

SEDGEFIELD STEWARDS' REPORT**Sunday 18 October 2026**

Stewards: Alan Dempsey (Chief Steward), Franki Clark (Stewards' Panel Chair), Adrian Smith (Steward), Beth Westran (Assistant Steward), Sarah Russell (Raceday Assistant).
Going: GOOD
Rail: Fresh running line. All bends are divided No Additional distances, all race distances are as advertised

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:20pm	TOM CREEN (IRE), trained by Sam England.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
3:50pm	TOP FLIGHT CENTURY (FR), trained by David Thompson.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)

Race 1 - 1:50pm .**THE MICHAEL AND OLIVIA WATSON NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 2 - 2:20pm .**THE CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF VICKERS BOOKMAKERS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)**

Nothing to report

Race 3 - 2:50pm .**THE THE ROFLOW SPECIALIST VENTILATION & DEHUMIDIFICATION 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 3:20pm .**THE BET VICKERS DURHAM NATIONAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

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.

Following the race, Jack Tudor reported that KI WOO (FR), which was pulled up, was never travelling.

Race 5 - 3:50pm .**THE VICKERS BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)**

The winner, NATURAL ABILITY (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Sedgefield on 7 October 2026 where the gelding finished seventh of ten runners, beaten by 44¼ lengths. Chris Grant's explanation that NATURAL ABILITY (IRE) benefited from the step up in trip to 2 miles and 4 furlongs from 2 miles and 1 furlong was noted. The gelding was routine tested.

Following the race, Joe Williamson reported that CLEAN GETAWAY (IRE), placed fifth, made a bad mistake at the third-last hurdle.

Race 6 - 4:20pm .

THE DOWNLOAD THE www.betvickers.com APP HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

KLITSCHKO wore earplugs throughout the race.

Following the race, Harry Skelton reported that GAMBINO (IRE), which started favourite and finished unplaced, weakened quickly from the second-last hurdle and the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 7 - 4:50pm .

THE MW CIVILS & GROUNDWORKS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 2 Elimination) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Brian Hughes reported that GOING ON (IRE), which started favourite and finished unplaced, weakened quickly from turning into the home straight and the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.