



NSA Official Notices Thursday, April 27, 2017

Grand National Stewards Ruling

Jockey Keith Dalton (SPOILER ALERT) was fined \$250 for remaining in the race after going off course in the third race at the Grand National on Saturday, April 22nd. **Upon further review by the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee, the fine to jockey Dalton has been increased to \$500 for going off course.**

Ratings

Please find the most current ratings list below. **If you have a horse on the current ratings list that is out of training for the spring, please contact the NSA office to remove him/her from the list.**

Updated Course Report – Virginia Gold Cup

The Great Meadow race course was inspected on April 26, 2017 by Adel Marquez.

Turf: Comprised of turf fescues and bluegrass, 6-8 inches in height, lush and clean.

Smoothness: Smooth throughout.

Compaction: 70-110 (Yielding)

Moisture: 10 (Wet)

Notes: Heavy rains on April 24-25 with drying conditions ahead has set the ground up nicely. No irrigation is planned.

Virginia Gold Cup Nominations

See below for the Virginia Gold Cup nominations **with weights.**

Course Report – Winterthur

The Winterthur race course was inspected on April 22, 2017 by Rob Plankinton.

Turf: The turf on this course consists of a relatively thick, lush cover of native fescue and "Division One", a mixture of turf fescues, blues, and rye grass that averaged 6" in height and is consistent. Turf was fertilized in the spring, aerated in the fall.

Smoothness: This course has been rolled two times (fall and spring) and the ground is relatively smooth throughout.

Compaction: 117 (Good). Grass cover provides good cushion.

Moisture: 6.8 (Average to Average Wet)

Notes: Eight traditional "stake and bound" timber fences with telephone pole ground base rails serve as the timber course. The 1st fence is five panels wide and the remaining seven fences are four panels wide. At least two of the fences offer only one option for "run around room". However, this concern has not caused any problems in the past.

VRC Licensing Requirements for Virginia Gold Cup Races

All owners, trainers, riders, and grooms participating in the Virginia Gold Cup races are required to be licensed by the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC). The easiest way to obtain a license is by going to the Commission's website at www.vrc.virginia.gov and clicking on "Virginia Racing License" in the upper left hand side of the home page. You will then see a list of documents including the "Racing Application for Participants", "General Application Instructions", "Fee Schedule", and "Credit Card Verification Form". Simply print out the application and complete it by referring to the fee schedule and general instructions. Once the application is completed, signed, and dated you may either mail it along with the appropriate payment to 5707 Huntsman Road, Suite 201-B, Richmond, VA 23250 or scan the application along with Credit Card Verification Form and e-mail to VRCLicense@vrc.virginia.gov. If you would like your badge mailed to you before the races, your application and payment must be received by April 21st, otherwise badges will be distributed on the day of the races at the horsemen's check-in tent located in the stable area. The VRC will also be on site at the Spring House on

Wednesday, May 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Friday, May 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for licensing or picking up badges. (Please note: All licensing must be completed by Friday, May 5th.) If you have any questions or require assistance with this process, please contact Rhonda Davis at (804) 461-0740. Owners and trainers, etc. participating in the flat races only do not need to be credentialed by NSA. Grooms must have a VRC license unless they have a current license from another jurisdiction, in which case they may obtain a day pass on the day of the races at the horsemen's check-in tent located in the stable area.

A horsemen's check-in tent will be in the stable area to handout and sell wristbands (only needed for those without a license). Horsemen will receive 4 complimentary wristbands per participating owner, 1 per trainer and jockey; additional wristbands may be purchased at \$35 each. The 2017 NSA mirror-hung car pass will admit the vehicle to Gate 2. The NSA pin will allow entrance to Members Hill only. Anyone with questions can contact the VGCA office at 540-347-2612.

New NSA Policy- Microchips

By order of the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee, horses that have been microchipped per The Jockey Club standards, are eligible to run under NSA rules provided they can be properly scanned and identified.

Quick Official

The NSA has adopted a "quick official" policy which requires riders to claim foul immediately after pulling up following a race. There will be a designated NSA official, either on the ground or on horseback, identified with a distinctive vest, that the riders must lodge an objection with regarding an incident occurring during the running of a race. The stewards will be immediately informed of any such objection and if there are none, the race will be declared "official" before the horses return to be unsaddled.

Early Entries may be submitted on Sundays

Trainers who would like to enter early via email and/or text message, please do so in **writing** on Sundays to both Bill Gallo (billgallo@nationalsteeplechase.com-443-553-1882) and Courtney Reid (courtneyreid@nationalsteeplechase.com - 443-553-1881). Please make sure all complete and pertinent information for your entry is included and that you have received a confirmation of delivery for the entries you submit.

