

STEWARDS REPORT

Race Meeting: Maryland Hunt Cup

Date: April 29, 2023

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

Weather: Clear

Course: Compaction: 90
Moisture: 8

Clerk of Scales: Ed McLaughlin

Starter: Chris Daney

Official Actions:

ROCKET STAR RED was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing.

The Race: GOODOLDTIMES lost rider Colin Smith at the 11th fence. Smith was later cleared by the course physician.
ROCKET STAR RED fell with Brett Owings at the 13th fence. Owings was NOT CLEARED by the course physician.
HILL TIE pulled up (distanced) after the 14th fence.
BLACKHALL fell with Theresa Dimpfel at the 16th fence. Dimpfel was NOT CLEARED by the course physician.
VINTAGE VINNIE and SHOOTIST both pulled up after the 18th fence.

After the race the Safety Steward reported that all horses were accounted for back at the barn and the course veterinarian told him there were no equine injuries.

Official Comments:

The course was in beautiful shape again this year and rain the day before the race resulted in optimal going. The Race Committee is commended for a well-prepared course and well-organized event. The following items are mentioned as areas of possible improvement.

The Paddock: A few years ago, the Race Committee implemented a policy restricting lead ponies in the paddock. The policy was meant to avoid a situation of dangerous congestion in the paddock. This year several trainers circumvented it by conscripting outriders to accompany their horses in the paddock. Since this clearly subverts the intent of the original policy it is recommended that in future either the Race Committee restrict outriders in the paddock or require any trainer who wishes to have an outrider accompany his or her horse request the privilege in advance, either with the paddock judges or the Stewards.

The video: When the Stewards convened in the video trailer to watch a replay of the race it took about 15 minutes before the tech could pull up any video of the race. The tech said, "it isn't working," and had no other explanation. Finally, a single camera view came up and several minutes later another camera view. This delay in the replay would have resulted in an inordinate delay in making the race official had there been an Inquiry or foul claim.

Gregg Morris, Presiding
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