



Senior Judges Report

Qual

Name of Track	Mohawk Park Raceway				
Date	January 31, 2026	Post Time	18:15		
Weather	Clear -15C	Wind:	7 km/h W		
Track Condition	Fast "0" variant				
Number of Races	11	Qualifying races	4JP	Total Entries	96
Mutual Handle	\$2,721,206				
Contact Vet	Paddock Meeting	Track Maintenance Meeting	Investigator Visit	Outgoing Senior Judge Update	

Senior Judge	Associate Judge	Associate Judge
John Dorion	Peter Gillies	Jason Portuondo Justin Stein

Report on day's events:

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

Office:

Official Veterinarian – Dr. Julie Ballinger

Blizzard Pacing Final – race 5

Snowshoe Pacing Series Final – race 8

****NOTE**** a reminder to all racing participants of the rule changes pertaining to claiming which will take effect on Monday, February 2nd, 2026. Please see attached link to AGCO bulletin for further information.

<https://www.agco.ca/en/news/new-standardbred-claiming-rules-strengthen-racehorse-and-industry-protection>

Races:

Race 1 – Inquiry x 2

- 1) Reviewed racing past the ½, when #4 "Lou Knows" (Thiessen) made a break in stride, although the fractions were not quick (maidens), there was no evidence of slowing up on the front end and driver Thiessen did state that his horse did get on a line/headpole and was very green. No change. https://youtu.be/P5i77_NxgOk
- 2) At the start #3 "Hiro Hanover" (Boyd 3rd) made a break in stride, no violations of the breaking rule. No change. <https://youtu.be/gj5GqVzjQyo>

Race 2 – Clear

Race 3 – Clear

Race 4 – Clear

Race 5 – Clear

Race 6 – Clear

Race 7 – Clear

Race 8 – Clear - #10 “Mandestiny” finished distanced, placed on the Judges List and must qualify for “performance”, was also examined by the Official Veterinarian and placed on the Vets List – “sick” short term.

Race 9 – Clear

Race 10 – Clear

Race 11 – Clear - #4 “Titanic Hanover” finished distanced, must qualify for “performance”. #8 “Darrell” finished with broken equipment “murphy blind”.

Claims:

Race 3 – “Early Action” \$40,000 – 1 claim entered – New Owner – Danial Sarafian, New Trainer – Carmen Auciello.

Race 4 – “Titanic Hanover” \$8,000 – 1 claim entered – New Owners – Michel Letarte, Varinder Gill, Terry Cameron – New Trainer – Malik Smith.