



## NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

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### STEWARDS' REPORT

**RACE MEETING:** International Gold Cup

**DATE:** October 24, 2020

**WEATHER:** overcast

**COURSE CONDITION:** Firm

Compaction: 122

Moisture: 9

**CLERK OF SCALES:** Bill Hair

**STARTER:** Graham Alcock

**STEWARDS:** Larry Curtis  
Beale Payne  
Tad Zimmerman

Sterling Young (safety)

#### OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

##### Race 1:

*SEA MAST*, *WESTERN CRUSADER*, and *CHETZERON* were pulled up and reported to have tired. *MASTER GUNNER* was pulled up and reported to have lost his action.

##### Race 2:

*GO GET THE BASIL* was selected at random for pre-race testing.

*NOAH AND THE ARK* froze and caused a false start before starting successfully.

*FRENCH LIGHT* received lacerations to his near front ankle that required sutures.

##### Race 4:

*HUYANA* was a faller at the last and was reported to have dived at the fence. His rider, Archie Macauley, was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

##### Race 5:

*COURT RULER* was pulled up and reported to have tired. His near fore required sutures.

**Race 6:**

*OFFICER SYDNEY* stumbled on landing and lost his rider at the 13<sup>th</sup> fence. McLane Hendricks was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

*CODRINGTON COLLEGE* was pulled up and reported to have tired.

*SATISH* was a faller at the second to last fence. He was vanned off the course and was reported to have bowed both front tendons. *SATISH* was later transported to the Piedmont Equine Clinic where he was euthanized

His rider, Thomas Garner, was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

**Race 7:**

*CHEERS TO US* fell at the second fence. His rider, McLane Hendricks, was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

**Race 8:**

*ELUCIDATION* bobbled at the 3<sup>rd</sup> fence and lost his rider. Elizabeth Scully was examined by the Course Physician and not cleared to ride for the remainder of the day. Upon re-examination by the Course Physician after the last race she was cleared to ride.

*ELUCIDATION* was claimed for \$20,000 by Justin Batoff, acting as agent for Jeremy Batoff.

**Race 10:**

*DECLARED* dwelt at the start and was pulled up.

**OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

The simplification of the course configuration on the far turn worked very well.

The addition of a padded roll and ground line on the Steeplethon stone wall, as well as altering the course to jump it on the first circuit, were significant improvements to the safety of the course.

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Tad Zimmerman