



## Senior Judges Report

Name of Track		Flamboro Downs		
Date		Thursday September 4, 2025	Post Time	18:35
Weather		Clear 17C	Wind: 9 km/h W	
Track Condition		R1 – R7: Fast		
Number of Races		7	Qualifying races	Total Entries 55/57
Mutual Handle		\$108,199		
Contact Vet	Paddock Meeting	Track Maintenance Meeting	Investigator Visit	Outgoing Senior Judge Update

<b>Senior Judge</b> David Stewart Jr	<b>Associate Judge</b> Gary Patterson	<b>Associate Judge</b> Andrew Van't Wout
<b>Official Veterinarian</b> Dr. Abigail Stovman		

### Report on day's events:

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

### OFFICE

- New Post Time of 6:25 will begin on Saturday.
- Todd Ratchford excused from two drives.
- Anthony Haughan excused from three drives.
- Emergency lights and sirens were tested and working.
- In Race 4, #4 Workinitonbroadway was scratched in error and raced for purse money only.
- Decision from Review with James Macdonald on August 15 at Mohawk Park following his drive with Chantilly on August 8. In the Review, Mr. Macdonald stated:
  - He feels the horse was in a bad situation being a 3YO Filly taking on older Mares for the first time and she had only had one race over the past two months due to throat issues.

- He and trainer Nick Gallucci told the Judges they had every intent to try to win the race and keep Chantilly's undefeated record alive.
- His plan going into the race and was to try to get away ahead of #6 Style For A Mile (driven by Doug McNair) as she had recently made breaks and tends to struggle and gap on the final turn by going wide.
- When JR Plante (#4 In The Spotlight N) moved out, he didn't feel it was the right move to follow that rival at that point, as Jody Jamieson (#2 Grit N Grace) also popped the pocket and he was afraid of getting hung out three-wide going to the half.
- In that moment, he felt he had two options – make a long first-over move or take a chance to get out in the final quarter with the short field.
- Macdonald felt the best option was to stay in going to the half and in hindsight it didn't work out.
- When Ed Hensley (#5 Caviar N Crackers) moved first-over, he thought he could get out when #6 Style For A Mile would gap on the turn – unfortunately, that horse kept up to cover and Chantilly boxed in.
- When Chantilly was full of pace in the stretch, he didn't feel he could take her back and swing out wide around #6 Style For A Mile.
- He tried to find a gap but was stuck behind a wall of horses – if a lane had opened, feels she would have won.
- Understands the importance of protecting the bettors and the expectations when driving a heavy favourite. In this instance, he felt it was the right choice at the time.
- He has had almost 30,000 drives without any violation for an unsatisfactory drive.
- Judges reviewed previous races of Chantilly – in all her 13 previous lifetime races, Macdonald had either moved her to the front by the half or was on the outside advancing to the lead.
- Judges watched Chantilly's next two starts – at Pocono and Rideau – where the horse was put on the front; however, she was defeated in both starts.
- By staying in on August 8, the Panel of Stewart, Gillies and Lawrence felt Chantilly had been driven in an inconsistent matter (AGCO Rule 22.11).
- Two Rulings have been issued against Mr. Macdonald:
- Ruling #3338511 – \$1,000 monetary penalty – Mr. Macdonald drove Chantilly in an inconsistent manner, AGCO Rule 22.11.
- Ruling #3338498 – five-day driving suspension (to be served September 21 – 25, inclusive) for causing interference and making contact with another horse (Grit N Grace) in the stretch. AGCO Rule 22.05.01(a).

## RACES

Race 1 – All Clear. The video operator forgot to record the race and therefore no replay was available.

Race 2 – Inquiry – Reviewed the start for broken equipment (shoe) on #5 Who Shall I Call (Rob Doyle) – the video does not show any evidence of broken equipment on #5 before the start.

- Inquiry Video: [https://youtu.be/4L799\\_5iYcq](https://youtu.be/4L799_5iYcq)

Race 3 – All Clear

Race 4 – All Clear

- #5 For All You Know finished the race with broken equipment (suspender).

Race 5 – Reviewed pylons on #4 No Fool Mackinley (Daryl Thiessen) coming to the half, finished 1<sup>st</sup> – races inside one pylon and hits two other pylons. No violations of the AGCO pylon rule.

- #3 Townline It Is finished the race with broken equipment (shoe).

Race 6 – All Clear

Race 7 – Reviewed the break by #3 Petro Angel (Paul MacKenzie) before the start – horse was well inside the Fair Start Pole.

## **CLAIMS**

None