



National Steeplechase Association
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Stewards Report

Race Meeting: Foxfield Spring

Date: April 30, 2022

Weather : Cloudy 60° F

Course Condition : Good

T Wet Bulb : 10.9° C

Moisture : 7.2

Compaction : 113

Clerk of Scales : William Hair, Jr

Starter : Graham Alcock

Stewards : Beale Payne

Larry Curtis

Sterling Young

Wayne Van Sant (Safety Steward)

Official Actions :

Race 1 : FIDDLYN pulled up before the last fence after tiring.

Race 2 : ISLAND NATION (IRE) pulled before the last fence after tiring. EVE'S CITY got in tight at the last fence, twisted badly over the top of fence, pecked on landing thereby dislodging the rider. Rider Bernard Dalton was cleared by the course physician. A claim of foul by rider Watters aboard GHOSTLIGHTER against second place finisher CRITIZE on the stretch turn was disallowed. Harrison Beswick, the rider of CRITIZE, was fined \$250.00 for careless riding.

Race 3 : PONY UP fell over the fifth fence after coming in too tight to jump. PONY UP walked off and the rider Mikey Hamill was cleared to ride. SHENDAM and ELUSIVE pulled at the second to last hurdle upon tiring.

Race 5 : MIGHTY MARK was pulled up lame after the fifth fence and was vanned off. MIGHTY MARK is placed on the Vet's List. Subsequent to her Steward's Hearing, Katherine S. Nielson was Officially Reprimanded for her hesitant reaction to directions of

the Course Veterinarian, initial reluctance to load MIGHTY MARK onto the horse ambulance. This was a first offense with mitigating circumstance. Horse health and welfare is a paramount tenet of the NSA.

Official Comments : The elimination of the second to last fence and the placement of the final fence further back in the stretch was recognized as a marked improvement in the safety and rideability of the hurdle course. The race committee should be commended for its commitment to all of its improvements to the races but in particular the footing and turf on the racecourse.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beale Payne
Presiding Steward