



Senior Judges Report

Name of Track	Rideau Carleton	Ottawa			
Date	Sunday 19 September 2021	Post Time	1830 hours		
Weather	Races 1 - 11: Clear (Temp: 20° C)	Wind:	4 km/h (South)		
Track Condition	Races 1 - 11: Fast (Variant 0 secs)				
Number of Races	11	Qualifying races	1 BF	Total Entries	84/84
Mutual Handle	\$212,804				
Contact Vet	Paddock Meeting	Track Maintenance Meeting	Investigator Visit	Outgoing Senior Judge Update	

Senior Judge	Associate Judge	Associate Judge
Weber, Michael	Frenette, Ben	Coles, Sharla (remote)

Report on day's events:

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

Office:

- Early Veterinary scratch (sick) of RUB ME from the eleventh race; this horse is entered on the short term (seven days) veterinarians list.
- Virtual review held with driver Stephane Pouliot regarding his urging of BABIDIBOU in the ninth race on 16 September. Mr. Pouliot was adjudged guilty of violating AGCO rules 22.23.01(b) (excessive action) and 22.23.03(b) (more than acceptable wrist action) and assessed a monetary penalty of \$200 and a three day driving suspension (24-26 September, inclusive) (Number 1335164).
- Virtual review with driver Richard Simard postponed until next week.

Races:

- Stephane Brosseau, Samuel Fillion and Pascal Berube were each excused from one drive.
1. Inquiry on the performance of #3 AMERICAN PARADISE (Stephane Pouliot) who broke in the stretch and fell causing an interference break to #4 REDDIT causing the driver, HANOVER, Marie-Claude Auger, to be unseated; as #4 did not have a driver mounted when crossing the finish line this horse was charted as not finishing (AGCO rule 22.17.01). The #3 and #6 SPORTY GUSSIE were examined by the AGCO veterinarian post race and placed on the long term veterinarians list due to cuts and abrasions and must qualify. Mr. Pouliot and Ms. Auger were examined by emergency medical personnel and declared fit to race.

As there were only four finishers, fifth place money was retained by the Association (AGCO rule 18.02). Clear.

2. Reviewed the start of the race concerning the driver of #4 LUKE AND DUKE, Guy Gagnon, not having both feet in the stirrups; the explanation of Mr. Gagnon was partially accepted, and no regulatory action is required. Clear.
3. Clear.
4. Clear.
5. Inquiry concerning possible interference by #1 JACKSON K DOWN (Clarke Steacy), who finished third, to #3 WESTERN PHIL (Stephane Pouliot), who finished sixth; although #1 does bear out suddenly towards #3 in the stretch, Mr. Pouliot stated he was not advancing and was not impeded; no violations and no placing.

Video: <https://youtu.be/CiKgO4LoXtl>

Clarke Steacy had an official warning entered on his licence regarding his urging in the stretch and AGCO rule 22.23.04(d) (a driver shall have control of their horse at all times). Clear.

6. Late driver changes announced to the public as #2 WHATS IN THE ESKY is owned by Melanie Plourde with Stephane Pouliot programmed, and #5 MACHO POLO is owned by Stephane Pouliot with Melanie Plourde programmed; drivers were interchanged (AGCO rule 25.08). Clear.
7. Inquiry and driver's objection by #1 ASHLEYS BEST (Mike Healey), who finished second, against #5 MISSION BAY (Samuel Fillion), the race winner, in the stretch; Mr. Healey stated that #5 did not allow him access to the passing lane which was not supported by the video; objection disallowed. Clear.

Video: <https://youtu.be/eURlee3RLp4>

8. Clear.
9. Clear.
10. Reviewed racing at the ½ mile pole between #2 ALWAYYOURWAY (Richard Simard) and #6 PORTRSTOWNCHRIS IR (Clarke Steacy); #2 beared in and slowed and #6 pulled out partially; no violations. Clear.
11. Clear.

Claims:

- 3 #6 OUTLAW KISMET (3 claims) for \$12,000 by Marko Ferguson & Mario Patry (M. Patry trainer).
- 5 #3 WESTERN PHIL (1 claim) for \$8,000 by Gary McDonald, Anne-Marie Turenne, Michael McDonald & Alex McDonald (Anne-Marie Turenne trainer).
- 5 #8 JESSICAS LEGACY (2 claims) for \$10,000 by Marko Ferguson & Mario Patry (M. Patry trainer).