

STEWARDS REPORT

Race Meeting: My Lady's Manor

Date: April 15, 2023

Stewards: Gregg Morris
Rug Howard
Tad Zimmerman
Barry Watson, Safety Steward

Weather: Showers

Course: Compaction: 100-110
Moisture: 6-8

Clerk of Scales: Jake Chalfin

Starter: Harrison Young

Official Actions:

First Race: VINTAGE VINNIE, trained by Joe Davies, was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing. Since this was a stakes race the first two finishers were designated for post race testing.

Second Race: CAUSE FOR PARDON clipped the top of the 10th fence and lost rider Freddie Procter. Procter was initially cleared by the course physician. However, a second evaluation after the third race resulted in Procter being sent to the hospital for imaging of his upper back. Consequently Procter is currently on the NOT CLEARED list.

Note: There was a 30 minute delay between the second and third races due to lightning in the area.

Third Race: FAMILY TREE fell with Colin Smith at the 8th fence. Smith was transported to the hospital for further evaluation so was NOT CLEARED. QUALITY CHOICE was pulled up after the 10th fence after losing touch with the rest of the field. ADJUTANT was well distanced from the field when he refused at the 14th fence and unseated Conor Tierney. The Stewards met with Tierney after he was cleared by the course physician and advised him to pull his mount up when clearly out of the race in future.

Fourth Race: After the race the Stewards met with Theresa Dimpfel who had continued in the race on POCKET TALK after being completely distanced from the field. She was also advised to pull her mount up to avoid injury when so far behind.

Official Comments:

An interesting day of racing despite erratic weather which included sunshine, lightning, brief heavy rain, and then sunshine. The course held up beautifully throughout. There was considerable pre-race concern about horses slipping on the turns, particularly the one after the 8th fence. In examining the position of the three beacons that comprise that turn with the Clerk of the Course it was suggested that moving the beacons about 12 feet to the inside and up the hill would help to alleviate the problem. Since the beacons are anchored in cement moving them is not easy. And since the course has been set in this traditional way for many years, the Committee may be reluctant to change it in any way. But it is our hope that they will consider it.

Gregg Morris, Presiding