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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Middleburg Fall

DATE: October 8, 2022

WEATHER: Overcast

COURSE CONDITION: Good
Compaction: 105 psi
Moisture: 7/10

CLERK OF SCALES: Harrison Young

STARTER: Sterling Young

STEWARDS: Larry Curtis
Beale Payne
Tad Zimmerman

Wayne Van Sant (safety)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

Race 1: South Mountain was pulled up 2 fences from home.

MACHINBANK jumped the second to last fence and, about 10 strides after landing, suffered a compound fracture of his right hind cannon bone. He was euthanized on the course.

Upon inspection of the fence by the Clerk of the Course and Facility Manager it was reported that the roll had been compressed under the steel frame, hair was present on the frame, and a footprint was visible on the plastic brush. While the Stewards could not tell from the video, it may be that he attempted to bank the fence and was injured in that attempt followed very shortly by the catastrophic fracture.

Race 2: *TWENTY YEARS ON* was pulled up 4 fences from home with a ruptured left front tendon and was vanned off.

LEAR AVIA ducked out at a beacon at the head of the stretch unseating rider Elizabeth Scully. She was examined by the Course Physician and was not cleared to ride. The EMTs did not immediately respond and the nearest Patrol Judge escorted Elizabeth to the medical room

Race 3: *ROYAL RUSE* was pulled up 2 fences from home.

Race 4: *DOGWOODS COSBY* was trailing and pulled up before the finish.

Race 5: without incident.

Race 6: JACKSON S was pulled up 2 fences from home.

LUCKY SOUL was noticeably lame in his right front upon pulling up and has been placed on the vets list.

Race 7: *JUMP TO JUNEAU* was pulled up before the last fence.

Race 8: There was a Stewards' Inquiry. *LUMBERJACK* wandered a bit to the inside coming down the hill to the finish. Sean McDermott was aboard and straightened him out without causing significant trouble for *REWIND*, who was to his inside. At the head of the stretch *REWIND* ducked inside a beacon and off course. He was steered back onto the course by Barry Foley without incident. This return to the course was necessary as there was a hurdle and timber fence with no room to safely run around. Barry Foley indicated his horse was simply a bit green and that he had plenty of room and had not been forced off course. *REWIND* was disqualified for having gone off course. No further action.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

All horses that were pulled up were reported to have tired, unless otherwise noted.

The course was smooth and even. It has never been in better shape.

The Race Committee's hard work and attention to detail was on full display.

Overall things ran smoothly, despite the unavoidable delay following the first race.

Tad Zimmerman