



Senior Judges Report

Name of Track	Rideau Carleton		Ottawa
Date	Wednesday 23 July 2025		Post Time 1800 hours
Weather	Races 1 - 8: Clear (Temp: 26° C)		Wind: 12 km/h (South)
Track Condition	Races 1 - 8: Fast (Variant 0 secs)		
Number of Races	8	Qualifying races	Ø Total Entries 51/61
Mutual Handle	\$108,814		
Contact Vet	Dr. M. Rocheleau	Paddock Meeting	Track Maintenance Meeting

Senior Judge	Associate Judge	Associate Judge
Weber, Michael	Coles, Sharla	Rourke, Katelynn

Report on day's events:

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

Office:

- Reminder to all participants that AGCO rule 22.27.02 (extended break resulting in a horse being placed last) has been [rescinded](#). The provisions of AGCO rule 22.27.01 (breaking rules) remain in effect with specific reference to the requirement of a horse to continuously lose ground while off stride.
- Review held with driver Robert Shepherd concerning interference to HORIZON SEELSTER (William Roy) while driving MARGOSGOTTHECARGO in the first race on 16 July; after reviewing the race video and discussing the actions of his horse the explanation of the participant was accepted and no penalty was issued relative to AGCO rule 22.05.01(h) (strike another sulky).
- Discussion with driver William Roy concerning the urging rules and proper procedures for a driver delayed in reporting to the Paddock Judge; Mr. Roy is now fully aware of what is expected regarding both obligations.

Races:

1. Clear.
2. Clear.
3. Clear.
4. Clear.
5. Late Veterinary scratch (lame) of #6 TRIX AND STONES by the AGCO veterinarian; this horse is entered on the short term (seven days) Veterinarians list; refund: \$1714.

Inquiry on the performance of the race winner #1 DONATOVER (Guy Gagnon); #1 broke before and after the start; no violation of any of the breaking rules and no change to the order of finish.

Video: <https://youtu.be/4ZrPfYC7I3Q>

The #5 THE MAGIC OF LIFE (Pierre Bovay) must qualify for breaks in consecutive races on a fast track (trainer notified). Driver of #3 ROYAL DUHARAS, Loic Gueriel, was cautioned regarding his urging in the stretch. Clear.

6. Clear.
7. Reviewed race pace (26⁴ 57² 125¹ 153⁴) concerning the second quarter by #6 FOXHUNT (Guy Gagnon); considering the short field, that #6 was in front by at least 1.5 lengths after taking the lead and that the trailing horses were not impeded, the Panel did not consider that AGCO rule 22.05.01(k) (pace comparable to class) was violated. Clear.
8. Inquiry and driver's objection concerning possible interference by #5 RONDA DU LAC (Michel Lagace), who finished fifth, on #8 PL RINCHEMIA (Jeff Taylor), who finished eighth; after reviewing the race video and speaking with both drivers (Mr. Taylor stated he was pushed three wide by #8 before the ½ mile pole; Mr. Lagace stated he had clearance to come out as Mr. Taylor was wide) it was determined that there were no violations; objection disallowed with no change to the order of finish. Clear.

Video: <https://youtu.be/be7RI1wFvFQ>

Claims:

- 8 #2 BEAUTY IS BLIND (1 claim) for \$10,625 by Tess Waxman, Ralph Pitt & Troy Learner (T. Waxman trainer).