

Stewards' Decisions: Resolution of Objections and Inquiries

June 8—1st Race: Jockey Justine Klaiber, rider of last-place finisher #2 Dontrufflemyfeathers, lodged an Objection against #3 Famous Moonshadow for taking racing room away out of the gate. Videotape review confirmed that #3 bore inward across #2 leaving the gate and ending up in the lane of #1 Fast Movin Fire despite the efforts of Jockey Oscar Delgado.

The Stewards disqualified #3 Famous Moonshadow from 5th and placed him last behind #2.

2nd Race: The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to determine whether the stall doors in front of #8 Eyra Hayes opened simultaneously with the other starters. After reviewing videotape replays of the start, the Stewards confirmed the stall doors opened a fraction of a second before the simultaneous opening of the other stall doors when #8 Eyra Hayes lunged forcefully enough to open the doors in front of him. In addition, the Assistant Starter with #8 briefly maintained his hold on the horse to prevent injury to both horse and Jockey Marcus Swiontek. Once the Assistant Starter released his hold, the field was already 3 to 4 lengths away from the gate.

The Stewards determined that #8 Eyra Hayes received an unfair start, declared #8 a non-starter and ordered refunds of all wagers on #8 pursuant to MRC wagering rules.