

STEWARDS REPORT

Race Meeting: Grand National

Date: April 22, 2017

Stewards: Gregg Morris
Gus Brown
Bruce Rodman

Weather: Rain

Course: Compaction: 110
Moisture: 8+

Clerk of Scales: Jake Chalfin

Starter: Chris Daney

Official Actions:

Race 1: SENIOR SENATOR, trained by Joe Davies, was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing.

WILDCATTER, with Josh Newman, & AND THE EAGLE FLYS, with Keith Dalton, both fell at the 6th fence. The course physician cleared both jockeys.

SERENE HARBOR fell with Annie Yeager at the 16th fence. The course physician cleared Yeager.

Race 2: BATTLE ARAY pulled up after the 12th fence. Jockey Baumgardner said the horse was not traveling well.

Race 3: SPOILER ALERT, ridden by Keith Dalton, went to the right of a beacon approaching the 16th fence and was therefore off course. CLASS INDIAN, who was behind SPOILER ALERT, hit the beacon but remained on course. After the race Dalton, who had remained in the race and finished second, claimed foul against the winner, MYSTIC STRIKE, for interference at the beacon approaching the 16th fence. After interviewing both riders & reviewing the video, it was determined that there was no contact & SPOILER ALERT had not been forced off course. The claim was disallowed & since he had gone off course, SPOILER ALERT was disqualified from second & is considered unplaced.

MECKLENBERG, ridden by Bret Owens, and RODRIGUEZ, ridden by McClane Hendriks, both pulled up after the 15th fence. Both riders said their horses had tired & were out of contention.

BLACK POND, ridden by Alex Fulton, ran out at the 16th fence, attempted to jump the wing, & fell. Fulton said he thought that his horse had been distracted by another horse who had pulled up & was galloping toward an open gate to the right of the fence. The course physician cleared Fulton.

After the races the Stewards held a hearing for Keith Dalton. Video of the incident at the beacon was reviewed with him. Dalton was aware that he had gone off course but stated that since he thought this was caused by another horse he could continue in the race. It was explained to him that once off course, for whatever the reason, he is obligated to pull his horse up immediately. Dalton was fined \$250 for violation of Rule 7.7.F.2.

Note: Upon further review by the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee, the fine was increased to \$500.

Gregg Morris, Presiding
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