



## NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

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### STEWARDS' REPORT

**RACE MEETING:** PA Hunt Cup

**DATE:** 11/03/18

**WEATHER:** Sunny, 52°

**COURSE CONDITION:**

Compaction: good

Moisture: wet

**CLERK OF SCALES:** Edward McLaughlin

**STARTER:** Christopher Daney

**STEWARDS:** Gus Brown  
Charles Flesichmann  
Gregg Morris  
Doris Paxson, Safety Steward

### OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

The Jockey's Meeting took place at the advertised time. Jockeys Mark Beecher and Eric Poretz were not in attendance. Mark Beecher was on the grounds but was unaware of the start time. He was fined \$100.00 for not attending the Jockeys Meeting.

Eric Poretz was lost on the way to the races and therefore did not arrive on time and made no effort to notify the officials of his circumstances. Mr. Poretz was late the day before for the mandatory Jockeys Meeting at Montpelier and was given a warning by the Stewards. Mr. Poretz is fined \$200.00 the # 4 horse (It's Nothing) in Race 3 was randomly chosen by the Stewards for pre-race TCO2 testing.

**Race 1:** HARDAPORT pulled up before the 8th fence. POCKET TALK (IRE) fell at the 8th fence. Jockey Eric Poretz reported that *"the horse met the fence wrong, hit it and couldn't get his landing gear back down in time"*. Pocket Talk was cleared by the course veterinarian to travel home. Eric Poretz was cleared to ride by the Course Physician. DR. K'EOGH was pulled up before the 14th fence. APPOGGIATURA was pulled up before the 14th fence.

**Race 2:** REALLY READY, ridden by Hadden Frost, fell at the 12th fence. SHINOBI (GER), ridden by Gerard Galligan, fell at the 12th fence. Both Really Ready and Shinobi were cleared by the veterinarian to travel home. Jockey Hadden Frost was not cleared by the Course Physician with a

suspected clavicle fracture. Jockey Gerard Galligan was cleared to ride. Mr. Galligan reported the Shinobi *"hit the top rail and these are hard rails and they don't break"*.

**Race 3:** STAND DOWN (IRE), ridden by Eric Poretz, fell at the 6th fence. Stand Down was cleared by the veterinarian to travel home. Mr. Poretz was cleared by the Course Physician. Mr. Poretz reported that Stand Down *"met it tight and it didn't break"*.

There was a Stewards Inquiry into the stretch run of this race. After review of the available video, the Stewards determined that there was no interference and the race was made official.

#### **OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

The Stewards would like to thank and commend the Race Committee for another successful race meet and would also like to thank the horsemen for keeping the day running on schedule and in a timely fashion. The Stewards found the addition of the head-on camera added to the stretch a very useful tool and recommend that this be adopted by other race meetings when possible.

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