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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Middleburg Spring Races

DATE: 04/20/2024

WEATHER: 64 degrees sunny & very breezy

COURSE CONDITION:
Compaction: 131 (firm)
Moisture: 6

CLERK OF SCALES: Harrison Young

STARTER: Stirling Young

STEWARDS: Larry F. Curits.
Beale Payne.
Cook Edens, III
Wayne VanSant (Safety)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

The stewards were notified by safety steward Wayne Van Sant before the first race that the tack box and van search, authorized by the stewards advisory committee, revealed a needle and syringe in the tack box belonging to trainer Kathy Neilson. This was a clear violation of revised rule 9-2a in the forbidden practices section of the NSA rule book. The stewards after notifying trainer Kathy Neilson scratched all three of her entries and referred the matter to the stewards advisory committee for the appropriate penalty.

Race III

CRACKER FACTORY (GB) who finished third in this race, pulled up lame, was vanned off and reported on his way to New Bolton Center with a fracture. He is placed on the vets list.

Race IV

SCORPION'S REVENGE (IRE), NOAH AND THE ARK (IRE) and COOL JET (IRE) were randomly selected by the stewards for pre-race testing.

COOL JET fell at the third fence after chipping in and hitting the fence. Jockey Ben Ffrench Davis was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

THE HERO NEXT DOOR (IRE) lost rider Jamie Bargary at the last fence while in second place. Jockey Bargary was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

Race V

SPLIT IN TWO (IRE) pulled up after the 5th fence.

MODERN SOCIETY pulled up tired after the 9th fence.

OCEAN AIR pulled up tired before the last fence.

CRIMSON LILLE pulled up tired before the last fence.

Race VI

BY THE RIVERSIDE (FR) fell at the third last fence after setting the pace and tiring. Jockey Ben Ffrench Davis was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE(IRE) pulled up after the 7th fence tired.

Race VIII

SLIABH AUGHTY (FR) lost his rider at the second fence. Jockey Andrew Burke Ott was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

HASHTAG NO WONDER was pulled up before the second last after trailing his field.

GRUNION was pulled up before the second last fence.

GOSPEL WAY was pulled up after the 9th fence.

KING TSUNAMI was pulled up after the 8th fence after losing contact with his field.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

This was a very good day of racing over a course that was in good shape. It was impressive that everything ran on time especially considering the number of races.

Larry F. Curtis

Signature