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Statement of the N.Y.S. Gaming Commission

On August 8, 2018, the fifth race at Saratoga Race Course was improperly contested at 1 1/8 miles rather than the listed distance of 1 1/16 miles. The additional distance was a result of improper gate positioning. While ensuring proper gate placement is the responsibility of many, the ultimate duty to safeguard accuracy rests with the stewards.

Despite the existence of decades-old protocols, an error was made. Stewards of the Commission, The New York Racing Association, Inc. and The Jockey Club have been reminded of the importance of pre-race protocols to ensure a similar failure in distance verification does not occur again. No further action regarding this matter will be forthcoming.