

# NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

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## STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Carolina Cup DATE: 03/30/2024

WEATHER: 75 degrees - Sunny and Breezy COURSE CONDITION: Good

Compaction: 70 Moisture: 5

CLERK OF SCALES: Harrison Young STARTER: Stirling Young

**STEWARDS:** Larry F. Curits.

Beale Payne. Gregg Pachman

Anne Pezzano, (Safety)

#### **OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

### Race I

#3 KING OF TASAVO (GB) was selected for pre and post race testing.

The stewards held an inquiry into the running of this race concerning an incident at the seventh fence.

#6 MR JEFFERSON appeared to duck to the inside causing #7 ICE BAR to clip heels with #5 I AM FORTUNATA (IRE) and fall. This was confirmed after interviewing jockey Sarah Cundith who was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

#5 I AM FORTUNATA (IRE) fell after stumbling upon landing. The stewards were not able to interview jockey Richard Boucher who was transported to the emergency room with broken ribs.

The stewards disqualified #6 MR JEFFERSON from 5<sup>th</sup> place and declared him unplaced. Jockey Harrison Beswick was held blameless.

#4 BLESS BLESS the third place finisher in this race cooled out lame and was euthanized back in the stable area as the result of a fractured scapula.

## Race II

#7 KELMSCOTT (IRE) was mounted early on the race course instead of in the paddock for safety reasons.

### Race III

#1 ST JOHN'S was pulled up tired before the last fence.

#3 GIANTSBANE was pulled up tired before the last fence.

### Race IV

#6 OSCAR WINNER was pulled up before the last fence tired.

#8 BELLARMINE HALL was scratched on the advice of the course veterinarian lame in the left hind leg. He is placed on the vets list.

#9 AGITARE (IRE) was pulled up before the seventh fence.

#10 CAINUDOTHETWIST was pulled up tired before the last fence.

#7 BEE MAJOR was a trainers scratch on Friday because there was no rider available.

#### **OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

On Friday at 1:00pm the day before the races the three stewards, the safety steward and NSA director of racing Bill Gallo walked the course and found it to be in excellent condition. The turf was smooth throughout and the irrigation had made the overseeding germinate so it was green and lush to look at. It was a remarkable difference from last year and everyone is to be commended for the transformation.

Larry F. Curtis Signature