

STEWARDS REPORT

Race Meeting: Grand National

Date: April 20,2024

Stewards: Gregg Morris, Presiding

Weather: Clear

Charles Fleischman

Norm Fraley

Compaction: 90-110

Barry Watson, Safety Steward

Moisture: 7-8

Clerk of Scales: Ed McLaughlin

Starter: Burley Vannotte

Official Actions:

First Race: WITHOUTMOREADO was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing. WITHOUTMOREADO lost rider Conor Tierney at the 8th fence. GOODOLDTIMES fell with Dan Nevin at the 17th fence. Neither horse was injured and both riders were cleared by the course physician.

Second Race: TAKE PROFIT was pulled up (tired) after the 15th fence.

Third Race: BROOKLYN SPEIGHTS fell with Dan Nevin at the 13th fence. WAGNER jumped the wrong section of fence 14. Jockey Freddie Procter realized his mistake and pulled up. Since the fence in question is out of sight of the tower the Stewards verified that WAGNER was off course with the drone shot and cellphone video taken by the patrol judge at the fence. Procter offered no excuse for his mistake and was fined \$250. Nevin was again cleared by the course physician.

Fourth Race: MASTER SEVILLE was pulled up by Brett Owings (tired) before the 15th fence.

Official Comments:

The Race Committee and particularly co-chairmen Forrest Kelly and Ned Worthington are commended for the layout and construction of new fences in the redesigned configuration of the course. There were no complaints from the riders and spectators were able to see more of the races.

Video coverage at this meet continues to be problematic. There was no replay monitor in the tent at the base of the tower. As a result, the Stewards in the tower had to travel 50 yards down the stretch to the video trailer to review any issues occurring during a race. In addition, the Steward who was in the trailer watching the monitors during the day reported that the fence where WAGNER went off

course in the third race did not even appear on the video coverage of the race. It is hoped that in future the video trailer be moved to a position closer to the tower (perhaps adjacent to the paddock).

Gregg Morris, Presiding
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