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Improves health of the Kentucky runner injured in the Encierros of Pamplona

Fourth Encierro, fast and clean

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USPA NEWS - Aaron Froeclicher, 23, of Kentucky, was the first runner taken by the Pamplona bulls in the first Encierro of Sanfermines 2019 held on Sunday. Since then he has been admitted to the Virgen del Camino hospital in Pamplona, where he is recovering from the bull horn that he suffered in his left thigh and from a cranial traumatism. Doctors are optimistic about his recovery.

The young American entered with a reserved prognosis. What at first seemed a hoot, turned into a goring aggravated by a traumatic brain injury of uncertain consequences, Aaron Floeclicher was caught from behind in the Estafeta street of Pamplona, in the first Encierro, the same one in which he was also caught a Californian. The three subsequent Encierros have only left injured by contusions due to falls and blows against the protective fence or against the ground. No more injured by bull horn.

"I'm a little better, but I'm still not as I should be," Aaron Floeclicher told Diario de Navarra. The young man from Kentucky will have to stay several days in the hospital, from where he remembered what happened: "I remember that I was running and, suddenly, six bulls that I had not seen turned the corner so fast that I was not aware. It happened very fast, it hit me and it threw me through the air. When I fell, I hit my head hard."

The Californian J.A.O., 46, entered the Hospital de Navarra. He also improves. Another eleven people have needed medical assistance between Monday and Wednesday, although none of them has suffered cornadoes. Only bruises when hitting the ground after sliding and falling, or against the fence. The Running of this Wednesday was fast and clean. The bulls of the ranch of Jandilla ran together in a herd and only at the end one of the bulls slipped and was left behind, although at no time caused danger.

45 percent of visitors to Pamplona during the Sanfermines are foreigners and, of these, 73 percent are Americans. USPA News was invited on Monday to participate in a radio debate organized by the Onda Cero Radio station in Pamplona, about what attracts foreigners to San Fermín. Jimmy Johnson, from Las Vegas, 52, explained that Pamplona's festivals attract him as a child and, of them, his favorite ones are the Encierros. On Tuesday, he running of the Encierro for the first time. In his opinion, the best thing about San Fermín is that anyone, regardless of their origin, can join the festival.

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