



## NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

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### STEWARDS' REPORT

Race Meeting: Foxfield Spring

Date: April 28, 2018

Weather: Sunny 76°

Course Condition: Good

Moisture: 10

Compaction: 82

Clerk of Scales: William Hair, Jr.

Starter: Graham Alcock

Stewards: Beale Payne

Norman Fraley

Sterling Young

Bruce Rodman (Safety Steward)

#### Official Actions:

**Race 1:** FRANKLIN TOWERS was pulled up at the second to last fence, tired.

**Race 2:** ETCHED IN TIME was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing. VIRGINIA ENVY and JUMP THROUGH IT were eased before the second to last fence after tiring.

**Race 3:** CHANGE OF VIEW was pulled up at the third to last fence, tired.

**Race 4:** L'AIGLE ROYAL(GER) lost the rider after the second to last fence. The fatigued horse struggled over the fence and twisted on landing which unsettled the rider for several strides before the loss of rider. Alex Leventhal was cleared by the

course physician to ride. Leventhal stated that he and the horse were tired so he should have pulled up before the second to last jump.

**Race 5:** CHANGE MAKER refused to load in the starter's box after three attempts necessitating a late scratch. CHANGE MAKER is placed on the Starter's List and may not start in a race with pari-mutuel racing until successfully starting in a NSA sanctioned race.

After the flag was dropped for the start, the field was reluctant to gallop away in an expeditious manner and did not reach racing speed until shortly before the first fence. SCOUT LEADER was pulled up three fences from the finish. The rider reporting the horse lost its action. ALWAYS SUMMER was taken up before the last jump with the rider saying the horse was not travelling well.

**Official Comments:** A head on camera needs to be added to cover the stretch run to the finish line as the pan camera does not give complete coverage. Horses on the inside rail can be not seen and horses tend to run in on an angle to avoid the fence after the wire. This is often an area of contention.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beale Payne  
Presiding Steward