2017 Licenses Applications

Please submit your 2017 license applications [owner/trainer](#) or [jockey](#) via email, fax or regular mail. You can now make your payment online. Click [here](#) to pay for your license after you have submitted your application.

Reminder - New Jockey License Applicants

License applications for new jockeys must be submitted a minimum of ten (10) days in advance of the race meet for approval by the Stewards Advisory Committee. There will be no exceptions. All new jockey licenses must be accompanied by a copy of a medical insurance card and appropriate written endorsements from NSA-licensed trainers, as indicated on the license application. All jockeys must complete the ImPACT (concussion) test. Submit license application to nancydougherty@nationalsteeplechase.com or fax 410-392-0706

Apprentice Rider Policy

The NSA Stewards Advisory Committee has determined that the NSA Apprentice Rider License Policy for 2017 will be as follows:

A rider who has been granted a conditional license may apply to the Stewards Advisory Committee for an unrestricted license after he or she has completed 10 rides to the satisfaction of the Committee. These 10 rides may be at point-to-point or at sanctioned race meets and can have been over timber or hurdles. This license is granted at the discretion of the SAC and may be deferred if the Committee decides the applicant needs more experience before being granted an unrestricted license.

100,000 Willowdale/PA Hunt Cup Challenge

Any horse who wins both the Willowdale Steeplechase Amateur Timber Stakes and wins the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Open Timber Stakes will receive a \$100,000 bonus. Please click the following link for more information: [Willowdale/PA Hunt Cup Bonus](#)

Fair Hill Race Change (#92)
The Iris Ann Coggins Memorial Race
(Filly & Mare Hurdle Stakes)
Nominations Close Monday, May 15th

Purse \$50,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. The highest rated horse will be assigned 155 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on current ratings. Nomination fee \$100; \$200 additional to enter; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$500, may be made at the time of entry.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Fair Hill Contact Information

The correct contact numbers for Nancy Simperts at the Fair Hill races are 410-398-2578 Fax 410-398-2527.



Official Ratings

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Horse.....Rating

Dawalan	156	Easy Exit	116	Baumer	105
Scorpiancer	153	Fantastic Song	116	Devil's Wrangler	105
Mr. Hot Stuff	146	Gmac	116	Fort Collins	105
Simenon	140	Mercoeur	116	Green Lazer	105
Hinterland	138	My Afleet	116	Indy's Legacy	105
Special Skills	136	Polstar	116	Sarah Joyce	105
Dr. Skip	134	Reporter	116	Aquies	104
Charminster	133	Strongbox	116	Divined	104
Macnicholson	133	Unsinkable	116	Fall Colors	104
Portrade	133	Wild Dynaformer	116	So Outspoken	102
Choral Society	131	With Rythmn	116	Beck's Bad Boy	101
Andi'amu	130	Zio Elio	116	Dr. K'eogh	101
Maserati	130	Doc Cebu	115	Prima Facie	100
Jamarjo	129	Dye Fore	115	Slaney Rock	100
Schoodic	129	For Goodness Sake	115	Hooping	99
Balance the Budget	128	Lady Yeats	115	Outlaw Cody Z	95
L'Aigle Royal	128	Maximum Horsepower	115		
Martini Brother	128	Plated	115		
Hardrock Eleven	127	Red Hammer	115		
Diplomat	126	Signature Look	115		
Ice It	126	True To Form	115		
All the Way Jose	125	Yellow Mountain	115		
Hisaabaat	125	Personal Start	114		
Jack Frost	125	Stormy Alex	114		
Selection Sunday	125	Tubal	114		
Swansea Mile	125	Causeworthy	113		
Cul Baire	124	Officer Sydney	113		
Show Court	123	Officer's Oath	113		
Spirit of Shankly	123	River Rush	113		
Surprising Soul	123	Absolum	112		
Canadian Gold	122	Dino Mite	112		
Help From Heaven	122	Manacor	112		
One Lucky Lady	122	Mizyen	112		
Alajmal	121	El Monstro	111		
Miguel Grau	121	Invocation	111		
Berland	120	Mr. Lickety	111		
Ack Feisty	119	Able Archer	110		
Get Ready Set Goes	119	Arrakis	110		
All For Us	118	Balistes	110		
Castle Hill	118	Canaveral	110		
Curve of Stones	118	Cash Crop	110		
Orchestra Leader	118	Classical Art	110		
Osmoz	118	Cocodimama	110		
Perfect Union	118	Comanchero	110		
Second Amendment	118	Dai Bando	110		
As You Like It	117	Hishi Soar	110		
Lyonell	117	Longing to Travel	110		
Mountain Fighter	117	Powerofone	110		
Alcazar de Maram	116	Secret Reward	109		
Any Given Royal	116	Barbara's Smile	108		
Blue Atlantic	116	Admiring Glance	107		
Deficit	116	Buckrail	107		
Duke of Medina	116	So Far Away	107		
		Cognashene	106		

The Steeplethon Stakes

\$40,000

PURSE \$40,000 Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. 165 lbs. Winners of two races over timber, 5 lbs. extra. Non-winners over timber, allowed 5 lbs.

