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Senior Stewards Report

Name of Track	Ajax Downs		
Date	Wednesday August 12 th 2026	Post-time	15:30
Weather:	25C Overcast, rain		
Wind:	SW30 kph		
Track Conditions:	Good – Sealed for races 1-3 / Good Race 4-6 Fast Race 7-8		
Number of Races/Entries:	8 th Race / 48 races		
Scratches	Stewards:	0	Vet: 2
Mutual Handle: \$ 68,755			

Senior Steward	Associate Steward	Associate Steward
Scott Ksionzyk	Fred Brethour	Voss Yu (training)
Official Veterinarians: Dr. A. Stovman and Dr. B. Stanglmeier		

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

Backstretch:

Film Review: Reviewed race 3 from July 29th with Jockey Cristian Benitez, when Mr. Benitez' mount was disqualified from 2nd and placed 6th for interference. Mr. Benitez has been assessed a 1 day riding suspension for interference. Day to be determined.

Races:

Race 1: 660 yards (around the turn): #5 "Suge" (J. Cruz – 5th) fails to negotiate the turn and

trails throughout.

Race 2: INQUIRY – Reviewed the start of #5 “Flyin Lady” (D. Benitez – 6th). The assistant starter releases the horse on time the flipping halter disengages. The horse dwelt in the gate on his own, and thus no change to order of finish and no refund is issued.

VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/ykHtNi73HE8>

Race 3: Jockey Claims of Foul: Jockeys on #3 “Caraways Rushin Risk” (M. Badal – 4th) and #2 “Caraways Magic Rain” (T. Philips – 3rd) both claim foul on #4 “Royal Zanbo” (B. Bell – 2nd). Spoke to all three jockeys and reviewed all video angles. #3 hesitates at the start and is slow away, and is thus outbroken by #4 who fills that gap to his left. #2 is bumped slightly but not impacted significantly. Both claims of foul disallowed. No change.

VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/4I-jo4RITGw>

Race 4: Clear.

Race 5: Clear.

Race 6: INQUIRY: Reviewed racing involving #3 “Lil Mz Win” (D. Benitez – 6th PL 5th) who appears to get squeezed between #2 “Shadow of the Knight” (J. Cruz - 4th PL 3rd) and #4 “Rr Illbeurhucklebery” (C. Beland 3rd PL 6th) midway through the race. Spoke to all 3 riders and reviewed video angles. While #2 keep a relatively straight path, #4 does veer inwards, causing #3 to take up and lose significant ground. As a result, #4 is disqualified from 3rd and placed 6th behind #3. Revised order of finish 5-1-2-6-3-4. Film Review to be held with Jockey Corey Beland on the next race day.

VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/p4ikYWx9sAA>

Jockey Claim of Foul: Jockey of #4 (C. Beland) claims foul on #5 “Game Favorite” (B. Bell – 1st). However, #5 is never close to #4 and the JCOF is disallowed. No change.

Race 7: INQUIRY / Jockey Claim of Foul: Reviewed racing immediately after the start, where racing gets tight between #2 “Cg Mega Spy” (C. Jeschke – 1st PL 7th), #3 “Maryland Magic” (J. Medina – 7th PL 6th) and #4 “Chasing Butterflies” (A. Sanchez – 3rd PL 2nd). Also Jockey of #3 claims foul on both #2 and #4. Spoke with riders and reviewed video angles. Leaving the gate, #2 stumbles and veers out sharply into the path of #2, who takes up and trails the field after that point. #4 keeps a straight course and is not attributed any blame for the incident. As a result #2 is disqualified from 1st and placed 7th behind #3. Revised order of finish 5-4-6-7-1-3-2*

VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/pbp1q5P1r0w>

Race 8: Princess Maturity: Clear.

Claims: None.