

STEWARDS REPORT

Loudoun Hunt at Morven Park, Leesburg, Virginia.

4/20/25

73 degrees, overcast.

Course Conditions: Compaction 116 (Good), Moisture 6 (Average)

Stewards:

Wayne L VanSant (Presiding)

Tad Zimmerman

Stirling Young

Katie Call (Safety)

Clerk of Scales: Stephanie Malevich

Starter: Don Yovanovich

Three NSA sanctioned races were run as races 3, 4 and 5 within the nine race card.

Race 3: Maiden Claiming Hurdle, 2 1/4 miles.

AE, ICE BAR drew in with the scratch of THATSMYBOXER and ran.

ICE BAR, trained and ridden by SARAH CUNDITH, fell at the last fence, was treated on course (heavy bleeding from both nostrils) and vanned off. ICE BAR is placed on the Vet List. SARAH CUNDITH was attended to on course and transported to the hospital. SARAH CUNDITH is not cleared to ride.

MEDB was pulled up one out (tired).

Race 4: Ratings Handicap Hurdle, 2 1/4 miles.

The Stewards scratched MADAKET'S ARROW, trained by KATE DALTON, on the advice of the Examining Veterinarians. MADAKET'S ARROW is placed on the Vet List.

AEs, CANT CATCH CAMACHO and SAMUI SUNSET, drew in and ran.

BLUE NILE stumbled badly on landing the eighth fence and unseated rider MELL BOUCHER. MELL BOUCHER was examined and cleared to ride by the Course Physician.

A Steward's Inquiry was ordered to examine an incident on the last turn. Subsequently GERARD GALLIGAN, rider of sixth place finisher, WHISKY WARRIOR, lodged a claim of foul against JAMES O'SULLIVAN, rider of first place finisher AUCTION KINGDOM, for contact on the last turn. Both riders were interviewed and reviewed video of the incident, with the Stewards. The Patrol Judge from that area was also interviewed. The foul claim was disallowed.

Separate Hearings were held later in the day.

GERARD GALLIGAN was fined one thousand dollars and suspended one race day, to be served at Foxfield Races on 4/26/25, for Dangerous Riding.

JAMES O'SULLIVAN was fined one thousand dollars for Reckless Riding.

Race 5: Apprentice Rider Hurdle, 2 1/4 miles.

L'OR DES ROSES was pulled up three out (tired).

HISTORIC HEART unseated rider DECLAN CARROLL after the second last. DECLAN CARROLL was examined and cleared to ride by the Course Physician.

BEAT LE BON was pulled up one out (tired).

The winners of all three NSA races were post race tested.

Being a first time "Hybrid" meet there were a number of challenges, throughout the day, ranging from the course, to staffing, to infrastructure. I believe the Race Committee is sincere in their desires to learn and improve. Their efforts yesterday were appreciated. The two

stonedust paths that cross the course, to the show rings in the middle, were level with the course and had the top surface loosened up by an implement, to mitigate their firmness. All horses, in all nine races, safely traversed them, but any abrupt change in surface is always a challenge and concern. The stable area is well equipped and easy to operate from.

Wayne L VanSant