



## NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

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### STEWARDS' REPORT

**RACE MEETING:** Far Hills

**DATE:** 10/21/2017

**WEATHER:** Sunny, Warm

**COURSE CONDITION:**  
Compaction: 110-140, Avg 130  
Moisture: 3-4

**CLERK OF SCALES:** Jake Chalfin

**STARTER:** Sterling Young

**STEWARDS:** Reese Howard

Larry Curtis  
Gregg Morris  
Bruce Rodman (Safety Steward)  
Samantha Randazzo (Safety Steward)

**OFFICIAL ACTIONS:** None

**OFFICIAL COMMENTS:** Upon receiving the overnights for the races, the Stewards noticed that the horse L'AIGLE ROYAL was entered in the Fifth Race, a ratings handicap for horses rated 130 and under. The horse was to be ridden by his owner Alex Leventhal, an amateur 10 lb. apprentice rider. After a review of his riding record the Stewards decided to interview Mr. Leventhal. A tele-conference included Stewards Reese Howard, Larry Curtis and Bill Gallo, Director of Racing, trainer Leslie Young and Alex Leventhal. After much discussion, the Stewards decided that Mr. Leventhal would not be permitted to ride his horse at Far Hills. The horse was subsequently scratched by the trainer.

In the fifth race jockey Danny Mullins was named on PLATED. A call from trainer Jimmy Day requesting a jockey change to Sean McDermott was granted by the Stewards, providing a double jocks mount was paid.

In the third race MUTASAAWY lost rider Darren Nagle. The protocols for attending the rider as well as closing the fence could not have been more poorly executed. 1. The State Police jumped the inside fence against protocols. They insisted on moving jockey Nagle against his wishes. They clearly did not understand the concept of the closed fence 2. The patrol judge at this fence obviously did not understand her job as she was waving her flag way in front of the fence. 3. Fortunately there was an outrider that got in front of the fence to wave around the field. Unfortunately, she left that position, and when she realized that she needed to get back she had to gallop in front of the field to continue to wave them around.

A conversation with Oliver Keelan, head Patrol Judge, and Guy Torsilieri took place after the races to discuss this issue.

All horses, but for PAPY (who reboxed a left front tendon) that pulled up or that fell, were examined by the track vet and were declared sound to ship.

**Race 1:** Jockey Bernie Dalton (DOWN ROYAL) claimed foul against Gerard Galligan (SNUGGLING) for interference around the last turn. The Stewards upheld the objection. MENACING DENNIS was placed first, DOWN ROYAL was placed second, and SNUGGLING was placed third. The rider of SNUGGLING was held blameless.

WHAT GIVES pulled up before the last, tired.

**Race 2:** PAPY pulled up before the last, tired

**Race 3:** SURPRISING SOUL pulled up before the last, tired.

MUTASSAAWY jumped the first fence poorly and lost rider Darren Nagle. There was a wave around at this jump for the rest of this race. Nagle was cleared to ride.

**Race 4:** KATNAP was chosen for pre-race testing. CASINO MARKETS pulled up at the 8<sup>th</sup> fence, tired.

**Race 5:** SIMENON pulled up before the last, tired. Sean McDermott replaced Mullins on PLATED. Double jocks mount.

**Race 6:** SWOOP pulled before the 8<sup>th</sup>. Rider reported the horse had taken some bad steps. TAY LANE pulled before the last, tired

**Race 7:** CERTAIN SWAGGER fell 2 from home causing DE CHERA to lose its rider. Both jockeys Doyle and Nagle were cleared by the course physician.

Reese Howard, Presiding Steward