



## NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

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### STEWARDS' REPORT

**RACE MEETING:** Middleburg Spring

**DATE:** April 21, 2018

**WEATHER:** Clear

**COURSE CONDITION:** Good

Compaction: 96

Moisture: 7

**CLERK OF SCALES:** Bill Hair

**STARTER:** Sterling Young

**STEWARDS:** Larry Curtis  
Cook Edens  
Tad Zimmerman (presiding)

Rug Howard (safety)

#### OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

**Race 1:** STRONG unseated his rider, Michael Mitchell, on the way to the post. After several high-speed tours of the north end of the course he was caught by the outriders and scratched by the Stewards. Michael Mitchell remounted near the start and attempted to enter the start lineup before the starter told him his horse was scratched. The rider was examined by the course Physician and cleared to ride.

A post-race sample was collected from SIMENON.

**Race 2:** FIRST DEGREE BURN was pulled up in the stretch the first time around due to a slipped saddle.

**Race 3:** Permission was granted for TWO'S COMPANY to be mounted on the racecourse before the other riders were put up in the paddock.

TWO'S COMPANY was pulled up on the backside the last time around and was reported to have been moving poorly.

GRAND MANAN was pulled up three fences from home, tired.

**Race 4:** Post race samples were collected from the first and second place finishers.

SEMPRE MEDICI and SCHOODIC pulled up on the backside the last time around. Both horses were reported to have tired.

Jack Doyle, the rider of the winner, LYONELL, having weighed out 4 pounds over, weighed in 6 pounds over his assigned weight of 140. The Steward's determined that LYONELL had carried 146 pounds in his winning effort

**Race 5:** Following the second race Rug Howard, the Safety Steward, informed the Stewards that FOXHALL DRIVE had mistakenly been given a second Lasix treatment. The Stewards and the Safety Steward met with Dr. Whitwer and Jimmy Day, the trainer of FOXHALL DRIVE, to determine how this mistake had occurred and determine the extent of the over treatment.

Apparently when the Safety Steward and Treating Veterinarian arrived at Jimmy Day's stalls to treat CORSTORPHINE, a runner in the sixth race also trained by Jimmy Day, neither Jimmy Day or the groom who works for him was present. During the temporary absence of Jimmy Day's groom, a groom employed by Jonathan Sheppard, who had agreed to act in place of the absent groom, mistakenly directed the Safety Steward and Administering Veterinarian to FOXHALL DRIVE. Both horses are bay geldings with unreadable tattoos. The mistaken identity was not discovered and FOXHALL DRIVE was treated a second time. Sometime shortly thereafter Jimmy Day's regular groom returned and it was discovered that the wrong horse had been treated.

The dosage of Lasix administered to FOXHALL DRIVE on each occasion was 6 ml, putting him over the dosage limit of 10 ml, set forth in 10.1.A.3 of the Rules of Racing.

Based on these facts, the Stewards informed Jimmy Day that the horse would be scratched. He agreed that under the circumstances the horse could not be permitted to run.

The Stewards did not hear anything to suggest malicious intent on the part of the groom employed by Jonathan Sheppard.

While the trainer's ultimate responsibility in this case is clear, the Stewards, having taken note of the mitigating circumstances, did not assess a fine. It was agreed that a review of procedural vulnerabilities should be undertaken in order to lessen the likelihood of a similar mistake being made in the future.

OCEAN READY was selected at random for pre-race testing.

FRANKLIN TOWERS bolted off course following the first jump.

KING OF THE ROAD was pulled up one fence from home. He hit the second to last fence hard and it was reported that it took the run out of him.

After finishing EXPEDIENT pulled up lame in his off fore and was vanned off the course. The Safety Steward reported that he had bowed a tendon.

**Race 6:** CITY GOLD froze at the start causing a false start. When the field was lined up a second time he refused to start. CITY GOLD was placed on the Starter's List and may not start in a race with pari-mutuel wagering until he has started successfully in a sanctioned NSA race.

AMIGO and WHAT GIVES were pulled up before the last fence. Both horses were reported to have tired.

**Race 7:** BOOGIE BIZ and SALUDA SAM were pulled up two fences from home. Both horses were reported to have tired.

SECRET SOUL, ridden by Jeff Murphy, fell at the last fence. It was reported that the horse was tired and simply failed to get his landing gear down properly.

Jeff Murphy was examined by the Course Physician and was not cleared to ride.

**OFFICIAL COMMENTS:** The course was in excellent shape and Glenwood Park has never looked better. The many hours of hard work devoted to the course and the grounds throughout the year is clearly evident.

The Steeplechase Jockeys Association of America report correctly points to the desirability of a second medically equipped gator in order to better meet the targeted response time, especially in the event of multiple incidents.

The availability of high quality video from a drone, professionally handled by Dunn Fout, was a significant and welcome advance. The importance of this tool to improved decision making by the Stewards cannot be overstated.

Tad Zimmerman