Lawless Shadow was declared the winner of the $700,000 Meadowlands Pace for 3-year-old pacers after Charlie May was disqualified Saturday night for interference in the final turn at the Meadowlands Racetrack.

Charlie May was first across the finish line ahead of Lawless Shadow and favorite Perfect Sting in 1:48.3 over a rain-soaked “good” track but placed ninth after interfering with Rockyroad Hanover while coming three-wide heading to the stretch.

Lawless Shadow was elevated to first, with Perfect Sting second and Southwind Gendry third.

Lawless Shadow, driven by Mark MacDonald, won for the fourth time in seven races this year and eighth time in 16 career starts. Trained by Ian Moore, the colt has earned $638,604 for owners Moore, R G McGroup Ltd., Frank Cannon and former Montreal Canadiens star Serge Savard. He was bred by Seelster Farms.

It was the first Meadowlands Pace win for Moore and MacDonald.

Sent off at 5-1, Lawless Shadow paid $12.40, $5.20, and $3.40.

Total handle for the 14-race program was $4,503,213, marking the second time that Pace Night wagering eclipsed the $4.5-million mark in the last 13 years. The Pace itself took in $677,992 of play, the most action on the track’s signature event in a decade.

On Monday (July 19), owner Don Tiger formally appealed the decision that resulted in a disqualification of his homebred 3-year-old gelding Charlie May in Saturday’s (July 17) $700,000 Meadowlands Pace.

Quoting the letter that was both faxed and overnighted to Meadowlands Racetrack and New Jersey Racing Commission, Tiger believes that disqualification decision that resulted in Charlie May being placed ninth after finishing first was both “arbitrary and capricious.” In requesting the audio and video tape of the race as well as the judges’ telephone call log from that day to be held as evidence, Tiger noted separately to his fellow owners, trainers, and drivers that his intent isn’t to hold up purse winnings, but to simply be able to challenge the process with material facts in hopes that the judges will reconsider their initial decision.

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Winning Owners: Dr. Ian Moore; RG McGroup LTD; Serge A Savard; Frank J Cannon
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