

## ***F SIXTEEN AND JEWEL AA BIG WINNERS***

Two Arabian stakes were held on August 22. Making only his third start, the striking chestnut colt F Sixteen showed why he is so special when he came from far back to easily win the Delaware Park Arabian Derby (G2). Trainer Randy Nunley saddled the colt and Carol Cedeno was the jockey. The 4 year-old colt by Thoroughbred out of Dixies Valentine completed the 1 ¼ miles in 2:18.58 and captured his first stakes win. Following him across the line were Easter Man, Lazur Hess, then RB Madjyk Man for the 1 /4 mile ride. F Sixteen was bred in Maryland and is owned by Guy Neivens.

The Delaware Park Arabian Juvenile Filly Championship (G3) started only four horses after Sand Dove was scratched. The \$20,000 stakes saw favorite

Jewell AA, under Ricardo Chiappe, break sharply and move to the lead at the top of the stretch. RB Big N Rich, making her first lifetime start, ran well to be second while Madgicall came in third and Lady Haha fourth. Jewell AA (Burning Sand x Triumphs Pearl) is bred and owned by Joe Gillis and trained by Guy Smith.

The Arabian Racing Cup paid \$2,500 in breeder incentive awards in both of the races. The breakdown was as follows:

### Delaware Park Arabian Derby (G2)

- 1<sup>st</sup> F Sixteen, bred by Guy Neivens, \$1,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Man, bred by Joe and Betty Gillis, \$800
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lazur Hess, bred by Mark Ashby, \$700

### Delaware Park Arabian Juvenile Fillies Championship (G3)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jewell AA, bred by Joe and Betty Gillis, \$1,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> RB Big N Rich, bred by Dianne Waldron, \$800
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Madgicall, bred by Alan Kirshner and Deb Mihaloff, \$700



***The imposing F Sixteen romps to victory in the Delaware Park Arabian Derby (G2). Photo copyright Hoofprints Inc.***



***Jewell AA was impressive winning the Delaware Park Arabian Juvenile Fillies Championship (G3) Photo copyright Hoofprints Inc.***

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## **FORMER CHAMPION JOCKEY SERIOUSLY INJURED**

The Delaware Park Safety Committee will review safety protocol following a paddock accident in which a valet suffered serious injury but was not transported from the track for 32 minutes.

At the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission meeting on August 19, track security personnel presented a timeline that suggested 32 minutes elapsed from the time valet William Hollick, who was a Darley Champion jockey, was injured until the time he was transported from the track.

Upset with the level of care after Hollick's injury, jockeys took off their mounts, forcing cancellation of the final four races.

According to officials who spoke at Wednesday's meeting, Hollick was injured when he was pinned against a paddock wall, or pillar, by a filly he was attempting to saddle for the fourth race. The race was conducted while Hollick awaited the arrival of an ambulance.

Protocol calls for EMTs to determine the severity of injury and follow with a decision. In this case they determined calling in an ambulance was the appropriate call to treat Hollick, who suffered broken ribs, an inflamed lung on one side, a partially collapsed lung on the other side, a broken shoulder blade on one side, and a broken collarbone on the other.

While EMTs called for an outside ambulance, track security personnel at Wednesday's meeting suggested that a call from Hollick's wife may have been first to reach the ambulance. Security noted that EMTs had to first evaluate the situation before making that call.

"There was a breakdown in communication," said Delaware Park president Bill Fasy at Wednesday's commission meeting.



***Don Patscheider (far right) and members of Bobbi Patscheider's family were on hand to receive Bobbi's induction into Racing's Tent of Honor. Photo by Pamela Burton.***



***The great gelding Don Condare (RD Five Star x Elconda), whose greatest wins came at Delaware Park, was inducted into Racing's Hall of Fame. Photo by Pamela Burton.***

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***William Hollick was a highly successful Arabian jockey before retiring and becoming a valet.***

Fasy said there was too much chaos in the paddock area while the EMTs attempted to assess Hollick's injuries. Fasy said it was fine that Hollick's wife was holding his hand but chaos was created by numerous people approaching him to wish him well. He said if a future accident occurs, it will be a priority for security to clear the paddock.

"We can't change what happened. Horses are reactionary and can get a little crazy at any point in time. That's not the problem. The problem is that when the EMTs arrive, they're assessing the victim's injuries and agony. Their job is to determine what is the best course in how to handle the situation but there was a lot of chaos going on in the paddock at the same time. People were coming up to Billy and fist-bumping him," Fasy said. "The protocol is for the EMTs to make the assessment and to call the ambulance, let them know what the vital signs are, what occurred, what to expect and where they're at. That was a breakdown in the situation.

Fasy said the off-site ambulance was given incorrect information, causing them to arrive at the wrong gate. "As I understand it the ambulance was told it was a racing incident," Fasy said. "When they get told that, they go to the main gate. They came to the main gate first, then they went to the paddock."

"Talking to professionals that do this every day, a half-hour is not necessarily that long a response time," Fasy said. "If I was injured, I'd want it to be two minutes. But it happened and I can't change what happened. I can only tell you that the first responders from our staff were there. I do think there was some confusion going on around them that shouldn't have occurred. There was no clearing out of people that should have occurred."

At the meeting, Fasy also addressed rumors about Hollick's condition at the track. He said the valet never lost consciousness although he was in pain. Fasy said in hindsight, the race should have been stopped or delayed.

The Delaware Park Safety Committee includes representatives from the track, riders, horsemen, and regulators. Robert Colton, director of the Delaware Park Jockeys Association, said he's confident Delaware Park will address the issues.

"I can tell you that our facility has an excellent record in terms of responding and getting people to the hospital," Fasy said, later noting the track has six full-time EMTs on staff. "We have an excellent record. For the last 20 years, our staffing has been very similar to where we are now. I think we handle everything, I'm not saying there won't be a freak accident like yesterday again but there is nobody that doesn't want more safety."



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## *Current Delaware Park Track Statistics*

*Current through August 16, 2015  
Courtesy of the Arabian Jockey Club*

**Races 17**

**Average Field Size 6**

**Starts 103**

**Unique Starters 44**

**Unique Owners 23**

**Stakes Races 1**

**Purses \$30,250**

**Handle \$127,590**

**Overnight Races 16**

**Purses \$198,500 (\$12,406 average)**

**Handle \$1,228,843 (\$76,803 average)**

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