

Stewards Report

Race meeting: Winterthur

Date: May 5, 2024

Stewards: Charles Fleischmann
Cook Edens
Brook Hawkins
Doris Paxson (Safety)

Weather: Light rain

Course Condition: Soft

Steward's Secretary: Bill Gallo

Compaction: 95 (soft)

Moisture: 9 (wet)

Clerk of Scales: Teena Appleby

Starter: Burling Vannote

Official Actions: In the first race, DE GRAY GUY was randomly selected for TCO2 testing.

Pre Race:

Race Day: Trainer Julie Gomena called to report that Rt 95 was closed and her ETA was going to be around 12:00, which turned out to be accurate.

Races:

First Race: POST WAR lost rider Zach Miller at next to last fence. Miller was cleared to ride. ISLAND NATION pulled up (tired).

Second Race: DRUIDS ALTAR slipped and fell on the turn between fence 4 and 5. Rider Dan Nevin was cleared to ride. The stewards moved the beacons on the turn out to give the next races fresh ground.

Fourth Race: PROPHETS VOICE lost rider Virginia Korrell immediately adjacent to fence 8 while being passed by the winner, RIGHT TEMPO ridden by Freddie Procter. Korrell was cleared to ride.

After the race was official, the video of the fall was reviewed by the Stewards. Rider Freddie Procter was interviewed as was rider Virginia Korrell who at this time attempted to claim foul against Procter. The video was inconclusive. Rider Procter was cautioned that ad hominem comments during a Steward's inquiry were not constructive or appropriate.

The Clerk of Scales reported that rider Freddie Procter had been uncooperative when weighing back in after the fourth race. The Stewards were able to address the issue with Procter and warned him that irrespective of outside aggravation to him, he was required to follow the direction of the Clerk of Scales. He apologized.

Other Comments:

It is suggested that the top rails of the fences be better retained as they were observed to bounce up when hit which could present a danger to the following or upside horse. Other meets have implemented various simple restraints that could serve as models.

The organization at Winterthur is to be congratulated on another well run and accomodating meet despite the rainy weather.

Respectfully
Charles Fleischmann