

STEWARDS REPORT

RACE MEETING: Old Dominion Hounds

Date: April 8, 2023

WEATHER: A little overcast, 52 degrees

COURSE CONDITION:
Compaction: 135 Firm to Hard
Moisture: 6

CLERK OF SCALES: Stephanie Malevich
Rick Willis

STARTER: Sean White

STEWARDS: Bill Hair, Wayne Van Sant, Coley Blind

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

The race card consisted of 3 sanctioned races with several non-sanctioned point to point races, The sanctioned races were race 2, race 3 and race 7.

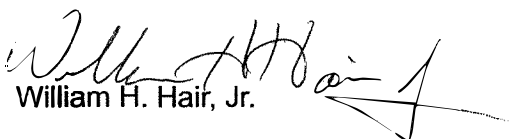
Race 2: Hipnotizada pulled up before the 2nd last fence, tired.

Race 3: By the Riverside trained by Keri Brion was randomly selected by the stewards for Pre-race TCO2 testing. Be Yourself, By the Riverside and Keys Discount all pulled up before the last and appeared to have tired. Thaleeq stumbled landing after the 5th fence unseating Ross Geraghty who was cleared by the course physician.

Race 7: 4 starters with all 4 finishing with no incidents. However, after Barry Foley riding Stooshie jumped the last fence, he struck his horse multiple times. He was on the outside in front of the crowd, it was disturbing enough to the stewards that we viewed the film. We went back before the last and counted 2 shoulder/neck taps with either the crop or reins, it was unclear. Then counted 4 strikes to the finish (about 1 furlong distance). The real issue for us at that point was not the number of strikes but did his hand go above his shoulder. We could not determine that because of the poor film angle. No action was taken on race day but we decided that it should be brought to attention of the Stewards Advisory Committee for further review.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Even though the going was firm to hard there was a several inch thick cover that really helped cushion the going but overall the race course was in very good shape. There was some pre-race discussion earlier in the week about the last hurdle fence. It measured about a furlong from the finish, we left the fence in place and there were no issues or comments from anyone about the location.


William H. Hair, Jr.