



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Virginia Racing Commission

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### STEWARDS' REPORT

**RACE MEETING:** Virginia Gold Cup

**DATE:** May 4, 2024

**WEATHER:** light rain, 56°

**COURSE CONDITION:** soft  
Compaction: est. 100-110 psi  
Moisture: 10

**CLERK OF SCALES:** Harrison Young

**STARTER:** Sterling Young

**STEWARDS:** Larry Curtis  
Beale Payne  
Tad Zimmerman

Wayne Van Sant (Safety Compliance Officer)

#### OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

**First Race:** *FIELD MARSHALL*, *MISCHIEF AFOOT*, and *PRICE TALK* were pulled up 2 fences from the finish.

**Second Race:** *PURSUIING PACE* fell 4 fences from the finish and was vanned off. He suffered a fractured left shoulder and was transported to the New Bolton Center for surgery.

*WORLD FACTOR* and *DIZZY KITTY* were pulled up 2 fences from the finish.

*CARLOUN* lost his rider, Stephen Mulqueen, at the last fence. Stephen Mulqueen was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

**Third Race:** There was a Stewards' Inquiry into the running of the race.

Approaching the 4<sup>th</sup> fence, *STORM TEAM*, ridden by Graham Watters cut a beacon to the inside and continued in the race.

*OUR FRIEND*, ridden by Teddy Davies and *COURT RULER*, ridden by Jamie Bargary, cut the next beacon to the outside and pulled up.

*STORM TEAM* was disqualified for having gone off course.

After the last race the Stewards met with the three riders who had gone off course. All three riders waived their right to notice and representation by counsel under 11VAC10-70-110.

Graham Watter was fined \$250 for having gone off course and an additional \$250 for having continued in the race after having gone off course. See VRC Ruling #2024-GM-1.

Jamie Bargary was fined \$250 for having gone off course. See VRC Ruling #2024-GM-2.

Having listened to testimony from Teddy Davies that he was forced off course by *STORM TEAM*, and further review of the video, the Stewards' ruled his having gone off course to have been accidental and no penalty was assessed.

**Fourth Race:** *CIOBOLIAN* was pulled up before the last.

**Fifth Race:** All horses in the race had blood drawn pre-race for TCO2 testing.

*GO POKE THE BEAR* fell 4 fences from the finish. He sustained a right radius fracture and was euthanized on the course. His rider, Patrick O'Hanlon was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

*GORDON'S JET* lost his rider at the second to last. His rider, Bernie Dalton, was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

Graham Watters, the rider of second place finisher, *WELSHMAN*, having waived his right to notice and representation by counsel under 11VAC10-70-110, was found to have struck his horse 8 times, 2 strikes in excess of the 6 strikes allowed. He was fined \$250 and suspended for 1 day. The suspension is to be served on Saturday May 18, 2024. See VRC Ruling #2024-GM-3.

It was reported that *WELSHMAN* had suffered a possible puncture of his left front tendon sheath and he was transported to the nearby Piedmont Equine facility for further evaluation.

**Sixth Race:** All horses in the race had blood drawn pre-race for TCO2 testing.

*INCLUDE IT* lost his rider, Elizibeth Scully, 4 fences from the finish. Elizibeth Scully was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

*RHYTHMIA* fell two fences from home. His rider, Freddie Proctor, was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

Third place finisher, *BOGEY'S IMAGE*, bled from both nostrils and was placed on the Vet's List.

**Seventh Race:** Following the Vet Inspection, *ANZIO* was scratched on the advice of the State Veterinarian and placed on the Vet's List.

**Eighth Race:** There was a Steward's Inquiry into the running of the race. There was also a claim of foul lodged by James Bargary, the rider of fourth placed finisher #2 *YUP YA BOY YA*, against second place finisher #7 *GIANTSBANE*, ridden by Virginia Korrell for interference in the stretch. After interviewing the two riders and reviewing the video, the Stewards disqualified *GIANTSBANE* from second place and placed him fourth after *YUP YA BOY YA*. The corrected order of finish was 6-3-2-7.

The Stewards met with Virginia Korrell who waived her right to notice and representation by counsel under 11VAC10-70-110. After considering her testimony the Stewards' ruled that she had not made sufficient effort to maintain a straight course, having twice bumped *YUP YA BOY YA*. Virginia Korrell was found guilty of Careless Riding and fined \$500. See VRC Ruling #2024-GM-4.

