



Senior Judges Report

Name of Track	Rideau Carleton	Ottawa			
Date	Sunday 9 July 2023	Post Time	1830 hours		
Weather	Races 1 - 11: Clear (Temp: 25° C)	Wind:	6 km/h (South)		
Track Condition	Races 1 - 11: Fast (Variant 0 secs)				
Number of Races	11	Qualifying races	3 KR	Total Entries	72/76
Mutual Handle	\$420,380				
Contact Vet	Paddock Meeting	Track Maintenance Meeting	Investigator Visit	Outgoing Senior Judge Update	

Senior Judge	Associate Judge	Associate Judge
Weber, Michael	Rourke, Katelynn	Portuondo, Jason (remote)

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 (transportation) of ROCK N ZEUS from the tenth race.
- Early Judges scratch (other) of LORY MARCHANDISE from the sixth race.

Races:

- Guy Gagnon and Philippe Trudeau each excused from one drive.
1. Inquiry on the #1 SPORTS ACTIVATOR (Michael Armstrong), who finished second, concerning possible interference to #6 BATTLE OF YORK (Stephane Pouliot), who finished eighth, after the ¾ mile; after speaking with both drivers and reviewing the race video it was determined that there were no violations as the #1 pulled wide for safety reasons due to #7 IRRESISTIBLE (Samuel Fillion) being off stride and causing interference to #1, #3 LIGHT THE TORCH (Jacques Beaudoin), #6, #8 BET THE ROCK (Justin Fillion) and #9 TWIN B PLAYER (Pascal Berube); no placing necessary as #7 finished ninth (last). Clear.

Video: <https://youtu.be/ZU7bUkRhhwQ>

2. The #3 NELSONEDDY HANOVER (Robert Shepherd) suffered broken equipment (shoe) after the start and finished second with broken equipment. Clear.
3. Clear.
4. Clear.

5. Inquiry on #4 FASHION KEN (Pierre Bovay), who finished third, concerning possibly leaving the course after the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile pole; #4 did contact one pylon, go inside the subsequent pylon and did not gain an advantage; no violation of the inner rail rule. Clear.

Video: https://youtu.be/xgz2_h-fBMg

6. Reviewed the start of #6 MIDNIGHT MATTY (Pascal Berube) who was not on the gate in position when the starter released the field; after discussing the start with Mr. Berube it was determined there was an equipment issue which the trainer will remedy. Driver of 4 WATCH HER GO, Donald Jobin, was cautioned regarding his urging in the stretch. Clear.
7. The #3 DYLAN'S BANK (Jason Gilchrist) suffered broken equipment (shoe) after the start and finished with broken equipment. Mr. Gilchrist had an official warning entered on his licence concerning AGCO rule 22.19 (feet in stirrups) in the stretch. Clear.
8. Reviewed racing at the top of the stretch between #6 CHASING GOOSEBUMPS (Stephane Pouliot) and #7 DELCO DYNAMITE (Pascal Berube) who was tiring and did bear out causing interference to #6; no placing necessary as #7 finished posterior to #6. Clear.
9. Clear.
10. Clear.
11. Reviewed the performance of #2 ARTHUR SHELBY (Guy Gagnon) who was in front and entered the safety lane before the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile pole, backed through the field and finished ninth (last); Mr. Gagnon stated that he entered the safety lane for safety reasons as he was not confident in continuing; #2 must qualify for performance (trainer notified); this horse was examined by the AGCO Veterinarian, Dr. L. Berthiaume-Atack, post race. Clear.

Claims:

- 2 #1 ASSASSINS CREED (3 claims) for \$8,500 by Limco, Inc. (Victor Puddy trainer).
- 2 #6 SMILINGBILLYTHEKID (1 claim) for \$12,000 by Benoit Hebert (B. Hebert trainer).