



STEWARDS REPORT

Race Meeting: Radnor

Date: May 20, 2017

Stewards: Gregg Morris

Gus Brown

Dave Hershbell

Doris Paxson, Safety Steward

Weather: Cloudy with showers

Course: Compaction 90

Moisture 4

Clerk of Scales: Jake Chalfin

Starter: Barry Watson

Official Actions:

Race 1: This race was delayed because MAKE BIG PLANS was kicked as the field was circling at the start. The course vet, who was positioned in the infield, was summoned to the starting area to examine the horse. She determined that he was OK to run. It was arranged with the course vet that she would locate in the starting area for subsequent races.

TRAVEL TRUE ducked inside a beacon at the top of the hill between the 9th and 10th fences, losing rider Darren Nagle.

MAKE BIG PLANS apparently clipped heels as the field headed down the hill on the far turn and fell heavily with rider Kieran Norris. Norris was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

QUEEQUEG was pulled up by Jeff Murphy prior to the 11th fence, tired.

A Stewards Inquiry was posted immediately after the race. After review of the available video it was determined that there was no foul in either of the incidents that occurred during the race.

The course physician cleared Darren Nagle.

Race 2: Gerard Galligan replaced the injured Kieran Norris on DAPPER DAN.

Race 3: LEMONY BAY, trained by Jack Fisher, was randomly selected for pro-race TCO2 testing.

KINGS APOLLO fell with Paddy Young at the 16th fence. Young was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Immediately after the race trainer Richard Hendriks placed a hold on the race for alleged interference over the last fence & in the stretch.

Mark Beecher, the rider of MYSTIC STRIKE, who finished second by a nose, claimed foul against the winner EBANOUR, ridden by Gus Dahl, for interference over the last fence and in the stretch. After interviewing both riders and reviewing the video the Stewards disqualified EBANOUR from first and placed him second. MYSTIC STRIKE was declared the official winner.

Race 4: This race was delayed because the course physician had accompanied Paddy Young to the hospital in the ambulance.

Jeff Murphy replaced Kieran Norris on SCHOODIC. Graham Watters replaced Paddy Young on JAMARJO.

ALAJMAL lost rider Shane Crimin when he ducked inside the same beacon that TRAVEL TRUE had ducked in the first race. Crimin was cleared by the course physician.

After this race outrider Winter Paxson informed the Stewards that jockey Jeff Murphy had shouted abusive language at her as he pulled up on the backside. She said his epithets could be clearly heard by spectators in the area. Murphy was then called to the Stewards stand & warned about any further abusive or disrespectful behavior toward any race official or volunteer. He was informed that there would be a hearing on this at the conclusion of the races.

Race 5: Gerard Galligan replaced Kieran Norris on ABLE ARCHER. Graham Watters replaced Paddy Young on INVOCATION.

EL MONSTRO, ridden by Jack Doyle, dwelt at the start. He was able to rejoin the filed and eventually finished second but is now on the Watch List.

ABLE ARCHER fell with Gerard Galligan at the 5th fence as did SIGNATURE LOOK with Sean McDermott. Both riders were cleared by the course physician.

Race 6: Willie McCarthy replaced Paddy Young on BISHOP'S CASTLE. Shane Crimin replaced Kieran Norris on FLOATING BALLERINO.

PART, ridden by Gus Dahl, was pulled up before the 10th fence, tired.

LAST FAREWELL, ridden by Ross Geraghty, was pulled up before the 11th fence, tired.

After the races a hearing was held for Jeff Murphy for two incidences of using foul language at an outrider. The first incident was clearly audible to the Stewards on the top level of the stand. The second occurred on the backside and could not be verified for certain. Murphy was fined \$250 for abusive behavior toward a racing official. It was explained to him that if he or any

other rider has a problem with any official or volunteer they can either take it to their rider representative or bring it directly to the Stewards but there is no circumstance where abusive or disrespectful behavior toward anyone will be tolerated.

The Stewards then held a hearing with Gus Dahl regarding the disqualification of his horse in the third race. Dahl maintained that he kept a straight course through the stretch even though the video he reviewed with the Stewards showed otherwise. Dahl was fined \$250 for careless riding.

The Stewards then met with rider representatives Willie McCarthy, Ross Geraghty, and Darren Nagle to discuss their concerns with the medical response and with the outriders. They were unhappy that those riders who had fallen but were able to get to their feet were not seen by anyone until they returned to the jocks tent and that two of the riders had had to walk across the infield to get back to the tent because no one picked them up. They further stated that there were too many inexperienced outriders on the course & they were just getting in the way. The riders were assured that their concerns would be conveyed to the Race Committee in this report.

Official Comments: The course was beautifully prepared and the going was excellent.

It is recommended that the Race Committee invest in running rail as used at several other race meets to be installed at least on the turn at the top of the hill on the backside. The fact that two horses ducked inside a beacon & lost their riders there clearly indicates that this is a dangerous place on the course. The running rail is not prohibitively expensive & would eliminate this problem.

It is recommended that the Race Director consult with the NSA to review the race day emergency medical protocol. At the very least another gator with a qualified medical provider (physician, PA, NP, paramedic or EMT) is needed on the backside. A second physician is also recommended in case the course physician must leave the grounds with an injured rider.

Dr. Dickinson is commended for his prompt response and treatment of the two riders who were transported to the hospital during the day.

Gregg Morris
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