

Stewards Report

Annaghmore

11th June 2023

Stewards: P Clarke, J. O'Sullivan

Race 1: All run, No driving changes

European broke numerous times throughout race placed last; No other issues

Race 2: 1 non-runner Maria's Blaze; J Cowden drives no 2 Forever Amour; P Kane drives no 4 Sweet Caroline; W Stewart jnr didn't make it to the track; Neville Martin fined €25 for late declaration of driver and €25 wrong number cloth; No other issues

Race 3: All go; No driving changes; No issues reported

Race 4: All go; P Kane jnr drives no 7 ..I B Notorious , Leah Mc Nevin was not present

There was an incident at the start of the race and it involved four drivers D Timlin, N Ryan , N Mc Dermot and G Murdock. As the gate past the start line, we noticed D Timlin's horse galloping on the outside and he was roaring and shouting at the top of his voice, he then turned his horse the wrong way on the track and roared as he past us that he was going to ditch him and wouldn't be stopped from doing so.

At this point the rest of the field was approaching the first quarter on the back straight and J O Sullivan told him to get off the track immediately which he did do. He continued to circle on the infield giving of regarding the start of the race. When the race was over, he left the track and the stewards watched the video to ascertain what had happened.

The stewards could see that there was an interference between himself and N Ryan just behind the gate before the start line and it seemed that N Mc Dermot had came across N Ryan's horse which in turn caused D Timlin to take action and subsequently break stride.

All the drivers involved were interviewed. N Ryan said N Mc Dermot came across him which was clear to see. N Mc Dermot said G Murdock was very close to him, but this doesn't happen until further up the track. D Timlin's horse was already galloping so this wasn't the cause of it. G Murdock was asked his side and he said he wasn't near D Timlin's horse that he was close to the other horse, but there was no contact which was also what the video showed. D Timlin gave his account of the incident, and he was blaming G Murdock on causing his horse to break.

This opinion contradicted the video footage as there wasn't any contact recorded between these two at all. He then said that it had happened further down the track before the start.

The stewards couldn't see this as they were on ground level and the gate had obscured the view of any of the front-line horses at this point. In addition, the video didn't start recording until half up the straight we have no evidence of this happening.

This report together with the video evidence has been brought to the IHRA stewarding panel for review and following this review, a separate report shall be issued, outlining any sanctions made against any of the said drivers mentioned above.