



Senior Judges Report

Name of Track	Rideau Carleton	Ottawa			
Date	Sunday 3 April 2022	Post Time	1830 hours		
Weather	Races 1 - 3: Cloudy (Temp: 4° C) Races 4 - 8: Rain (Temp: 4° C) Races 9 - 15: Cloudy (Temp: 4° C)	Wind: 12 km/h (North)			
Track Condition	Races 1 - 15: Fast (Variant 0 secs)				
Number of Races	15	Qualifying races	Ø	Total Entries	122/128
Mutual Handle	\$333,547				
Contact Vet	Paddock Meeting	Track Maintenance Meeting	Investigator Visit	Outgoing Senior Judge Update	

Senior Judge	Associate Judge	Associate Judge
Weber, Michael	Coles, Sharla	Brethour, Fred (CAR)

Report on day's events:

(Accidents, claims, fines and/or suspensions, objections and/or disqualifications, refunds and any other pertinent incidents)

Office:

- Early Judges scratch (ineligible) of KEEPALL from the first race due to not having a negative Coggins test certificate (AGCO rule 22.34).
- Early veterinary scratches of YANKEE UP (lame) from the fifth race, BETTY ONTHEBEACH (sick) from the sixth race and PRETTY BOY DUKE (sick) from the eighth race.
- Virtual educational review held with driver Drew Smyth concerning his urging of TWOMACSONEMACH in the twelfth race on 27 March. Mr. Smyth is now fully aware of the AGCO urging regulations, what is expected of him to remain in compliance, the changes he is required to make to his urging style and the penalty structure for non-compliance. No regulatory action will be taken at this time.
- Discussed test barn procedure and protocol issues with the Chief Test Inspector, Athena Margies and trainer Macy Cassell. Following this discussion both parties are clear as to expectations and responsibilities in the test barn.
- Discussed the requirement to report any injury to a horse, even if such injury occurs post race, with the trainer of OUTKAST BLUE CHIP, Isabelle Darveau. This horse grabbed a shoe resulting in a cut when entering the paddock after the 14th race on 27 March.

- Program correction for JUSTA BANDIT in the twelfth race; this horse was entered for a claiming price of \$15,000.

Races:

- Jacques Beaudoin, Rodney LaFramboise, Paul LaFramboise and Jason Gilchrist each excused from one drive.
1. Inquiry on the race winner, #3 FIX A DRINK (Ryan Guy) who broke before the start; this horse had passed the fair start pole when the starter released the field and did receive a fair start. Clear.
Video: https://youtu.be/6t8HDzn_xvk
 2. The #2 MAROON SEELSTER (Mike Healey) broke before the start but was in position when the starter released the field and was not charted with a break. Clear.
 3. Clear.
 4. Clear.
 5. Inquired of the driver of #2 DARKEST SECRET, Mike Healey, as to why both feet were not in the stirrups in the stretch; the explanation of Mr. Healey was partially accepted and no regulatory action is required, although he was cautioned to make better effort to keep both feet in the stirrups. Clear.
 6. Clear.
 7. Driver of #5 BEST HONEY HANOVER, Robert Shepherd, was cautioned regarding his urging in the stretch. Clear.
 8. Discussed race pace (28⁴ 59³) with the driver of #2 ROLLIN WITH ROCK, Guy Gagnon; the explanation of Mr. Gagnon was accepted and no further action is required. The #2 suffered broken equipment (buxton) after the ½ mile pole and was victorious with broken equipment. Clear.
 9. Clear.
 10. Driver of #5 MAJOR HILL, Pascal Berube, had an official warning entered on his licence concerning his urging during the race. Clear.
 11. Clear.
 12. Clear.
 13. Clear.
 14. Inquiry concerning possible interference by #4 THANKYOUVERYMUCH (Steeven Genois) on #1 DRIVEULIKEUSTOLEIT (Ryan Guy) in the stretch; #4 did bear in and contact the sulky of #1 before the finish; both horses charted with interference due to the contact; no placing necessary as #4 finished behind #1.
Video: <https://youtu.be/0ruy6j2XSK4>
Driver of #4, Steeven Genois, was adjudged guilty of violating AGCO rules 22.05.01(a) (bear in causing another driver to pull his horse out of its stride) and 22.05.01(h) (strike another sulky) and assessed a three day driving suspension (15-17 April, inclusive) (Number 1662278). Clear.
 15. Inquiry on the performance of #1 CLOUD NINE HANOVER (Drew Smyth), who broke before the start, concerning possible broken equipment before the start and possible interference to #9 FITT BITT (Robert Shepherd) before the start; it was determined that

the broken equipment (line pole) occurred after the start and that #1 did not cause interference to #9 before the start while off stride; no violations. Clear.

Video: <https://youtu.be/oa7bhW4OUk4>

Claims:

- 6 #4 JESSICAS LEGACY (3 claims) for \$10,000 by Michelle LeBlanc & Gary Lee (M. LeBlanc trainer).
- 14 #5 WISK KEY K (1 claim) for \$10,000 by Matthew McDonald (M. McDonald trainer).