

Radnor Races

Race meeting: Radnor Hunt Races

Date: May 20, 2023

Stewards: Charles Fleischmann
Rug Howard
Wayne Van Sant
Doris Paxson (Safety)

Weather: Early light rain, temp in 60s,
overcast

Course Condition: Smooth, good cover
Compaction: 13 to 14, firm

Steward's Secretary: Bill Gallo
Harper McVey

Clerk of Scales: Jake Chalfin

Starter: Harrison Young

Official Actions:

High Def, #3 in the third race was scratched by trainer at 0940 - hard ground.
Imperial Assassin, #8 in the first race, was randomly selected for TCO2 testing

Races:

First Race: Mark Watts, rider of #4 Total Joy, was 10# overweight. Master McGrath (#2), Kiyomori (#5) and Braille (#6) pulled up before the last tired.

Second Race: Girl Dad, #1, fell at 4th, Fit for a King, #6, fell at the last. Girl Dad was vanned off the course. Thomas Garner, rider of #1 Girl Dad, was cleared but took himself off his rides for the rest of the day. Mark Watts, rider of #6, Fit for a King, was not cleared to ride.

Third Race: Great Road, #2 ridden by Eric Poretz, made his finishing drive a turn early which caused him to miss a fence. Upon realizing his mistake he returned to where he had left the prescribed course and resumed the race finishing third of three by many lengths. After the race Poretz was interviewed by the Stewards. Poretz was fined \$250 for violation of 6.4.C.6.

Fourth Race: Barry Foley rode #3, Modus Operandi, replacing Thomas Garner. Freddy Procter rode #9, Bee Major, for Mark Watts. Withoutdestination, #5, was scratched due to hard ground. Gearhead, #2, pulled up 2 out tired. Bee Major, #9, pulled up at the last tired.

Fifth race: Steven Mulqueen rode Niagara Gold, #1, for Mark Watts. Ross Geraghty rode Ratify, #2, for Thomas Garner. Kenya Road, #6, pulled up 2 out tired.

Other Comments:

The teams at Radnor, both equine and social, are to be commended for managing the transition from the loss of Skip Achuff so successfully and seamlessly. The changes to the stabling location was commented on favorably by many of the trainers and staff as making for a quieter environment for the horses waiting for their race or cooling out. The timber fences were rebuilt with a slight lean away, the ground rail pulled out of the ground and the top rail made to breakaway but restrained by being roped to the lower rail. There were no fallers but the strength of the restraining ties should be increased as the top rail got knocked out with not much impact. It is noted that an additional camera would be useful for a side view of the finish run.

The Clerk of Scales suggests that a gate in the rail for jockeys returning to weigh in directly across from the breezeway of the tower would improve the after race efficiency and security.

Respectfully
Charles Fleischmann