

Stewards Report

Race Meeting: Maryland Hunt Cup

Date: April 26, 2025

Stewards: Charles Fleischmann, Presiding
Gregg Morris (SAC)
Norman Fraley
Barry Watson, Safety Steward

Weather: Light periodic showers then clearing for the race

Compaction: 112 (good) (10 samples at fences)

Moisture: 8.4 (10 samples at fences)

Clerk of Scales: Edward McLaughlin

Starter: Burley Vannote

Stewards' Secretary: Rosella Hunter

Official Actions Pre Race: Selected BLACKHALL, MONBEG STREAM and WITHEOUTMOREADO for TCO2 testing.

Weigh first three.

MONBEG STREAM and QUEENS EMPIRE were presented twice for jogging. QUEENS EMPIRE was passed on second presentation unconditionally. MONBEG STREAM was passed conditionally on being observed in the paddock and going to the start. He was passed at that time.

Stewards met with foreign jockeys Will Biddick and Charlie Marshall after the jockeys meeting to review some items specific to racing under NSA rules.

The Race: QUEENS EMPIRE acted up at the start and rider Virginia Korrell dismounted and then was remounted. QUEENS EMPIRE wheeled at the start and was left by 15 or so lengths.

GREAT ROAD fell at the 2nd. Jockey Teddy Davis was not cleared to ride.

QUEENS EMPIRE lost rider Virginia Korrell at the 8th. Jockey Virginia Korrell was cleared to ride.

MR FINE THREDS fell at the 16th. Jockey Will Biddick was cleared to ride.

Official Comments:

The finish line camera operator requests consideration be made of moving the tower back about 10 feet so that the finish line camera can see more of the finish line. This would also require that the flag on the tower side of the finish line be moved or otherwise restrained so that its motion would not trigger the camera. If the race had been a photo finish and the horses closer to the tower, the camera would not have been useful. It may be worth asking if placing the camera on a lower stage of the tower would achieve the same purpose.

QUEENS EMPIRE should be watched and should not be the lead horse in the lineup irrespective of post position.

The MHC committee and volunteers are to be complimented on the organization both leading up to and on race day.

Respectfully,
Charles Fleischmann