

Stewards' Decisions: Resolution of Inquiries and Objections

June 29 – Race 2: The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review the incidents at both the start and in late stretch involving #8 Go for Granite.

After videotape review of both areas of the race, the Stewards made no changes in the original order of finish having determined that #8 Go for Granite did not interfere with horses inside of her at the start and was clear of #6 Blow Fly Crank in late stretch when crossing in front of that rival.

Race 3: Jockey Jareth Loveberry, rider of 2nd place finisher #2 Politicallycorrect, lodged an objection against 1st place finisher #7 Impromptu, ridden by Dean Butler, alleging interference in late stretch after losing by a neck.

After videotape review of the head-on and pan shots in late stretch, the Stewards noted that #7 Impromptu started to drift out while on the lead, then came out further under one left-handed crack of the whip, taking racing room away as Loveberry had to check his mount for four strides before closing rapidly to be in a photo finish.

The Stewards determined the interference affected the outcome of the race and disqualified #7 Impromptu from first to second and moved #2 Politicallycorrect from second to first.

July 3 – Race 5: Jockey Larren Delorme, rider of 5th place finisher #7 Sweet Tree, lodged an objection against 4th place finisher #4 Blackberry Brandi, ridden by Hugo Sanchez, claiming interference during the run down the backstretch.

Videotape review showed #4 Blackberry Brandi raced very erratically from the start, breaking last of 10 and immediately bearing out sharply to the center of the track, then reversing course and moving inward sharply causing Jockey Delorme to take a strong hold of his mount and angle towards the rail to avoid collision.

The Stewards disqualified #4 Blackberry Brandi from 4th to 5th place for causing interference to #7 Sweet Tree and moved #7 from 5th to 4th place.

Race 9: Jockey David Delgado, rider of 9th place finisher #5 Smooth Stroke, lodged an objection against 2nd place finisher #4 AP is Loose, ridden by Alex Canchari, claiming interference early on the stretch turn.

Videotape review showed that Delgado was in tight quarters along the rail with Smooth Stroke as #4 AP is Loose raced slightly ahead and just to the outside of #5, but the Stewards found insufficient evidence to make any change in the original order of finish.

Race 10: The Stewards called for a General Inquiry into an accident at the top of the stretch to determine if #10 Salty Gal, ridden by Jockey Chad Lindsay, had suffered any interference before falling to the turf.

The Inquiry sign was taken down shortly after videotape replays confirmed that #10 Salty Gal was clear of all other horses while bearing out on the stretch turn before losing her action and falling.