

National Steeplechase Association
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Stewards Report

Race Meeting: My Lady's Manor

Date: April 15, 2017

Stewards: Gregg Morris
Gus Brown
Tad Zimmerman

Weather: Clear

Course: Compaction- 10
Moisture- 7

Clerk of Scales: Jake Chalfin

Starter: Barry Watson

Official Actions: The course walk took place on Monday, April 10th with race director Turney McKnight.

Race 1: LE CHEVALIER, trained by Julie Gomena, was randomly selected for pre-race "milkshake" testing.

LEMONY BAY and GRAND MANAN were allowed to have their riders put up outside the paddock.

Race 2: ANY KEY was pulled up by jockey Leventhal after the 14th fence. Leventhal said his horse was not traveling well and had started jumping poorly.

Race 3: GAS CAN EDDIE bolted with rider Bethany Baumgardner approaching the 13th fence, ducked outside the flag on the fence, jumped the wing, and swerved to the right into the woods where Baumgardner fell off. She was examined by the course physician and was cleared. Since GAS CAN EDDIE did this same thing three years ago, trainer William Meister said he would not run on this course again.

Race 4: SCHOOLHOUSE WOODS was reluctant to join the field at the start but did finally do so and started with the field. He later fell at the 6th fence with jockey McClane Hendriks. Hendriks was examined by the course physician who recommended x-rays of his clavicle before clearing him. McClane declined transport to the hospital and said he would arrange to get the x-rays and clearance later.

This was the first sanctioned race over jumps for rider Sara Katz; she completed it without incident.

Official Comments: The race committee may wish to consider using an NSA wing with the extension of the running rail on the outside of the 13th fence to avoid another incident like the one with GAS CAN EDDIE. This combination has been used with good result at a habitually problematic fence on the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup course.

Gregg Morris, Presiding
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