



## Senior Judges Report

<b>Name of Track</b>	Rideau Carleton	Ottawa			
<b>Date</b>	Thursday 23 June 2022	<b>Post Time</b>	1600 hours		
<b>Weather</b>	Races 1 - 10: Cloudy (Temp: 20° C)	<b>Wind:</b>	4 km/h (East)		
<b>Track Condition</b>	Races 1 - 10: Fast (Variant 0 secs)				
<b>Number of Races</b>	10	<b>Qualifying races</b>	3 SC	<b>Total Entries</b>	73/83
<b>Mutual Handle</b>	\$167,784				
Contact Vet	Paddock Meeting	Track Maintenance Meeting	Investigator Visit	Outgoing Senior Judge Update	

<b>Senior Judge</b>	<b>Associate Judge</b>	<b>Associate Judge</b>
Weber, Michael	Coles, Sharla	Brethour, Fred (remote)

### Report on day's events:

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

### Office:

- Drew Smyth, Mike Healey and Paddock Judge Ernie O'Dwyer attended to discuss an altercation in the paddock between the two participants on Sunday 19 June; investigation of the circumstances ongoing.
- Early Judges scratch (injured) of FREE VERSE from the fourth race.
- Early Judges scratch (retention) of CASCADA from the third race; no penalty to trainer Ken Backer as the explained reason was accepted.
- Discussed the disruptive effect on horses, and risks, of having heavy equipment working in the barn area removing manure piles on a race day with Racing Manager Peter Andrusek.

### Races:

1. Clear.
2. The #4 JOBAVA HANOVER (Marie-Claude Auger) suffered broken equipment (shoe) after the start and was victorious with broken equipment. Clear.
3. The #6 HP FELICITY (Robert Shepherd) suffered broken equipment (shoe) after the start and finished with broken equipment; this horse was selected to provide an official sample and did not go directly to the retention area in violation of AGCO rule 9.11; trainer Isabelle Darveau was assessed a \$200 monetary penalty for this violation (Number 1771386). Clear.

4. Reviewed the break by #3 STREET ART (Donald Jobin) before the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile pole; while off stride #3 did cause interference to #5 HOWMAC VICTOR (Jimmy Gagnon), #6 CATCH THE SPARK (Ryan Guy) and #8 PRAISE HANOVER (Robert Robinson); no placing necessary as #3 finished seventh (last). Clear.
5. Starter Jamie Fiolek discussed AGCO rule 22.03(j)(vii) (failure to come into position and remain in position behind the starting gate) with the driver of #5 BJSBIGSHOT, Jacques Beaudoin, and accepted the explanation that this horse was a novice. Clear.
6. Inquiry and driver's objection concerning possible interference after the start and after the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile pole by #6 MIDNIGHT SURF (Drew Smyth), who finished seventh, and #2 DARKEST SECRET (Mike Healey), who finished sixth; after speaking with both drivers and reviewing the race video it was determined no interference had occurred; objection disallowed. The #2 was examined by the AGCO veterinarian Dr. Melissa Rocheleau post race and found to be unhurt and asymptomatic.

Discussed race conduct and propriety expectations during, and after, races with Mr. Healey and Mr. Smyth, with the caution that improper behaviour will not be tolerated and will be dealt with administratively. Clear.

7. Clear.
8. Clear.
9. Inquiry on the start of #5 BLACK TIE BASH (Robert Shepherd) who broke before the start and finished second; #5 had passed the fair start pole when the starter released the field, did not have broken equipment and did receive a fair start; no violations. Clear.

Video: [https://youtu.be/DW2vngSv\\_GY](https://youtu.be/DW2vngSv_GY)

10. Reviewed the performance of #4 SAULSBROOK RAPTOR (Samuel Fillion), who broke after the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile pole; while off stride #4 did cause interference to #2 PREMIER STAR (Robert Shepherd), #7 SELF ISOLATION (Ryan Guy) and #8 BREAKAWAY LOUIS (Clarke Steacy); #4 finished seventh placed ninth for causing interference while off stride (AGCO rule 22.09).

The #6 DELICATE SOUND (Marie Claude Auger) suffered broken equipment after the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile pole and finished first with broken equipment. Ms. Auger was adjudged guilty of violating AGCO rule 22.23.03(b) (more than acceptable wrist action) and assessed a monetary penalty of \$200 and a three day driving suspension (28-30 June, inclusive) (Number 1771481). Clear.

**Claims:**

- 8 #2 ERIKAS SHADOW (1 claim) for \$18,750 by Stacey Robinson Smith (M. McDonald trainer).
- 8 #3 CLODAM BAYAM (1 claim) for \$18,750 by Michel Lagace (M. McDonald trainer).