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Senior Judges Report

Name of Track		Grand River Raceway		
Date		Monday, August 17 2026	Post Time	18:20 hrs
Weather		22 Celsius	Wind: NNW 13 km/hr	
Track Condition		Fast		
Number of Races		10	Qualifying races	Total Entries 102
Mutual Handle		\$ 228,014		
Contact Vet	Paddock Meeting	Track Maintenance Meeting	Investigator Visit	Outgoing Senior Judge Update

Senior Judge		Associate Judge	Associate Judge
Kelly Counsell		Lawrence Hughes	Andrew Van't Wout
Official Veterinarian Carl Rudat, DVM			

Report on day's events:

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

Office:

- Race Official William Davis is training tonight.
- Early scratches – Dream Nation R2 (sick), Twin B Honoloulou R6 (sick).

R1 – Clear. A new lifetime mark for winner Docs Rock (A. Sorrie) in 152.3. Trainer Gerard Demers attributed the performance to the driver change, getting away on top on a fast track, and getting a perfect trip. This was the horse's first start on Grand River's new racing surface.

R2 – Reviewed the stretch where #2 Belvedere Jessica (D. Henriksen, 6th) is tiring and backing up and #6 Takeapeak At Me (Lorne House, 2nd) nearly steps on his wheel. No violation.

R3 – Clear.

R4 – Clear. #6 Qwisp (A. Haughan, 6th) was charted with interference as he was bothered by #8 Bet On Love (D. MacLellan, 9th) at the head of the stretch when the horse bared out.

R5 – Clear.

R6 – Clear.

R7 – Clear.

R8 – Clear.

R9 - #5 R Royal Port (A. Sorrie, 9th) was distanced in the race and must qualify for performance. The Official Veterinarian also put the horse on the short-term Vet List.

R10 – Recall charged to #7 for equipment. INQUIRY – Reviewed pylons in the final turn on #5 JM Ooh Lala (T. Cullen, 4th), who was inside two and not lapped on at the finish. Also reviewed the break of #4 Always Be Emma (J. Ryan, 8th) at the half where #6, #7, #8 were all charted with interference.

Video: <https://youtu.be/ULHsakTmT60>

Claims:

R3 - Wicked Joules (1) \$10,000. Ow: Joanne & Grant Curnow. Tr: George Graham. Cleared the post-race veterinary observation.

R5 – Captain Wania (1) \$20,000. Ow: William Brown, Paul Kelly, Jamie Trott, Gary Adair Tr: David King. Cleared post-race veterinary observation.