**Ninth Race:** *WESTERLAND*'s rein broke early in the race and his rider, Gerard Galligan, did a very good job of getting him pulled up safely.

*PHOTO COPY*, ridden by Sean McDermott, fell at the fourth fence. Sean McDermott was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

#### **OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

The first and second place finishers in each race were selected for post-race testing, except the first race where only the first place finisher was tested.

Absent any indication otherwise to the Clerk of the Scales, all of the horses who were pulled up are presumed to have tired.

The Stewards asked to meet with Harrison Beswick after the last race. Harrison Beswick failed to appear and he will be sent a notice to appear for a Steward's Hearing regarding his repeated disregard for the directions given by Ismael Saavedra, the Virginia Racing Commission Investigator, as well as his failure to appear before the Stewards when requested.

The course was in outstanding condition. The widely shared consensus was that the course had never been in better shape and the irrigation had been thoughtfully applied given the forecasted rain that arrived Friday night and continued throughout the day on Saturday.

The safety of the course could be significantly improved by replacing all of the old wooden beacon boxes with tall rubber cones.

On track handle: \$109,598

Off track handle: \$ 38,879

Total handle: \$148,477



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### **Virginia Gold Cup Stewards' Ruling**

**Date: May 6, 2024**

**Ruling # 2024-GM-1**

**Jockey Graham Watters, ARCI-ID #2150178, DOB 10/12/1991, having waived his right to a hearing on Saturday May 4, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars for having gone off course in the third race at the Virginia Gold Cup on May 4, 2024 and continuing in the race after having gone off course. Refer to 11VAC10-70-40, and 11VAC140-240. All fines shall be paid to the Virginia Racing Commission within 72 hours excluding weekends and Holidays.**

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Tad Zimmerman, Senior Commonwealth Steward



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### Virginia Gold Cup Stewards' Ruling

**Date: May 6, 2024**

**Ruling # 2024-GM-2**

**Jockey Jamie Bargary, ARCI-ID #438028, DOB 5/15/1994, having waived his right to a hearing on Saturday May 4, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars for having gone off course in the third race at the Virginia Gold Cup on May 4, 2024. Refer to 11VAC10-70-40, and 11VAC140-240. All fines shall be paid to the Virginia Racing Commission within 72 hours excluding weekends and Holidays.**

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### Virginia Gold Cup Stewards' Ruling

**Date: May 6, 2024**

**Ruling # 2024-GM-3**

**Jockey Graham Watters, ARCI-ID #2150178, DOB 10/12/1991, having waived his right to a hearing on Saturday May 4, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars and suspended one racing day Saturday May 18, 2024 for excessive use of the riding crop during the running of the fifth race while aboard the #8 (Welshman) on Saturday, May 4, 2024 in accordance with 11VA10-70-40=180 and 11VAC10-140-290. All fines shall be paid to the Virginia Racing Commission within 72 hours excluding weekends and Holidays.**

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### Virginia Gold Cup Stewards' Ruling

**Date: May 6, 2024**

**Ruling # 2024-GM-4**

Jockey Virginia Korrell, ARCI-ID #447160, DOB 3/22/1999, having waived her right to a hearing on Saturday May 4, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars for careless riding during the running of the eighth race in accordance with 11VAC10-140-210 which reads "During a race, no jockey shall strike, strike at or touch another jockey or another jockey's horse or equipment, or jostle another horse to interfere with that jockey or horse". After the final fence while aboard the #7 (Giantsbane) on Saturday, May 4, 2024, Ms Korrell carelessly permitted her horse to interfere with Yup Ya Boy Ya, ridden by Jamie Bargary. All fines shall be paid to the Virginia Racing Commission within 72 hours excluding weekends and Holidays.

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### Virginia Gold Cup Stewards' Ruling

**Date: May 6, 2024**

**Ruling # 2024-GM-5**

**Jockey Harrison Beswick, ARCI-ID #437961, DOB 10/31/1995, having waived his right to a hearing on Monday, May 6, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars for disorderly conduct towards a commission employee in the discharge of their duties at the Virginia Gold Cup on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Refer to 11VAC10-70-40, and 11VAC10-60-70. All fines shall be paid to the Virginia Racing Commission within 72 hours excluding weekends and Holidays.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tad Zimmerman".

**Tad Zimmerman, Senior Commonwealth Steward**