



Senior Stewards Report

Name of Track	Ajax Downs		
Date	July 1, 2026	Post-time	12:55
Weather	31C / 88F	Wind	W 19 KMH / 12 MPH
Track Condition	Dirt (Fast)		
Number of Races	8	Entries	52
Scratches	Vet: 0	Stewards:	2

Senior Steward	Associate Steward	Associate Steward
Jason Portuondo	Allan Stiff	Justin Stein

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

Veterinarians: **Dr. Bernd Stanglmeier, Dr. Stefanie Nickerson**

Office: A whip inspection was conducted inside the Jockeys' Quarters by Stewards **Justin Stein** and **Jason Portuondo**.

Stewards excused Jockey **Brian Cheyne** from his two mounts (races four, and seven).

Refunds: Race 3 **#1 Rushn Valentine** \$1,281 (Stewards scratch – gate) Race 8 **#3 Especially Tempting** (Did not receive a fair start) \$5,203.

Extreme Temperature Measures put in place for both equine and human participants.

AGCO Rule 14.06 Tier 1 allows horses to receive weather related scratches without penalty. We didn't have any horses withdraw for heat related reasons.

Race 1 770 Yards

#4 Bodhi (Vanek) (2nd) hopped at the break

Race 2 220 Yards

#3 Tragically Ripped was observed by Veterinarian **Bernd Stanglmeier** and appeared to have suffered from epistaxis. **#5 Caraways Rushin Risk (Phillips) (6th)** broke a step slow. Stewards deemed Jockey **Ismael Mosqueira** violated rule 9.27.05(b) (excessive action) going four strikes in a row. Mr. Mosqueira will be in for film review next race day.

Race 3 300 Yards

2:05 **#1 Rushn Valentine (Badal)** was a **Stewards** scratch after being fractious in the gate.

#4 Turnpike Tripping (Castillo) stumbled at the start creating incidental contact with **#3 Eye Spy (Sanchez) (3rd)**. **#5 Shadow of the Knight (Bell) (4th)** veered outwards at the start.

Race 4 300 Yards

Stewards' Inquiry and **Jockeys Claim Of Foul #5 Mi Reina Janette (Phillips) (5th) v #6 Decode (Bell) (1st)** in deep stretch. Video review revealed #6 does come in a path causing interference to #5 whose rider is forced to check and was beaten a nose for 4th. #6 finished 1st and was placed 5th, #5 finished 5th placed 4th. Film review for Mr. Bell.

Inquiry video - <https://youtu.be/oWodl-U39SQ>

Jockey **Max Badal** picked up the mount aboard **#7 Caraways Magic Rain (6th)**.

Race 5 100 Yards - **Gridiron Gallop**

#2 Sweet Kara (Medina) (5th) broke inward creating contact with **#1 Jjohnnypopper (Badal) (7th)**

Race 6 350 Yards

#1 Rushn in the Rain (Beland) (5th) broke outward, **#6 Copilot (Vanek) (1st)** stumbled at the start, then veered out sharply.

Race 7 300 Yards – **15th Running Ontario Bred Derby**

#6 Haaave You Met Karma (Mosqueira) (6th) broke outwards into **#7 Chillin With Peeps (Jeschke) (1st)**. **#8 Agent Ice (Benitez) (4th)** stumbled and then veered out sharply to the fence.

Jockey **Tony Phillips** picked up the mount on **#4 Cold and Sassy (8th)**

Race 8 250 Yards

Stewards' Inquiry into the start of **#3 Especially Tempting (Sanchez) (7th)**. Video review showed the horse was still being held by the assistant starter when the field was released. Pari-mutuel refund was issued for not receiving a fair start.

Stewards' Inquiry looking at the start of **#4 Lil Phylar (Benitez) (2nd)**, **#5 One Fabulous Wave (Badal) (5th)**, and **#6 Lights Dynasty (Bell) (1st)**. After further review #5 broke a step slow which allowed #4 and #6 to fill the gap. #4 does create substantial contact with #6 whose rider needed to adjust his iron. No change in the order as #5 lost its position with a slow start, while #6 finished ahead of #4.

Inquiry video – <https://youtu.be/FWru2hDg9TI>

Handle: **\$422,187**