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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Montpelier Hunt Races

DATE: November 4, 2023

WEATHER: 72° F Sunny

COURSE CONDITION: Firm
Compaction: 122
Moisture: 5.9 Average

CLERK OF SCALES: William Hair

STARTER: Sterling Young

STEWARDS: Beale Payne
Larry Curtis
Tad Zimmerman
Wayne Van Sant (Safety Steward)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

Race 2: An inquiry was hung into the run to the finish from the turn into the home stretch. FRONTLINE CITIZEN lost rider Alex Leventhal coming out of the stretch turn. An objection was lodged by Leventhal against the winner POTUS ridden by Jamie Barbary claiming interference. After reviewing the video and interviewing the riders, no action was taken. Leventhal was cleared to ride.

Race 3: ROYAL REGATTA was pulled up before the second to last fence upon tiring.

Race 4: BEST CHANCE was scratched and placed on the Vet's List on the advice of the track veterinarian.

Race 5: An inquiry was hung into the run to the finish from the turn of the home stretch. Harrison Beswick lost his left iron approaching the last fence but successfully negotiated the fence. After landing, Beswick could not regain his iron and chose to take his foot out of the right stirrup to ride the finish. When straightening away into the stretch, Beswick rolled off the right side of EVIE'S PRINCE into the path of I CAN ONLY IMAGINE (IRE) causing that horse to fall over top of him. Bargary was cleared to ride and Beswick was referred to hospital for radiographs. SLIABH AUGHTY (FR) pulled up at second to last fence after setting the pace and tiring. ACTIVE DUTY was a late trainer scratch due to assessment of the rider- trainer Garner of several races that the ground was too firm for his horse.

Race 6 : GOLD CHARM (IRE) was a stake scratch subsequent to the injury of the named rider Beswick in prior race.

Race 7 : GORDON'S JET (IRE) was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing. GORDON'S JET (IRE) lost rider at the first fence. Davies, the rider, was cleared to ride by course physician.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS: The tremendous effort and work of the past year resulted in a smooth and consistent racing surface with a substantial stand of race turf.

The scaffold for camera 5 should be moved to about 100 yards to the right of the center road for better coverage of the turn into the stretch.

The medical and emergency procedures need to be reevaluated as the response to down riders was delayed or nonexistent. The course physicians seemed uncertain about the protocols for examining fallen riders. The EMT riding in the chase vehicle was a prudent decision.

The continued undertaking of the Montpelier Steeplechase Foundation to improve and enhance the race program is appreciated by all.

Beale Payne

Signature