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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Middleburg Spring Races

DATE: 04/22/2023

WEATHER: Thunderstorms 65 degrees

COURSE CONDITION: Fast/Good

Compaction: 141 (Hard)

Moisture: 4 (Dry) – Changed to Good after 1 hour of rain after the 1st race

CLERK OF SCALES: Harrison Young

STARTER: Stirling Young

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

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

Race I

The stewards called for an inquiry into the running of this race concerning the run around the last turn and into the stretch. There was also a claim of foul by the rider of FOR THE PARISH Mikey Hamill against both the winner IN EFFECT, ridden by Sarah Cundith and the second place finisher ELUSIVE ridden by Barry Foley. The stewards reviewed the film and found that both horses had indeed interfered with FOR THE PARISH after he had established his position between them going into the turn stopping all chances for him to win. The stewards disqualified both the first and second place finishers and placed them behind the horse that was interfered with making the third-place horse the winner. The stewards felt that even though both horses contributed to the interference Jockey Foley was much less to blame as it was a sharp turn and a lot of horses do drift out there. Jockey Sara Cundith was responsible for significant outside pressure. Jockey Cundith was talked to later by the stewards and given a warning that she could have been given a fine but this time she was just receiving a warning.

Race II

There was a delay of approximately one hour before the start of this race because of a severe thunderstorm.

MODUS OPERANDI (IRE) ran through the inside wing of the fourth fence unseating rider Parker Hendriks. This horse was lugging in badly from the start. Jockey Hendriks was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride. This fence was not closed after the incident and the horses jumped it the following circuit with only one wing.

Race III

STORM TEAM ridden by jockey Graham Watters, who finished fourth claimed foul against the winner ANDI'AMU (FR) ridden by Jack Doyle. Jockey Watters claimed the foul occurred at the beacon where you start up the hill the final time around. After review, the stewards disallowed the claim.

Race V

PRAGHAS CEART (IRE) lost his rider at the 10th fence after twisting over the fence and losing his hind end upon landing. Jockey Sean McDermott was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

Race VI

LADY'S GAME lost her rider after the 6th fence when it appeared that her rider lost his left iron. Jockey Hendriks was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

FOX FORCE FIVE pulled up tired before the last fence.

AFRAID NOT fell at the 10th fence. Jockey Gerard Galligan was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

TANKA TOUGH fell at the last, jockey Sean McDermott was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

Race VII

REASSURED pulled up tired before the last fence.

AHNAF pulled up tired before the second last fence.

Race VIII

DECISIVE TRIUMPH was scratched on the advice of the track veterinarian, lame in the right front. He is to be placed on the vets list.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Larry F. Curtis
Signature