), JAZL (IRE), SIRIUS A (IRE), FITZELLA and SIMPLIFY (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider interference entering the first bend, when LIFEPLAN (IRE), placed third, ridden by Zak Wheatley, interfered with ROCK ON THUNDER (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Kevin Stott. Wheatley was cautioned for careless riding as he had edged left-handed when not fully clear of ROCK ON THUNDER (IRE), causing Stott to briefly steady his mount when short of room.

Approximately 1 furlong out, SIRIUS A (IRE), unplaced, lugged slightly right-handed off the bend, at the same time as FITZELLA, placed fifth, edged left-handed, resulting in SONG OF THE CLYDE, placed

sixth, being briefly inconvenienced when short of racing room. 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 FITZELLA.

The winner, SIMPLIFY (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Ascot on 19 June 2026, where the filly finished sixteenth of twenty-seven, beaten 10 lengths. It was noted that the representative of Andrew Balding could offer no explanation for the filly's improved form. SIMPLIFY (IRE) was routine tested.

Race 4 - 3:52pm .

THE DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AT LOWRY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Permission was given for ROMAN DRAGON and THE ANGEL KING to wear a red hood to post, for KHAFIZ (IRE) to go to post early wearing a red hood, and for KORKER (IRE) to be mounted in the chute and go to post early.

Leaving the stalls, MIAMI MATRIX (IRE), unplaced, jumped awkwardly and shifted right-handed, slightly hampering THE ANGEL KING, placed second. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Rounding the home bend, THE STRIKIN VIKING (IRE), unplaced, hung right-handed despite the rider's best efforts, carrying MIAMI MATRIX (IRE), unplaced, off its intended line, which in turn resulted in ROMAN DRAGON, placed sixth, losing its position when tightened for racing room. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of POWER FIZZ (IRE), which finished unplaced, beaten 27¼ lengths, was considered. It was noted that the representative of William Haggas could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Jack Nicholls reported that KORKER (IRE), unplaced, hung right-handed. Faleh Bughenaim reported that THE STRIKIN VIKING (IRE), unplaced, hung right-handed throughout and also proved very difficult to ride out in the home straight.

Race 5 - 4:22pm .

THE J20 CLASSIFIED CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for BLUE PRINCE (IRE) to go to post early wearing a red hood.

Race 6 - 4:52pm .

THE TOM JONES LIVE AT CHESTER RACECOURSE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBBPLUS RACE)

Entering the first bend, the free running winner, TIGER (FR), shifted left-handed to avoid the heels of CAPE FEAR, placed second, and as a result the hard pulling EAGLE DAY (IRE), placed fifth, was left very awkwardly placed on the rail for a number of strides. 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 TIGER (FR).