



Senior Judges Report

Name of Track	Rideau Carleton	Ottawa		
Date	Sunday, 15 Mar 2020	Post Time	18:30	
Weather	Race 1 - 13: Clear (Temp: -3 deg. C)			
Track Condition	Race 1 - 13: Fast (Variant 0 secs)			
No of Races	13	Number of qualifying races	2 MW/BF	Total Entries 94
Mutual Handle	\$266,984			
Contact Vet	Paddock Meeting	Track Maintenance Meeting	Investigator Visit	Outgoing Senior Judge Update

Senior Judge	Associate Judge	Associate Judge
Weber, Michael	Benoit Frenette	Al Stiff (C.A.R.)

Report on day's events:

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

Preamble:

- The Panel received a report about an incident in the test barn from March 1, 2020. We will consult with the CTI Stephanie Bunda next week.
- The Panel spoke with Paddock Judge Ernie O'Dwyer and AGCO Commission Veterinarian Dr. Lynn Blackburn about the policy & procedures concerning COVID-19.

Races:

R1 – Slight delay to the start due to the #8 Vee Breeze having broken equipment that needed repairs prior to the start of the race.

R2 – All Clear

R3 – #2 Jedi Jack (Pascal Berube) made a break before the start but made it back up to the gate before the field was released. The horse will *not* be charted with a break.

#1 Hot Take (Trainer: Johanne Begin) finished the race distanced. The gelding was examined post-race by the AGCO Commission Veterinarian, Dr. Lynn Blackburn. The horse was placed on the short term sick Veterinarians list and must qualify for performance.

The Panel cautioned Driver Michael Armstrong (#5 Jon Snow) about his urging style. Mr. Armstrong knows what is expected of him going forward.

R4 – All Clear

R5 – #5 Stonebridge Hall (Pascal Berube) finished the race with broken equipment (Buxton).

R6 – All Clear

R7 – The Panel spoke to Driver Guy Gagnon (#3 Saulsbrook Peach) about his obligation to drive on when he is cutting out the mile. Mr. Gagnon knows what is expected of him going forward.

R8 – The Panel cautioned Driver Martin Morel (#2 Lookin Ata Winner) about his urging style. Mr. Morel knows what is expected of him going forward.

R9 – Judges Inquiry and Drivers objection, #2 Dali On Up (Carol Voyer) on #1 Jans Legacy (Darcy Clancy) in the stretch. Although #1 does drift out to #2 in the stretch #2 is never impeded by #1 and Mr. Voyer never stops driving his horse. The objection has been disallowed.

Inquiry Video: <https://youtu.be/B4ZGHJj5GGU>

Driver Darcy Clancy was found to be in violation of AGCO rule 22.23.04 (c) & (d) (Drivers must keep their hands below their head & have control of their horse at all times when on the track).

Mr. Clancy is subject to a \$200 monetary penalty and 3 day driving suspension March 20, 21 & 22, 2020. Ruling #968357

R10 – Delay prior to the start for broken equipment on #6 Upvote Hanover (Guy Gagnon)

Inquiry, reviewed racing coming by the stand for the first time. #7 Angles Kid (Clarke Stacy) made a break, choked and fell. The horse was laying on the track while the Starter and AGCO Veterinarian attended to the horse. The Panel activated the lights shortly after the horse fell. Due to safety reasons the siren was activated as the field went past the half declaring the race a no contest.

AGCO Rule 22.33 and Policy Directive No.1 – 2009.

Ruling #968378

R11 – All Clear

R12 – All Clear

R 13 – All Clear

Claims:

R11 - #5 Zen Da Ballykeel - \$12,000 – Owner: Matthew McDonald / Trainer: Anne Marie Turenne (1 claim)