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The first wounded by bull horns dye Pamplona's festivities with blood

The most dangerous Encierro

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USPA NEWS - The feared bulls of the Cebada Gago ranch were the protagonists of the most dangerous and bloody Encierro of the Sanfermines 2022 this Monday. Seven injured, three of them by bull horns, is the balance of a Encierro that lasted 3.12 minutes and offered the most dangerous moments till the date.

Of the three injured by a bull's horn, one was caught on Estafeta street and the other two in the bullring. Of these, the most serious injured was a runner thrown into the air next to the tables of the bullring and who was attacked repeatedly by the bull. A thigh injury and multiple bruises due to the bull's headbutts, its stomps and the blows of other runners who, in the same place, tried to escape the danger that the bull represented.

The Cebada Gago stud ranch, located in Cádiz – the extreme south of Spain -, is famous for raising bulls of great bravery, dangerous in the Encierros and of great beauty. Virtues of which the six bulls of the livestock that this Monday toured the streets of Pamplona showed off. The Cebada Gago made it clear from the beginning that they were not willing to let the meek ones who accompany the herd every day, directing it towards the plaza, do their job. As soon as they left the corrals they took command of the race, but warning the runners that no place was safe.

Heading left and right, the herd advanced to the corner of Mercaderes and Estafeta streets, where two bulls collided violently with the fence. Behind them, the rest of the herd huddled together. From that point on, the herd fragmented. A bull took command, four followed him and the sixth brought up the rear, escorted by a meek bull. What happened next was a succession of races, piling up of the bulls and the runners, and continuous dangerous situations that made the runners nervous. Red Cross reported that he had treated 53 people for bumps and bruises caused by pushing, elbowing and falling.

The worst was yet to come. Shortly before reaching the bullring, a bull hooked a runner by the armpit. Later, inside the bullring, another bull charged two runners. One was gored in the groin, without affecting any artery or vital organ. The other was turned over and the bull was merciless with him. The wound occurred in the thigh, but the bull's head butts, his stomps and the succession of blows aggravated the state of the unfortunate runner. Ultimately, seven people were taken to hospital, three of them for bull horn injuries.

This Monday's running of the bulls, the fifth of the 2022 Sanfermines series, had the epic that is expected from the Encierros in Pamplona. There was danger, long races and a lot of emotion. The Sanfermines 2022 face their final stretch, after two years of suspension. On Thursday, the people of Pamplona will sing 'Pobre de mí' and conjure up for next year's festivities. But there is still a lot of party to enjoy.

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