

## STEWARDS REPORT

Race Meeting: Grand National

Date: April 23, 2022

Stewards: Gregg Morris  
Tad Zimmerman  
Rug Howard  
Norm Fraley, Safety Steward

Weather: Clear  
Course: Compaction: 10  
Moisture: 8

Clerk of Scales: Ed McLaughlin

Starter: Chris Daney

### Official Actions:

First Race: POCKET TALK, trained by Joe Davies, was randomly selected for pre-race “milkshake” testing.  
ROYAL RUSE fell with jockey Skylar McKenna at the last fence.  
McKenna was cleared by the course physician.  
Course vet Rachel Blakey reported that ROYAL RUSE was uninjured.

Second Race: RHYTHMIA, away slowly, was pulled up before the third fence due to the saddle slipping.  
FULL TIME PARTY was pulled up before the second last fence (tired).

Third Race: WORZEL GUMMIDGE lost rider Alex Leventhal when he collided with another horse over the third fence.  
OUR FRIEND fell with Teddy Davies at the 6th fence.  
BATTLE ARAY was pulled up (tired) before the 13th fence.  
Leventhal and Davies were both cleared by the course physician.

Fourth Race: BOWLED OVER was pulled up before the 12th fence.  
TIEPOLO was pulled up before the 15th fence.  
Both horses were reported to have tired.

### Official Comments:

The course was in beautiful shape and the going was excellent.

It is understood that the video service is the purview of the NSA. In order for the Stewards to adequately monitor these races it is necessary to have both the photo finish camera/monitor as well as a replay monitor in a tent at the base of the temporary Stewards stand. It is also necessary to have a technician in that tent to operate both systems. Because of the layout of the sponsor tents, the video trailer/communication center is parked 150 yards from the Stewards stand, making it impractical to be used for viewing an immediate replay when necessary. It might

help if the Race Committee were to designate someone to be the video liaison to communicate these needs to the video team and confirm their placement prior to the races.

There was some consternation in the barn area over a notice on the overnight that prohibited companion animals in the stable area. Since this was an unprecedented restriction, most trainers were unaware or confused by it and arrived with their usual companion animals. After discussing it with the SOTA representative, the Stewards decided to allow the companion animals as long as they stayed in a stall. It is recognized that restrictions of this nature fall under the category of “house rules” that can be posted by any individual race meet. However, it is necessary to notify and communicate any such rules to participants well in advance of race day.

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Gregg Morris, Presiding  
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