

**California Horse Racing Board**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**The Big Fresno Fair**  
Fresno, California

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the Week of Monday, September 30, 2019 through Sunday, October 6, 2019**

- Dates:** Nine Days – Thursday, October 3, 2019 through Sunday, October 6, 2019 and Thursday, October 10, through Monday, October 14, 2019.
- Entries:** Seventy-two to ninety-six hours in advance.
- Scratch Time:** 9:30 a.m. next entry day.
- Post Time:** 1:15 p.m.
- Wagering:** Win, Place and Show wagering on every race.
- Exotic Wagering:** \$1 Exacta  
\$1 Trifecta (with 4 betting interests)  
\$1 Superfecta (with 6 betting interests)  
\$2 Rolling Daily Double  
\$1 Rolling Pick 3  
\$1 Early & Late Pick 4 (50-cent minimum)  
\$1 Pick 5 (50-cent minimum)  
\$0.20 Gold Rush Pick 6  
\$0.20 Gold Strike Super High 5 (with 6 betting interests)

**Stewards:** John Herbuveaux

Will Meyers

Richard Lewis

Calvin Rainey (Safety Steward)

**Track Officials:** John Alkire, Chief Executive Officer

Larry Swartzlander, Director of Racing

Doug Gooby, Mutuel Manager

Chris Griffin, Track Announcer/Morning Line Maker

Heather Haviland, Program Manager/Director of Simulcast

Trackmasters, Inc. (Steve Wood) Track Superintendent

Sandra Rios, Stable Superintendent

Pegasus Communications, Video Production

Vassar Photography, Track Photographer

Plusmic Corp, Inc. - Photo Finish

**Racing Officials:** Tom Doutrich - Racing Secretary

Lisa Jones - Assistant Racing Secretary

Dawn Schmid – Clerk of the Course, Thoroughbred

Myra Troske – Clerk of the Course, Emerging Breed/Secretary

Victoria Layne – Paymaster

Tammy Morris – Patrol Judge

John Leon – Paddock Judge/Patrol Judge

Danny Winick – Placing Judge & Film Analyst

Morgan Schlessler – Placing Judge

Matt Nichols - Clerk of Scales

Kenneth Fowler – Assistant Clerk of Scales

Randy Cope – Starter

Gary Greiner – Horse Identifier

Jackie Payton - Horseshoe Inspector

Melody Truitt - Clocker/Timer

**Veterinarians:** Forrest Franklin, DVM, CHRB Veterinarian

Sara Sporer, DVM, Track/Fitness Veterinarian

**MONDAY**

9/30/19<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY DUTY**

Steward Will Meyers was present for opening day entries and other tasks needing oversight. An eight-race card was produced for the start of The Big Fresno Fair.

**TUESDAY**  
10/1/19<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Richard Lewis presided over entries and all other items related to Steward duties.

**WEDNESDAY**  
10/2/19<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY AND SCRATCHES**

Steward John Herbuveaux completed the rotation of "Dark Day" Stewards. Entries for Saturday and scratches for Friday along with other Steward duties fell under his guidance.

**THURSDAY**  
10/3/19<sup>1</sup>

**CRISTOBAL HERRERA RULING**

**RULING #1**

Jockey **CRISTOBAL HERRERA**, who rode QUINDAR in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, September 29, 2019 is hereby fined the sum of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (use of riding crop – excessive use of crop).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Herrera appeared and reviewed the race in question. Mr. Herrera stated that the horse responded from the crop in the morning and he expected the same in the afternoon. Unfortunately, the horse remained in last place with no response to crop urging.

10/3/19<sup>2</sup>

**2<sup>nd</sup> RACE STEWARDS REVIEW**

#6 FOXY ROXY reared in the gate at the start which caused it to be left five lengths behind the field. The Stewards reviewed the start for the benefit of the public and determined that #6 FOXY ROXY caused its own problem so there was no reason for an Inquiry.

10/3/19<sup>3</sup>

**3<sup>rd</sup> RACE LATE SCRATCH – SHOW WAGERING CANCELLED**

Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer reported that #2 WARRENS GOLD NUGGET was unsound while warming up. #2 was scratched by the Stewards which reduced the field to four wagering interests, which in turn caused the cancellation of show wagering.

10/3/19<sup>4</sup>

**6<sup>th</sup> RACE VOIDED CLAIM**

The claim submitted by Lorenzo Ruiz for the gelding "BADGER BOY" was voided after State Veterinarian Forrest Franklin D.V.M. reported him lame in his right front leg. "BADGER BOY" was returned to the barn of Isidro Tamayo.

