



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Virginia Racing Commission

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### **STEWARDS' REPORT**

**RACE MEETING:** Virginia Gold Cup

**DATE:** May 5, 2018

**WEATHER:** Overcast with showers

**COURSE CONDITION:**  
compaction: 118  
moisture: 9

**CLERK OF SCALES:** Bill Hair

**STARTER:** Graham Alcock

**STEWARDS:** Gus Brown  
Gregg Morris  
Tad Zimmerman

**OFFICIAL ACTIONS:** The riders meeting took place at the advertised time.

**First Race:** An early morning scratch allowed *KING OF THE ROAD* to draw in. However, it was not possible for him to reach the stable area in time to be treated with Lasix. This change was announced.

*FOREVER BERNADINI* fell at the 12<sup>th</sup> fence. He was reported to have tired. His rider, Willie McCarthy, was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

*TAMBOURIN* was pulled up before the last fence. He was reported to have been running greenly and not finishing well.

In addition to the winner, *RENEGADE RIVER* was selected for post-race testing.

**Second Race:** *HISHI SOAR* bobbed in the Swan Lake splash, unseating his rider, Gerard Galligan. Galligan was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

The Course Physician, Dr. Andrew Bishop, and the Steeplechase Jockey's Association of America representative, Jennie Pearson, together contacted the Stewards to report on Gerard Galligan's behavior before and during his physical examination.

Following the 3<sup>rd</sup> race Gerard Galligan was summoned to the Steward's stand regarding his reported behavior following the running of the 2<sup>nd</sup> race. Before hearing any testimony, he was asked if he was willing to waive his right to receive written notice of his hearing and his right to be represented by counsel. He refused to waive those rights. The Stewards have therefore referred the matter to the National Steeplechase Association's Stewards Advisory Committee for their consideration and disposition.

In addition to the winner, *COGNASHENE* was selected for post-race testing.

The Barn Judge reported that *COGNASHENE* had injured his off fore suspensory during the running of the race.

**Third Race:** In addition to the winner, *NORSE STAR* was selected for post-race testing.

**Fourth Race:** All horses in the race were pre-race tested for TCO2.

*SWANSEA MILE* was pulled up before the 12<sup>th</sup> fence and was reported to have been jumping poorly.

In addition to the winner, *HARDROCK ELEVEN* was selected for post-race testing.

**Fifth Race:** All horses in the race were pre-race tested for TCO2.

In addition to the winner, the second-place finisher was selected for post-race testing.

**Sixth Race:** In addition to the winner, *OVERWHELMING* was selected for post-race testing.

**Seventh Race:** In addition to the winner, *LOST STORY* was selected for post-race testing.

**Eighth Race:** In addition to the winner, *ACCOUNTABLE* was selected for post-race testing.

**OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

The total handle was \$123,113.

Overall the course was in very good shape and the vet check, testing, and dispatch of the horses to the paddock went smoothly.

It would be helpful to the Stewards if the solar panel on the second speaker pole north of the Steward's stand could be set 10 feet higher. This would allow an unobstructed view of the stretch.

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Arthur A. Zimmerman, Senior Commonwealth Steward