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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Carolina Cup

DATE: 05/22/2021

WEATHER: Clear and Hot

COURSE CONDITION: Firm

Compaction: 100-120 Firm

Moisture: 0-2 Dry

Wet Bulb: 20.7 at 12:30pm

CLERK OF SCALES: Cathie Jackson

STARTER: Stirling Young

STEWARDS: Larry F. Curits
Beale Payne
Gregg Pachman
Anne Pezzano (Safety)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

Race I

#1, #2, #3, #5 were tested for Cobalt.

Race II

#3 FLAMETTA fell at the second last fence after missing a long spot and stumbling upon landing. Jockey Ross Geraghty was examined by the course physician and transported to the emergency room with a fractured collar bone.

Race III

#1 MCSTEAMY pulled up at the 10th fence tired.

#6 SEA MAST chipped in and never left the ground sustaining a rotational fall at the last fence. Jockey Eddie Keating was examined and transported to the emergency room with a broken collar bone. It was later reported that he had suffered a concussion and had no recollection of the fall.

Race V

#2 PIK EM became fractious at the start – colliding with the running rail and breaking it causing a delay at the start. While the repair to the rail was taking place the #10 BODES WELL and the #11 LORD JUSTICE (IRE) were kicked at the start. All three horses were examined and cleared to run by Dr. Whitwer.

#2 PIK EM fell at the 10th fence and was vanned off lame. He was attended to by Dr. Whitwer and later cleared to ship home with a guarded prognosis. The course veterinarian drew blood after treatment in the event any testing was required at a later date.

#3 THE HAPPY GIANT lost rider Barry John Foley at the first fence when #8 KILRONAN ducked out in mid air and knocking Foley out of the saddle.

Jockey Jamie Bargary was called to the stand after the last race and interviewed. He stated that he had no control of the horse after left the ground and he corrected him as soon as possible. The films showed that this was indeed the case and it was considered accidental interference and no action was taken.

#8 KILRONAN was pulled up after the eleventh fence and later was reported to have a sore stifle.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

The races were scheduled thirty minutes apart this year instead of the usual thirty-five minutes. This did not work as the barn is too far away and it is impossible to keep on schedule with this short of time between races. The stewards would advise going back to the thirty-five minutes between post times.

There was a serious break down with the medical doctors and the concussion exams at this meet. The doctors were late and missed the officials meeting so the stewards took Dr. Joseph to the jockeys room prior to the first race and introduced him. The stewards also thoroughly went over the concussion protocol and stressed the fact that all riders that come off were to receive it regardless of whether they were otherwise cleared. Dr. Joseph understood the protocol but did not actually agree that it was necessary. After the races it was found that the 2 of the four fallers had not received concussion evaluation and he had not filled out the required paperwork. After refusing to come to the stewards stand to meet the stewards Dr. Joseph met the stewards in the paddock area after the races and filled out the paperwork and signed off on this concussion exam of the two riders without further examination of these riders. The stewards found this totally unacceptable. Dr. Joseph was clearly aggravated that he had been called out on this. The stewards felt that this was totally unacceptable and must be changed to assure that it does not happen again.

The Carolina Cup staff did an excellent job with the course by keeping moisture in it from an earlier rain by continuing to use the water truck.

Larry F. Curtis
Signature