10/3/19<sup>5</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

3<sup>rd</sup> race declaration #2 WARRENS GOLD NUGGET (Tr. B. McLean) – unsound – Dr. Sporer Refund \$12,086.05.

10/3/19<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,426	\$167,367.30
SCOTWinc	1068	\$358,248.43
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$296,208.78
Total	3,494	\$821,824.51

**FRIDAY**  
10/4/19<sup>1</sup>

**CALM MORNING**

This mornings business was routine. No noteworthy incidents to report.

10/4/19<sup>2</sup>

**SIGNAL DOWN**

Simulcast Director Heather Haviland called before the first race stating that Roberts Communications reported they did not get the signal up and running for many of the satellites.

The problem was fixed before the first race, but some places didn't get the signal for up to an hour. A letter from Dan Silver of Roberts Communication will be attached to these minutes.

10/4/19<sup>3</sup>

**LATE SCRATCH – 4<sup>th</sup> RACE**

#5 ROUGE SUNSET, trained by Quentin Miller, arrived at the Receiving Barn with a loose shoe. Horseshoe Inspector Jackie Payton tried to reattach the shoe, but ROUGE SUNSET threw a fit. After twenty minutes of trying it was decided to scratch ROUGE SUNSET to avoid any injury to Ms. Payton.

10/4/19<sup>4</sup>

**6<sup>th</sup> RACE – CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim submitted by Trainer Victor Trujillo for the filly JOYOUS was deemed void after State Veterinarian Forrest Franklin reported her lame in the left front leg. JOYOUS was returned to the barn of Isidro Tamayo.

10/4/19<sup>5</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

4<sup>th</sup> race declaration #5 ROUGE SUNSET (Tr. Q. Miller) threw shoe – Stewards – Refund 4,249.60.

10/4/19<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	11,174	\$443,873.60
SCOTWinc	1515	\$602,832.12
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$740,374.98
Total	12,689	\$1,787,080.70

**SATURDAY**

10/5/19<sup>1</sup>

**LENZINI HEARINGS – CASE 19GG0111 AND 19BM0019**

Trainer Mike Lenzini appeared with California Horse Racing Board Investigators David Aguilar and Jennifer Tolman on two separate complaints on the presence of Phenylbutazone in a post-race test sample.

The first was a reading of .48 micrograms per milliliter on the horse PROSPICIENCE which ran in the 8<sup>th</sup> race on June 8, 2019. This case was presented by Investigator Tolman. Mr. Lenzini had no explanation but felt the horse had been given enough time to clear.

The second case was also a reading of .48 micrograms per milliliter on the horse FULL ACCESS which worked on July 11, 2019 at the State Fair in Sacramento to get off the Veterinarian's List. David Aguilar presented this case for the Board. Once again Mr. Lenzini felt that he had given enough withdrawal time.

Under the new no tolerance guidelines both are fineable offenses. More to follow.

10/5/19<sup>2</sup>

**1<sup>ST</sup> RACE – STEWARDS REVIEW (Mules)**

The Stewards reviewed the start of the #3 IMAGE OF TOMAHAWK for the benefit of the public. After review it was determined that IMAGE OF TOMAHAWK reared at the start creating its own problem. No reason for an Inquiry.

10/5/19<sup>3</sup>

**2<sup>ND</sup> RACE INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION (Quarter horse)**

The Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident about halfway through this 330-yard Quarter horse race concerning second place finisher #3 TIO PEPE BALVOA (Pablo Flores), #5 SECRET SECOND CHANCE (4<sup>th</sup>) (Jose Dominguez) and #6 OUGHT TO BE WANTED (5<sup>th</sup>) (Jesus Arriaga).

A review of the race determined #3 TIO PEPE BALVOA was steadily bearing out and bumps #5 SECRET SECOND who in turn bumps #6 OUGHT TO BE WANTED. #1 COTTON CARTEL also

bore out but it was determined space always existed between the #1 COTTON CARTEL and #2 TIO PEPE BALVOA and #1 COTTON CARTEL was just following #3 TIO PEPE BALVOA out. #3 TIO PEPE BALVOA was disqualified and placed fifth for the interference.

Original Order of Finish: 1 – 3 – 2 – 5 – 6 – 4

Official Order of Finish: 1 – 2 – 5 – 6 – 3 – 4

10/5/19<sup>4</sup>

**2<sup>ND</sup> RACE – QUARTER HORSE – EUTHANIZED**

#6 OUGHT TO BE WANTED pulled up after the second race and was vanned off at the 7/8<sup>th</sup> gap. Shortly after the fourth race it was reported that OUGHT TO BE WANTED was euthanized due to a catastrophic injury.

