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## **STEWARDS' REPORT**

**RACE MEETING:** Queen's Cup Steeplechase

**DATE:** April 29th, 2023

**WEATHER:** Partly Cloudy, Dry, Humid, 80F

**COURSE CONDITION:**  
**Compaction:** 8-10 (Soft)  
**Moisture:** 1-2

**CLERK OF SCALES:** Dana Burke

**STARTER:** Jeff Teter

**STEWARDS:** Greg Pachman (Presiding)  
Alan Monat  
Cathie Jackson  
Anne Pezzano (Safety Steward)

### **OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

**Race 1:** #8 Merry Maker was scratched. #5 Cainudothetwist was ridden by Stephen Mulqueen. #3 Tease and Seize was excused from the post parade. #1 Frontline Citizen lost rider Alex Leventhal due to a saddle issue prior to the 7<sup>th</sup> fence. Leventhal was cleared to ride. #6 Soramond and rider Freddie Proctor fell at the 11<sup>th</sup> fence. Soramond was uninjured but Proctor was transported to the medical director by ambulance and was not cleared to ride. #2 Left Blank pulled up before the 10<sup>th</sup> (Tired). #3 Tease and Seize pulled up before the final fence (Tired)

**Race 2:** #8 Finding Freedom was selected for TCO2 testing. #8 Finding Freedom and rider Bernie Dalton fell at the 8<sup>th</sup> fence. Finding Freedom was uninjured and Dalton was cleared to ride. #7 Royne pulled up before the last fence (Tired). #1 Look North pulled up before the last fence (Tired).

**Race 3:** #6 Step to the Bar pulled up before the last fence (Tired).

After the race, #1 Proven Innocent was overcome by the heat on the walk back to the stables and laid down. The organizers had ice available at the finish and had spaced hoses all along the stretch for the walk back which worked well. The horse ambulance and vets were summoned and upon arriving decided that it was too dangerous to attempt to get the agitated horse on the trailer, when he regained his feet, and elected to continue to treat the horse with water on the front stretch. After about 10 min of treatment the horse began to drink on his own and was walked back to the stable where he seemed to recover quickly. He was examined in the stable area and was cleared to ship home.

**Race 4:** #5 Fingal was scratched. #8 Battle of Memphis was scratched. #2 Thundra was ridden by Stephan Mulqueen. #3 Go Poke the Bear was ridden by Mark Watts. #7 Kenya Road was pulled up prior to the last (Tired).

**Race 5:** No actions.

### **Official Comments:**

The soft, wet turf, hilly terrain, and warm, humid weather made for challenging conditions. The riders did an excellent job of pulling up tired horses throughout the event.

The medical staff, EMTs, fire department, vets, and horse ambulance all did an excellent job of not only responding to multiple incidents and handling them well but also getting back in position quickly which led to only a 30 min delay overall for the entire day.

The course was beautiful. Carrington and Bill and the QC staff should be commended for their level of pre-race preparation which led to an outstanding event.

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Greg Pachman  
Presiding Steward