

National Steeplechase Association  
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Stewards Report

Race Meeting: Charleston

Date: 10/12/17

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 71

Course Condition: Good

Moisture: 3

Compaction: 90

Clerk of Scales: Cathie Jackson

Starter: Jeff Teter

Stewards: Beale Payne

Larry F. Curtis

Reese Howard, Jr.

Anne Pezzano (Safety Steward)

Official Actions:

Race 1: UNION ET FORCE was eased before the second to last fence. The rider, Sean McDermott, stated the horse had displaced her soft palate.

Race 2: FINALLY PERKED was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing. FINALLY PERKED was pulled up before the second to last fence. The rider dismounted as the horse was lame on the left front.

Race 3: BRITAIN lost his rider after the second fence. Ross Geraghty was cleared by the course physician. Geraghty said his horse landed on another horse's heels and stumbled to the left.

Race 4: WIGWAM BABY was taken up before the second to last fence. Rider Brion reported the horse was jumping poorly. WAVELESS met the next to last fence long, scrambled over the roll and box, and unseated the rider on landing. Keith Dalton was cleared by the course physician.

Official Comments:

The set of fence rolls for this meet should not be used any longer. The foam has deteriorated to a point that it is mushy and lost its original height as well as width. The covers were sequentially too large so securing the rolls to the fences took repeated efforts. As a safety issue, the new large stiffer rolls should be mandated. The association should be commended for the use of race track style colored saddle clothes. All agreed this type saddle towel made identification of the horses much easier. Race director Toby Edwards advised the cloth towels were cost efficient over the paper saddle towels. The SJAA report expressed dissatisfaction with the examinations as cursory and incomplete by the Dr. Keith Merrill. Dr. Merrill did have a cavalier attitude when the stewards reviewed medical protocol before the jockeys meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beale Payne