

FONTWELL PARK STEWARDS' REPORT

Sunday 24 May 2026

Stewards: Shaun Parker (Chief Steward), Caroline Holliday (Stewards' Panel Chair), Richard Westropp (Steward), Milly Bersey (Assistant Steward), Chris Hill (Raceday Assistant)
 Going: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)
 Rail: Split top bend. Chase Inner, Hurdles 18 yards out for fresh ground. Fences full width, Hurdles Outer.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:35pm	PEACE MOTIVATOR, trained by Barry Murphy.	Self Cert (Coughing)
3:10pm	JACK'S JURY (IRE), trained by Barry Murphy.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
3:45pm	FRESH AS A DAISY, trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
3:10pm	GATA BAN (IRE), trained by Neil Mulholland.	Other Withdrawn by the Trainer at 2:53pm
4:20pm	JEFE TRIUNFO (FR), trained by Chris Gordon.	Other Withdrawn by the Trainer at 3:49pm

Race 1 - 2:00pm .

THE KSR LIGHTING NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Harry Bannister, the rider of THEPASSINGCYCLONE, was unseated jumping the final hurdle due to his saddle slipping.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that SNOWSKI (IRE), which was pulled up, finished lame on its left fore.

Race 2 - 2:35pm .

THE V2 RADIO HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

LADY DAPPLE ROSE (IRE) unseated Callum Pritchard leaving the parade ring. Having been checked by the Doctor, Pritchard was deemed fit to race.

Jumping the first hurdle, WHATCOMBE (IRE), which was later pulled up, jumped sharply left-handed across LADY DAPPLE ROSE (IRE), which stumbled and fell as a result. After viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

Jumping the final hurdle, the winner, SHALFA (IRE), jumped slowly at the same time as JACQUETTA (IRE), placed second, jumped left-handed and was forced to switch sharply left-handed off the heels of SHALFA (IRE), taking HIERO SPORT (FR), placed third, off its intended line. 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 SHALFA (IRE) or JACQUETTA (IRE).

Following the race, Bradley Harris reported that GIDDYUPADINGDONG (IRE), placed fifth, made a bad mistake jumping the second last hurdle.

Race 3 - 3:10pm .

THE SUN RACING SUMMER JUMPS CHAMPIONSHIP HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5) (ARC Summer Chase Series Qualifier)

Permission was given for TWP STORI to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that TWP STORI, placed third, had bled from the nose.

Race 4 - 3:45pm .

THE MERCEDES-BENZ OF CHICHESTER MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Nothing to report

Race 5 - 4:20pm .

THE SOUTHCOAST HOMECARE EXCELLENCE IN CARE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Nothing to report

Race 6 - 4:55pm .

THE A.W.JEFFREYS (SOUTHAMPTON) LTD HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5) (ARC Summer Chase Series Qualifier)

Permission was given for GORCOMBE MOONSHINE to wear a red hood to post.

The winner, FOOTLOOSE MAN, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Fontwell on 6 May 2026, where the gelding finished sixth of eight runners, beaten 16 ¼ lengths. Richard Hobson's explanation that the gelding had benefitted from being able to settle with an easy lead on this occasion, was noted. FOOTLOOSE MAN was routine tested.

Race 7 - 5:30pm .

THE LAND & POWER MARES' OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 3 Elimination) (GBB RACE)

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching the final set of wings involving, the winner, KENTFORD LEGACY, ridden by Daniel Samson; SKY BLUE RIBBON (IRE), placed fourth, ridden by Richie McLernon and LA DAME ECARLATE, placed second, ridden by Gavin Sheehan. The interference was found to be accidental as SKY BLUE RIBBON (IRE) edged slightly left-handed at the same time as KENTFORD LEGACY lugged sharply right-handed causing LA DAME ECARLATE to be



short of room between runners and SKY BLUE RIBBON (IRE) to be taken off its intended line.

Following the race, Luke Scott reported that GLAD TO BE ALIVE, unplaced, ran green and hung left-handed.