



## Senior Judges Report

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| <b>Name of Track</b>         | Western Fair Raceway        |                         |              |
| <b>Date</b>                  | Thursday, December 26, 2024 | <b>Post Time</b>        | 12:50        |
| <b>Weather</b>               | 1 degree Celsius - overcast | <b>Wind:</b>            | ESE 15 km/hr |
| <b>Track Condition</b>       | R1–R8 Fast, R9-R11 Good (1) |                         |              |
| <b>Number of Races</b>       | 11                          | <b>Qualifying races</b> | 0            |
|                              |                             | <b>Total Entries</b>    | 104          |
| <b>Mutual Handle</b>         | \$ 488,400                  |                         |              |
| <b>Official Veterinarian</b> | Dr. Chris Robson            |                         |              |
| <b>Senior Judge</b>          | <b>Associate Judge</b>      | <b>Associate Judge</b>  |              |
| Kelly Counsell               | Tyler Fines                 | Gary Patterson          |              |

**Report on day's events:**

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

**Office:**

Spoke to Track Superintendent Doug Lilley about the weather cancellation on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. He explained that to properly clear the track in heavy snow (plowing, including removing and replacing pylons) takes at least 1.5 hours. After a 30 minutes delay for track maintenance following race 3 on Monday, the remainder of the program was cancelled. Cancellation fees will be paid to all entries from Race 4 through Race 11, excluding scratches.

After all refunds were distributed, the December 23<sup>rd</sup> handle was \$174,654.

**Races:**

**R1** – Clear. “Place” photo finish was delayed due to technical difficulties, it was sent out to the public after the second race.

**R2** – Reviewed racing at the ½ mile. No violation. Clear.

**R3** – Clear.

**R4** – Clear.

**R5** – Clear. Post race, #6 Onimpulse was put on the Vet List long-term lame by the Official Veterinarian.

**R6** – Clear. Natasha Day was excused from her remaining drives in R9 and R11.

**R7** – Reviewed racing in the stretch where #7 Odds on Kickoff is slowing abruptly and driver Garrett Rooney steers into the passing lane for safety. #6 Better Than Cash (D. Thiessen, 7<sup>th</sup>) is

following and is interfered with, causing the horse to break stride. #6 is charted with an interference break (ix). No violations.

**R8 – INQUIRY** - #1 Shouldaknownbetter (N. Steward, 4<sup>th</sup>) was inside two pylons coming off the last turn and lapped on by #5 Wrap and a Hooey. The Judges reviewed the film and spoke to driver of #1 (Nick Steward) and #3 (Scott Wray). #1 finished 4<sup>th</sup> and was placed 5<sup>th</sup>, as per rule [18.08.02 \(a\)](#). #7 Deenbo (trainer Dennis Morrissey) was a late scratch (Judges Injured), verified by the Official Veterinarian.

Video: <https://youtu.be/AGQ97g4ZeUY> (upper pan)

Video: [https://youtu.be/\\_yrn\\_KYvl\\_c](https://youtu.be/_yrn_KYvl_c) (low pan)

**R9** – Track condition changed to “Good” with a 1 second variant. Clear.

**R10 – INQUIRY** - #2 Angel of My Dreams (L. House, 5<sup>th</sup>) made a break before the start and was outside the Fair Start pole. Pari-mutuel refund of \$8,246.

Video: <https://youtu.be/EeL5BfUBr64>

**R11** - Clear

### Claims:

R10 – Fox Valley Ontario (1) \$15,625 – Ow: Karl Kuepfer, Tr: Jim McKague