



Ontario
Racing
Commission

Ruling Number TB 6626/10

Woodbine

WOODBINE, ONTARIO – July 24, 2010

**IN THE MATTER OF THE RACING COMMISSION ACT 2000, S.O. 2000, c.20;
AND IN THE MATTER OF "FIFTY PROOF"**

On July 23, 2010, a protest was lodged by Trainer John Leblanc Jr. against the thoroughbred "FIFTY PROOF" (tattoo J09754) owned by Kinghaven Farms, John Fielding and Ben Hutzler, winner of the fourth race on July 22, 2010. Mr. Leblanc filed the protest claiming "FIFTY PROOF" had a false start, opening the starting gate doors prior to the rest of the other starters and should be declared a non starter.

A Steward's hearing was convened on July 24, 2010, and present were Trainer John Leblanc Jr. and Trainer Ian Black.

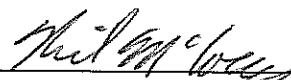
After review of the race video and listening to both parties the slow motion replay does detect the doors of "FIFTY PROOF" opening slightly ahead of the others. However, the Stewards rule that no advantage was gained.


The protest of Mr. Leblanc has been denied.

Ontario Racing Commission Rules: 13.02, 13.04.01(d) and 17.01.03

By Order of the Stewards


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