THREE MILES (TIMBER)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

HORSE	Weight	Trainer
ON THE CORNER	170	Alicia S. Murphy
SALUDA SAM	170	William Meister
COGNASHENE	160	Neil R. Morris
DYE FORE	160	Jack Fisher
GUSTO AT DAWN	160	Benjamin C. Swope
PRESELI ROCK (IRE)	160	Jack Fisher
TAKEPOINTSANDRUN	160	William Meister
TRITON LIGHT	160	Nicki Valvo

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 WITH 8 NOMINATIONS

WILLIAM GALLO, JR.
DIRECTOR OF RACING

The David Semmes Memorial(Grade II)

\$75,000

PURSE \$75,000 Hurdle. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward. Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Non-winners of \$45,000 twice in 2016-2017, allowed 4 lbs.; of \$45,000 once in 2016-2017, 8 lbs.; of \$30,000 once in 2016-2017, 12 lbs. (Novice, allowance and claiming races not considered in estimating allowances).

TWO MILES AND ONE EIGHTH (HURDLE)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

HORSE	Weight	Trainer
CHARMINSTER (IRE)	152	Cyril Murphy
PORTRADE (IRE)	152	Elizabeth Voss
DR. SKIP	148	Edward L. Graham
SCHOODIC	148	Jack Fisher
SPECIAL SKILLS	148	Jack Fisher
ALAJMAL	144	Janet E. Elliot
ALL THE WAY JOSE	144	Jonathan Sheppard
BALANCE THE BUDGET	144	Julie Gomena
CHORAL SOCIETY	144	Jack Fisher
DIPLOMAT	144	Kate Dalton
HARDROCK ELEVEN	144	Doug Fout
POLSTAR (FR)	144	Leslie F. Young

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 WITH 12 NOMINATIONS

WILLIAM GALLO, JR.
DIRECTOR OF RACING

The Virginia Gold Cup

\$100,000

PURSE \$100,000 Timber. For Five-Year-Olds and Upward. 165 lbs.

FOUR MILES (TIMBER)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

HORSE	Weight	Trainer
CANYON ROAD	165	Christopher Kolb
EBANOUR (IRE)	165	Cyril Murphy
GRAND MANAN	165	William Meister
HOT RIZE	165	Russell Haynes
LE CHEVALIER	165	Julie Gomena
LEMONY BAY (GB)	165	Jack Fisher
PULLER	165	Todd J. Wyatt
RAVEN'S CHOICE	165	Todd J. Wyatt
SENIOR SENATOR	165	Joseph G. Davies
TWO'S COMPANY (IRE)	165	Jack Fisher

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 WITH 10 NOMINATIONS

WILLIAM GALLO, JR.
DIRECTOR OF RACING

The Secretariat Stakes

\$50,000

PURSE \$50,000 For Four-Year-Olds and Upward. 155 lbs. Non-winners of a stakes race allowed 4 lbs.; of a race other than maiden or claiming, 8 lbs. (Horses which have run for a claiming price are least preferred.) Jump riders are eligible for applicable jump apprentice allowances.

ONE MILE AND ONE HALF (TURF)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

HORSE	Weight	Trainer
MR SINGH (GB)	155	Elizabeth Voss
POSTULATION	155	Edward L. Graham
RENOWN (GB)	155	Elizabeth Voss
RIVER RUSH	155	Cyril Murphy
RUM TUM TUGGER	155	Jonathan Sheppard
SIMENON (IRE)	155	Ricky Hendriks
BISHOP'S CASTLE	151	Todd J. Wyatt
CROWN THY GOOD	151	Leslie F. Young
DOMO ARTIEGATO	151	Fenneka T. Bentley
GOTTA GET AWAY	151	Neil R. Morris
GRANDIFLORA	151	Ann W. Merryman
HOPPALA (IRE)	151	Eva D. Smithwick
MUTASAAWY	151	Neil R. Morris
OCEAN READY	151	Cyril Murphy
COMPLETE ST.	150	Lilith Boucher
NEXRAD	147	James L. Lawrence, II
PETAK MOUNTAIN	147	Archibald J. Kingsley, Jr.

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 WITH 17 NOMINATIONS

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