



## NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

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### STEWARDS' REPORT

**RACE MEETING:** Middleburg Spring Races

**DATE:** 04/23/2022

**WEATHER:** Clear

**COURSE CONDITION:** Good

**Compaction:** 107

**Moisture:** 7

**Wet Bulb:**

**CLERK OF SCALES:** William Hair, Jr.

**STARTER:** Stirling Young

**STEWARDS:** Larry F. Curits.  
Beale Payne.  
Cook Edens, III  
Wayne VanSant (Safety)

### OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

#### Race II

There was a foul claim in this race.

Jockey Barry John Foley riding #3 SCORPION'S REVENGE who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> claimed foul against the winner Jockey Mikey Hamill riding #2 GOING COUNTRY. Foley claimed the foul occurred around the final turn and into the stretch. He claimed both he and his horse were hit by his rivals stick, his horse in the face and himself on the leg. He stated that it stopped his horses run. After interviewing both riders and reviewing the films many times the stewards disallowed the objection as the films were inconclusive and even though the stewards felt that something did happen there was no evidence to act upon.

#### Race III

#5 LOVE OF THE BAY fell at the 13<sup>th</sup> fence after jumping the prior fence poorly. Jockey Gerard Galligan was examined by the course physician and was cleared to ride.

#4 THE SILENT TRAINER (IRE) pulled up before the second last fence tired.

#### Race IV

In this race the field started some 15 seconds after the starter dropped his flag with the winner #2 IRANISTAN the first to take the initiative to start which gave him a 8 to 10 length advantage.

#2 IRANISTAN won the race by 2 ¼ lengths.

The stewards went to the jockey's room after this race to ask about the start and were told that they were just obeying orders from their trainers and nobody wanted to make the running. The stewards explained that when the flag dropped the horses had to move forward they could not just stand there. The stewards felt that they were not getting through to the riders and referred the incident to the stewards advisory committee to make a ruling.

### **Race V**

#1 SAIGON lost his rider on the landing side of the 7<sup>th</sup> fence.

#4 MEP pulled up tired after the 9<sup>th</sup> fence.

#6 OLD WEST PRINCESS (IRE) pulled up tired after the 8<sup>th</sup> fence.

#8 DIVA OF SAVILLE pulled up tired after the 9<sup>th</sup> fence.

### **Race VI**

#1 AHNAF pulled up tired before the 8<sup>th</sup> fence.

#4 AGRAVAIN (GB) pulled up tired before the 11<sup>th</sup> fence.

#11 LJAY (IRE) pulled up tired before the 11<sup>th</sup> fence.

#9 ELUSIVE SOUL fell at the last fence after hitting the top of the fence. Jockey Paul Cawley was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

### **Race VII**

#6 KOKO STAR lugged to the inside of fence 10 – hit the wing and lost jockey Thomas Garner. Garner was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

### **Race VIII**

#4 PINCER MOVEMENT (IRE) pulled up lame before the last fence and is to be placed on the vets list.

#5 KNOCKHOLT pulled up tired before the last fence.

### **OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

This race course was in excellent condition.

**Larry F. Curtis**  
**Signature**