

KEMPTON PARK STEWARDS' REPORT

Monday 23 March 2026

Stewards: Fergus Sweeney (Chief Steward), Rupert Sweeting (Stewards' Panel Chair), Joseph Chan (Steward), Ben Ford (Assistant Steward), Michael Walton (Raceday Assistant).
 Going: GOOD
 Rail: The Chase Course rail was moved out 5 yards and the Hurdle Course rail was moved 4 yards since our last fixture. We are utilizing a dual bend alignment after the winning post, with the effect on distances added/subtracted to race distance details

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:00pm	T R FIVE, trained by David Bridgwater.	Going (Not changed since declaration but horse on course and ID checked by VO)
2:00pm	BOWLING SHANE (IRE), trained by Clive Boulton-Brooks.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
4:40pm	GOLD FOR ALEC (FR), trained by Tom Symonds.	Self Cert (Girth Gall)
4:40pm	SONIC PIONEER, trained by Martin Keighley.	Self Cert (Bad Scope)

Race 1 - 2:00pm .

THE VIRGIN BET MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 2 - 2:30pm .

THE VIRGIN BET 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for STEP AHEAD (IRE) and TESTING PATIENCE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Tom Bellamy reported that HELLO TOM (IRE), which was pulled up, stopped quickly. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 3 - 3:00pm .

THE VIRGIN BET DAILY EXTRA PLACES NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

The winner, LARGY PANIC (IRE), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Exeter on 9 January 2026, where the gelding finished eighth of fourteen runners, beaten 60 1/4 lengths. Ben Clarke's explanation that the gelding had benefitted from a drop in trip from 2 miles 5 furlongs on its last start and had appreciated the quicker surface, officially described as Good, was noted. LARGY



PANIC (IRE), was routine tested.

Following the race, Veterinary Officer reported that LUCY THE WIRE (IRE), placed second, sustained a wound to its left-fore.

Race 4 - 3:30pm .

THE VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Freddie Gordon reported that JOREBEL (FR), placed fifth, hung left-handed. The Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 5 - 4:05pm .

THE VIRGIN BET HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Harry Cobden reported that WELCOM TO CARRIES (FR), placed third, made a bad mistake at the open ditch on the final circuit.

Race 6 - 4:40pm .

THE VIRGIN BET CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Following the race, Freddie Gordon reported that POET LAUREATE (FR), placed fifth, hung left-handed and the Veterinary Officer reported that DIYAKEN (FR), placed third, bled from the nose.

Race 7 - 5:15pm .

THE VIRGIN BET OPEN HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Nothing to report