

National Steeplechase Association  
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Stewards Report

Race Meeting: Charleston

Date: 4/8/17

Weather: Sunny, 73

Course Condition: Good

Moisture: 5

Compaction: 90-100

Clerk of Scales: Cathie Jackson

Starter: Jeff Teter

Stewards: Beale Payne

Larry F. Curtis

Reese Howard, Jr.

Anne Pezzano (Safety Steward)

Official Actions:

The "Quick Official" protocol was used for the third consecutive week. The new "Weighing In" procedure of the first through fourth place finishers over fences and the winner of training flat races was implemented for the second week. These changes have streamlined the operations of race day.

Race 1: SKESTOS pulled up before the last fence with the rider stating that the horse was outrun. MALIBU DREAMER lost contact after the third to last fence despite urging from the rider yet the pair completed the course. The jockey reported the horse lost his hind end on landing at the third to last fence and failed to press forward henceforth. The stewards met with the trainer Russell Haynes after the races and discussed MALIBU DREAMER's recent lack of competitive form. It was agreed the horse would add blinkers in his next start and would be monitored closely to determine if he is suitable for competition at the NSA level. MALIBU DREAMER may not enter at a pari-mutuel meet or exclude another horse in an overfilled race until his form is acceptable to the stewards.

Race 2: MARVINO was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing. EXTENSIBLE and MARVINO pulled up before the second to last jump after tiring.

Race 3: DIVINED was eased at the second to last fence after tiring and jumping poorly. DR. K'EOGH bobbed on landing after the next to last fence thereby popping the rider off. Keith Dalton was cleared to ride by the course physician.

Following the fourth race, safety steward Anne Pezzano informed the stewards that it was reported the drug testing protocol had been compromised early in the day. The stewards conducted an inquiry after the last race at the barn area, when they interviewed the testing veterinarians Dr. Bradford and Dr. Fiona Unzaga. Following a fact-finding inquiry, the stewards determined that the protocol for the first and second races was not followed when the test slips were inadvertently signed by the fellow testing vet. This error was correct for races three through five.

Beale Payne  
Presiding Steward