



## Epsom's bank holiday racing results

The seven-race card at Epsom on Monday afternoon saw a good spread of results with a pair of winning favourites alongside some less anticipated victors, with some very impressive winning distances among them; the combined winning distance was around 15 lengths.

*Read on for a full report of the Epsom card, courtesy of **Sporting Life**.*

Up first was a six-furlong handicap (1.35). Of the six runners, the most fancied was Emma Lavelle's Silver Wraith at 6/4, who raced in touch with the leader, Em Four (6/1), who made all and began to extend his lead in the last couple of furlongs. The favourite could get no closer, with a challenge delivered by George Baker's Danger Alert, but the Jamie Osborne-trained Em Four was not for catching and won by a length.

Next was a seven-furlong two-year-olds' maiden (2.10). In a field of just four, Andrew Balding's Ghost Mode, ridden by Oisin Murphy, was the favourite at 1/3. The colt was keen, though, and though he led into the closing stages, he couldn't hold on for long enough and was overtaken by Ollie Sangster's filly Mayaada in the hands of Sam James at 4/1. The Nick Bradley Racing-owned filly won by a tidy two and a half lengths.

Following was a seven-furlong handicap (2.45). This saw our first winning favourite of the afternoon; David Loughnane's Partisan Hero under Rossa Ryan (3/1). This was a competitive race, with a number of possibilities with two furlongs left to travel. The market leader had to fight Archie Watson's Aurora Majesty home, but managed to cross the line a head in front with Native American following on in third.

An amateur riders' handicap was next, run over a mile and four furlongs (3.20). This race saw the second and final favourite of the day win a race; Gordon Grey at 9/4 for Ben Brookhouse under Paul Hainey. The grey gelding was never really in doubt, making all from the off in first-time cheekpieces, and no other runner made it close to him. Ridden home, Gordon Grey was eased down over the line and won by a very impressive five lengths.

Race five was a handicap run over a mile and a quarter (3.55). Oisin Murphy rode the favourite once again, Andrew Balding's Soul Dance, who led the field for most of the way. The pair looked likely to win at the two-furlong pole, but Ed Walker's Stormy Monday ran on home more strongly and snatched the win under Kieran Shoemark, eventually crossing the line nearly three lengths ahead.

The penultimate race was a handicap over the extended mile (4.28). Three of the field of six were finishing strongly; Jiff's Army, Due West and Play Me, with the former pair ahead of the rest. In the end, though Jiff's Army and Due West duelled home, it was Jiff's Army who stuck his neck to take the win under Rossa Ryan at 11/2.

Finally, the afternoon's racing concluded with a seven-furlong handicap (5.03). It was a slightly surprising result in that the favourite, 11/8 Silver Trumpet, all but pulled up having reportedly lost his action, while the 9/1 shot The Bitter Moose made all under Jim Crowley to win in emphatic fashion by nearly five lengths, totally unchallenged.

### **Epsom results - Monday:**

1.35 - Em Four (6/1)

2.10 - Mayaada (4/1)

2.45 - Partisan Hero (3/1)

3.20 - Gordon Grey (9/4)

3.55 - Stormy Monday (5/1)

4.28 - Jiff's Army (11/2)

5.03 - The Bitter Moose (9/1)

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