

# Genesee Valley Hunt Races

**Race meeting:** Genesee Valley Hunt Races

**Date:** October 14, 2023

**Stewards:** Charles Fleischmann  
Ron Walker  
Jerry Richards  
Doris Paxson (Safety)

**Weather:** Early light rain, temp in 50s,  
Rain increased as day progressed

**Steward's Secretary:** Resse Howard

**Course Condition:** Good cover, variable  
smoothness

**Compaction:** NA

**Moisture:** NA

**Clerk of Scales:** Meg Lloyd

**Starter:** Jeff Mulligan

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**Official Actions:** The following horses were special tested: The Butler Yates(IRE), Monbeg Stream(IRE) and Salamanca School (FR). The following horses were tested for TCO2: Andi'Amu (FR), Monbeg Stream(IRE), Renegade River and Royal Ruse.

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## Pre Race:

**Friday:** It was noticed that the Overnight pages did not match the Condition book order of racing or the programmed order of racing. It was decided to follow the Condition book order of racing and the comments below follow the race numbers in the Condition book and program, not the overnights.

Affected trainers were notified to ensure they were able to follow the Lasix protocol.

Some areas of the track had surface irregularities that were corrected.

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## Races:

**First Race:** The Martha S Wadsworth Memorial Maiden Timber: Quality Choice,#1, fell at the 7th. Lost Story,#4, fell at the 15th. Jockeys Brett Owings and Elizabeth Scully were cleared to ride

**Second Race:** The Cross Country Plate: Due to the issue with the overnights not matching the program, this race went out labelled as the Genesee Valley Hunt Cup. Rakhaa, #5, fell at the 11th fence. Rider Sarah Cundith was not cleared to ride.

**Third Race:** The Genesee Valley Hunt Cup: Jockey Teddy Davis replaced Sarah Cundith on Andi'Amu, #1. Renegade River, #3, fell at the 8th. Conor Tierney was cleared to ride.

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## Other Comments:

Some effects of the flooded 2021 race damage were still evident in places around the course. The areas around the jumps had received a lot of attention and the ground there was good. Between the fences there were areas that received attention the day before the races. The rain that started Friday night and lasted throughout Saturday significantly improved the footing.

Several discussions were held where the need for a smoother racing surface was emphasised and agreed upon. Contacts for several managers of other course were shared. There was agreement that the course would be rolled as soon as possible after race day and the aerated to supplement any frost heaving that might occur.

There were eight sets of fences on the course. The inner course fences were lower than the outer course and were of uniform construction. The outer course had break away top rails on six of the eight fences while the remaining two were large chicken coop fences. All three types of fences had fallers over them.

Respectfully

Charles Fleischmann