



Senior Stewards Report

Name of Track: Ajax Downs	
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026	Post-time: 3:30
Weather: 25C/77F Mostly Sunny	Wind: South 9 KMH / 6 MPH
Track Condition: Fast (Dirt)	
Number of Races: 7	Entries: 44
Scratches: Vets: 3	Stewards: 2

Senior Steward	Associate Steward	Associate Steward	Steward (Training)
Jason Portuondo	Justin Stein	Tom Miller	

Veterinarians: Dr. Abigail Stovman	Dr. Bernd Stanglmeier	
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Report:

Office:

The Alcohol Gaming Commission Stewards have ruled Jockey **Brian Bell** violated AGCO Rules 16.05(a)(b)(c) (conduct) on July 19, 2026. Mr. Bell was assessed a \$200 monetary penalty, ruling #3841080.

Jockey **Shane Straughn** makes his debut in race five without a whip.

Film Review: N/A

Refunds: Race 1 **#2 Ima Ghost Pepper** \$238

Race 1: 300 Yards

3:25 **#2 Ima Ghost Pepper** got loose before the post-parade and was a vet scratch. **#1 Smokin Rush (Beland) (DNF)** went through the portable rail and unseated the jockey. **Beland** was assessed by EMS and cleared to continue.

Race 2: 300 Yards

4:10 **#2 Makode** dropped the rider and got loose behind the starting gate. Jockey **Ramiro Castillo** was injured and replaced by **Alexis Sanchez**. There was a twelve-minute delay before the start of the race. **Castillo** was excused from his remaining mount on the card.

#2 Makode hesitated at the break, then veered inward.

Race 3: 330 Yards

#5 Upandover (Cruz) (5th) bore out sharply shortly after the start.

Race 4: 330 Yards

Clear

Race 5: 330 Yards

No show/superfecta wagering with the field scratching down to four horses.

Race 6: 350 Yards – **12th Running Princess Derby \$50,000 Added**

Corry Beland corrected weight 120 lbs picks up replacement ride aboard **#5 Alabama Moonshine**.

#2 Sixes Royal Maiden (Medina) (8th) hesitated at the break, brushed the side of the gate leaving.

Race 7: 350 Yards

6:37 **#1 Rushn in the Rain** was a vet scratch at the gate after rearing and unseating the rider.

#2 Turnpike Tripping (Sanchez) (3rd) bobbled at the break, **#5 Jjjohnnypopper (Badal) (6th)** hopped at the start, **#8 Ariche (Cruz) (3rd)** went inward at the break.

Handle: **\$165,342**