



Senior Stewards Report

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| Name of Track | Fort Erie | | |
| Date | Sunday, 14 Oct 2018 | Post-time | 1:20 |
| Weather | Race 1 - 9: Overcast (Temp: 12 deg. C) | | |
| Track Conditions | Type: Dirt, fast | Turf: | None |
| Number of Races | 9 | | |
| Scratches | Vet: 2 | Stewards: 2 | Track: 2 |

| Senior Steward | Associate Steward | Associate Steward |
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| Fenton Platts | Allan Stiff | Paul Nielsen |

Report on day's Events: (Backstretch - accidents, fines, suspensions, objections, disqualifications, refunds, pertinent incidents, general details etc., Film Reviews, Races, Claims)

Backstretch:

Owner Elvis Waithe attended, signed Bill of Sale for the horse Showing Sin to Howard Keen in lieu of training ending their partnership.

Review of scratch of Little Deuce Coupe out of eighth race on October 7, 2018, failed to have Lasix administered at the required time necessitating a scratch. We heard from Lasix Technician Marcy Hedge and trainer M. Cohen. Trainer Michael Cohen issued a monetary penalty in the amount of \$200.00.

Trainer John Simms attended and asked that his horse Rock River, 9th race, be excused. Horse ran on Tuesday October 9th and feels that he is not capable of performing to the best of his ability. We allowed the horse to be excused.

Following the fourth race Chief Test Inspector Meagan McGirr informed us that the #7 Spanish Blessing 3rd race, placed 2nd, was selected to test, attended the test barn and left shortly after EIPH blood was obtained. Report forthcoming. We will follow up with Trainer Tom Bland

Film Reviews:

Jockey Brian Cheyne. Following the 9th race on October 9, 2018. It was reported to the Stewards from Race Officials that Jockey Brian Cheyne used his crop on his horse coming back to the unsaddling area of the paddock, due to track condition, in public view. Mr. Cheyne contended that the horse kept stopping and he did use his crop to urge forward. We explained that it is accepted

to tap on the shoulder in the event a horse does not go forward but to use the crop in an indiscriminate manner carelessly is a violation. Issued a monetary penalty in the amount of \$200.00.

Race 3, October 9, 2018. MarkLee Buchanan, fail to persevere throughout race. He explained that the horse felt like he was having a breathing problem and came off the bit, eased for a couple of strides and then felt ok and continued on. We explained that it is a public perception issue and by losing that ground in the race may have cost him a position. The Stewards accepted Mr. Buchanans' explanation but cautioned that if a horse is not responding to ease the horse safely and pull up.

Race 8, October 9, 2018, MarkLee Buchanan, excessive urging. Previously cautioned, issued a monetary penalty in the amount of \$200.00.

Races:

66 in to go

On Track camera operation reported that a tower camera operator was not available today. It was decided that the Apex camera would not be utilized.

Race 1, clear

Race 2, Jockey Claim of foul, #5, Hope N Glory, B. Cheyne, 5th, on #6, High Seas Romance, P. Mailhot, 4th, at the start. Upon review of the start with the back tower and upper pan camera views, #6 stumbles at the break but the #5 compromises its own start by bearing in to #4 and the #6 appears to be well clear of #5. Claim of Foul disallowed. Rest ok

Inquiry video:

<https://youtu.be/MOghqGJm5lq>

Race 3, reviewed race after start, #7 Spanish Blessing, goes in but is clear of #6, Romantic Bliss appears to check. Rest good

Race 4, Stewards' Inquiry, #2 Loosely Brewed at the start, after review of back tower camera angles and speaking with Jockey Juan Crawford and the Official starter, #2 was deemed to have received a fair start. Rest ok.

Inquiry video: <https://youtu.be/vjs5xZcqdIc>

Race 5, clear

Race 6, #3 Bit's Lover Boy off a step slow, #5 Classic Force lugged in through stretch, rest good

Race 7, #2 Italian Ice bore out at start into #3 Judith's Angelbaby, #2 placed behind #3. #5 Flashy Margaritta stumbled start, reviewed stretch run between #4 Hombre Natural and #6 Big Band Benny, as they were in tight and bumped incidentally nearing the finish, no inquiry required. Jockey Corey Jordan a verbal caution for urging, excessive.

Race 8, clear

Race 9, #5 Sleek Idea and #2 Like Your Excuse were both eased, rest ok

Mutuels: \$3.60 \$2.70 \$2.20 Handle: \$593,906.

Claims:

Race 4, 4 way shake for #3 Top Hat Trick for \$3,000. Goes to Katerina Vassilieva/Own./Tr.

Race 9, #2, Like Your Excuse for \$4,500. By James Schlehr/Tr. D. Ezra