10/5/19<sup>5</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED – 4<sup>th</sup> RACE**

The claim submitted by Andy Mathis for the mare MEET AND GREET was deemed void after State Veterinarian Forrest Franklin D.V.M. reported her lame in her front legs. MEET AND GREET was returned to the Blaine Wright barn.

10/5/19<sup>6</sup>

**NO PHOTOFINISH FOR 7<sup>th</sup> RACE**

There was no photo finish available for the seventh race. Photo Finish Operator Katherine Barbeau said the camera connections to the computers went offline momentarily resulting in the lack of a photo finish. Luckily, the horses were spread out and the finish was easily verified by the video of the pan shot. No further incidents occurred. Ms. Barbeau will contact her boss Jim Anderson to consult and ensure the problem is resolved.

10/5/19<sup>7</sup>

**PROGRAM SCRATCHES**

9<sup>th</sup> race #8 RAMONCITA LIGHT (Tr. E. Miranda) on Vet's List – Dr. Forrest Franklin, DVM - Refund \$109.45.

10/5/19<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,378	\$392,666.10
SCOTWinc	2,384	\$1,016,627.19
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$497,603.89
Total	9,762	\$1,906,897.18

**SUNDAY**

10/6/19<sup>1</sup>

**LENZINI RULINGS (Red. 10/5/19<sup>1</sup>)**

Ruling #2

Trainer **MIKE A. LENZINI**, who started the horse PROSPICIENCE, winner of the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on June 8, 2019 is hereby fined the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – presence of Phenylbutazone).

Ruling #3

Trainer **MIKE A. LENZINI**, who worked the horse FULL ACCESS for removal from the Veterinarian's List at the California State Fair at Cal Expo on July 11, 2019 is hereby fined the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1500.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – presence of Phenylbutazone – second offense) and #1866 (e) (Veterinarian's List).

The above rulings were issued after deliberation over the two complaints against Mr. Lenzini. The license history of Mr. Lenzini revealed multiple Phenylbutazone and Flunixin violations in 2016 and 2017 which were considered aggravating circumstances whilst meting out the penalties.

10/6/19<sup>2</sup>**FLORES RULING (Ref. 10/5/19<sup>3</sup>)****RULING #4**

Jockey **PABLO FLORES** who rode TIO PEPE BALVOA in the second race at The Big Fresno Fair on Saturday, October 5, 2019 is suspended three (3) racing days October 13, 14 and 17, 2019 for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to fifth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Flores appeared and reviewed the race in question. Mr. Flores accepted responsibility for failure to correct his horse and causing interference to two other rivals.

10/6/19<sup>3</sup>**1<sup>ST</sup> RACE – STEWARDS REVIEW**

The start of the first race concerning #1 GEM'S CHIP was reviewed for the benefit of the public. Video captured #1 GEM'S CHIP rearing at the start causing its own problem. No reason for an Inquiry.

10/6/19<sup>4</sup>**PROGRAM CHANGES**

7<sup>th</sup> race – Jockey Modesto Linares for Pablo Flores – double jockey fee

8<sup>th</sup> race declaration #5 WELL SPOKEN LADY (Tr. C. DeLima) sick – Sara Sporer, D.V.M. – Refund: \$28.80

9<sup>th</sup> race declaration #2 MANY TREATS (Tr. S. Hudson) sick – Sara Sporer, D.V.M. – Refund \$12.60

10/6/19<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,959	\$335,465.80
SCOTWinc	2,014	\$791,876.18
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$564,864.42
Total	11,973	\$1,692,206.40

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
03-Oct.	3	2	WARRENS GOLDNUGGET	B. McLean	Unsound -warm up	Sporer	\$12,086.05
04-Oct.	4	5	ROUGE SUNSET	Q. Miller	Threw shoe	Stewards	\$4,249.60
05-Oct.	9	8	RAMONCITA LIGHT	E. Miranda	Vet's List	Franklin	\$109.45
06-Oct.	8	5	WELL SPOKEN LADY	C. DeLima	Sick	Sporer	\$28.80
06-Oct.	9	2	MANY TREATS	S. Hudson	Sick	Sporer	\$12.60

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 10/03	Fri 10/04	Sat 10/05	Sun 10/06	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	1	1	0	2	2
<b>Claims</b>	2	2	2	3	9	9
<b>Disqualification</b>	0	0	1	0	1	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	1	0	1	1
<b>Refunds</b>	1	1	1	2	5	5
<b>Rulings</b>	1	0	2	1	4	4
<b>Voided Claims</b>	1	1	1	0	3	3

Respectfully submitted,

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Will Meyers, Steward

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John Herbuveaux, Steward

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Richard Lewis, Steward

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Calvin Rainey, Steward

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