



Senior Stewards Report

Name of Track	Fort Erie		
Date	Monday, 11 Aug 2025	Post-time	16:30
Weather	Race 1 - 6: Clear (Temp: 32 deg. C)		
Track Conditions	Type: Dirt, Fast	Turf: Firm, Rail out 18'	
Number of Races	6		
Scratches	Vet: 1	Stewards: 2	Track:

Senior Steward	Associate Steward	Associate Steward
Fenton Platts	Jason Portuondo	Paul Nielsen

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

Backstretch:

Extreme heat values in place today, tier 1 of 32 degrees, all measures to be in place as per TB Rule 14.06 ensuring safety and welfare to the participants and equine athletes. One scratch was submitted due to the heat.

Jockey MarkLee Buchanan excused from his mount today.

Film Reviews:

Race 5, August 5/25, #6 M. Pinto and #2 K. Johnson. It was evident that the horse Ms. Pinto was aboard was giving her a hard time and lugging in badly. Determined to be horse error, no penalty assessed to Ms. Pinto.

Races:

Official Veterinarians Dr. Matt Nugent and Dr. John Starmer on duty today.

Race 1, All clear, no show or superfecta wagering

Race 2, #5 Alberta Be Mine, K. Johnson, 5th, stumbled at the start, rest ok.

Race 3, All clear

Race 4, #3 Gus's Gamble, A. Vandermeersch, 5th, stumbled badly at the start, #6, Forester Humor, L. Salles, 3rd, lugged in through stretch. Rest good

Race 5, Jockey claim of foul, #5 Brilliant Disguise, L. Salles, 4th, on #3 Maiken the Viking, J. Crawford, 3rd, stretch run. Upon review of the upper pan and front tower camera angles, #3 does bare out to the path of #5 mid stretch, #5, Salles does have to check and the horse switches its lead losing some momentum, it was determined #3 did interfere with #5, #3 finished 3rd and subsequently placed 4th.

Inquiry video: <https://youtu.be/DlrdFaFeJPK>

Race 6, Turf, Stewards' Inquiry, at the start, #2, M. Pinto, 8th, and #3 K. Johnson, 3rd, have to check as outside horses were coming in, upon review of the front tower and upper pan camera angles it was inconclusive as to which outside pressure may have caused the problem, no changes were made.

Inquiry video: <https://youtu.be/nVTZwbY6iwk>

Mutuel handle: \$743,550.

Claims:

Race 1, #1 Shameless Affair for \$4,000.00 by owners Ascot Stud, Michael Blake Sr., Amanda Enns, Norman Files and Shawn Brinda/Trainer Michael Blake-opted in for observation-cleared by Official Veterinarian.