



## NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

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### STEWARDS' REPORT

**RACE MEETING:** Middleburg Fall

**DATE:** October 14, 2023

**WEATHER:** Overcast – 59 degrees

**COURSE CONDITION:** Firm  
**Compaction:** 124 psi  
**Moisture:** 6/10

**CLERK OF SCALES:** Harrison Young

**STARTER:** Sterling Young

**STEWARDS:** Larry Curtis  
Beale Payne  
Tad Zimmerman

Wayne Van Sant (safety)

#### OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

**Race 1:** without incident

**Race 2:** *SEATTLE SEAHAWK* was pulled up lame before the ?? fence. He was vanned off the course. It was reported that he bowed his left front tendon and was cleared to ship home.

In addition to the winner, *FOXY WALK* was selected for post-race testing.

**Race 3:** *ARROWHEART* was a faller at the sixth fence. His rider, Mikey Hamill was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride. *ARROWHEART* was post-race tested.

*VINCENT VAN GOGO* was pulled up before the last fence.

**Race 4:** All runners were pre-race tested.

*HAFAJAY* pulled up 4 fences from home.

*TOMGARROW* was pulled up before the last fence. *TOMGARROW* was post-race tested.

**Race 5:** *LAKER MAMBA* fell at the eighth fence. His rider, Harrison Beswick, was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

*SCOTTY* was pulled up two fences from home.

**Race 6:** *HERO'S RETURN* was pulled up before the last fence.

**Race 7:** In addition to the winner, *COURT RULER* was post-race tested.

**Race 8:** without incident.

**OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

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

The course was smooth and even. The turf was thick and had good cushion. The rain in the morning was enough to soften the ground.

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

If resources permit next year, the use of colored saddle towels would be a significant improvement.

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Tad Zimmerman