

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Watch And Wager, LLC**

Cal Expo, Sacramento, California

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report for the Week of Tuesday, March 17, 2020 Through Sunday, March 22, 2020.**TUESDAY**3/17/20¹**Dark Day Duties**

Rod Newhart Reporting and Duty Steward.

3/17/20²**Entry Day**

The race office was open today accepting entries for Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21. One hundred eighty (180) horses were entered with one hundred seventy-nine (179) drawing in. There are eleven (11) races for Friday, March 20 and eleven (11) races for Saturday, March 21 with post time scheduled for 6:10 PM. Two California Sires Stakes are scheduled for Friday, March 20 before the races with post time at 5:15 PM.

WEDNESDAY3/18/20¹**Changes**

The stewards' office was open to take changes for Friday, March 20 with several driver changes.

3/18/20²**Stewards Hearing**

A formal hearing was conducted in the Cal Expo Stewards office regarding California Horse Racing Board Complaint #20SW0002 regarding a purse redistribution after first place finisher PART TIME in the fifth race on December 27, 2019 tested positive for the prohibited substance GABAPENTIN. CHRB Investigator David Aguilar, court reporter Wendy Frazier and all three (3) stewards were present.

Acting on a report from the University of California Davis Maddy Laboratories, the official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the post-race sample #CE30086 taken from the horse PART TIME who finished first in the fifth race at Cal Expo on December 27, 2019 contained the prohibited substance GABAPENTIN (Class 3), it is hereby ordered that PART TIME be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1859.5 (Disqualification upon positive test finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to owner SCOTT EHRLICH three thousand one hundred seventy five dollars and twenty cents (\$3175.20), trainer KATHLEEN PLESTED one hundred seventy six dollars and forty cents (\$176.40), and driver GERALD LONGO one hundred seventy six dollars and forty cents (\$176.40), be returned to the Paymaster of Purses within 7 days of the date of this ruling for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse award or prize to be withheld).

The revised order of finish is as follows:

1st –MARCED MAGIC; 2ND –SENGA NITRO; 3RD –SOME PLAYA; 4TH –BETTOR IN THE BANK; 5TH –KING OF THE CROP; 6TH –ALMOST CUT MY HAIR; 7TH – ALLMYEX'SLIVEINTEXAS; Unplaced-PART TIME.

THURSDAY **Changes**

3/19/20¹ The stewards' office was open to take changes for Saturday, March 21 with several driver changes.

Friday

3/20/20¹ **Qualifying Races**

Entries were taken this morning for the qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races. One (1) qualifying race was held at 5:15 PM on a track rated as "Fast". Three (3) of the three (3) horses that raced were successful in meeting the qualifying standards.

3/20/20² **Ruling Written**

After an agreement reached between Trainer Kathleen Plested and the California Horse Racing Board regarding the positive test for the prohibited substance GABAPENTIN taken from the horse PART TIME who finished first in the fifth race at Cal Expo on December 27, 2019 the following ruling was issued.

Ruling #27

After a SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE with the California Horse Racing Board, Owner/Trainer KATHLEEN PLESTED, trainer of record of PART TIME who finished first in the fifth race at Cal Expo on December 27, 2019 and subsequently tested positive for the prohibited substance GABAPENTIN (Class 3), a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843 (a0 (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances); #1845.1 (a) (Prohibited Drug Substances) and #1887 (a) (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) is hereby fined the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) and suspended for a period of thirty (30) days, twenty (20) days to be stayed and trainer KATHLEEN PLESTED placed on probation for one (1) year. During the period of her probation, any violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843, #1843.6 and #1887 regarding Class 1, 2 or 3 drug substances, will result in the aforementioned twenty (20) days stay of suspension will be lifted and the remaining actual suspension will be imposed. The ten (10) day suspension shall begin on March 22 and run through and including March 31, 2020.

3/20/20³ **California Sires Stakes**

Two (2) California Sires Stakes were held prior to the regular card at 5:15 PM each for seven thousand (\$7,000.00) dollars. The first race was for Three (3) Year Old Colt and Gelding pacers with four (4) horses going post ward and the second was for Three (3) Year Old Filly pacers with five (5) fillies going post ward.

3/20/20⁴

Starter Substitution

Starting gate driver Mark Kennedy was ill. Regular starter Ken Fowler took over his duties and Bill Vallandingham took over duties of the starter.

3/20/20⁵

Race Day

Eleven (11) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated as “Fast” with a scheduled post time of 6:10 PM

3/20/20⁶

Program Changes

1st Race Declaration – PEDIGREE BLUE CHIP- Trainer Steve Wiseman – Injured- Dr. Lane Schloeder. Refund: \$177.83

9th Race Declaration - BETTOR LADY -Trainer Liberio Pacheco – Injured -Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz. Refund: \$173.69

3/20/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$38.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$668,213.45
Total		\$668,251.85

Saturday

3/21/20¹

Race Day

Eleven (11) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated as “Fast” with a scheduled post time of 6:10 PM.

3/21/20²

Driver In

Driver Phil Knox was in the Steward’s Office to sign a test agreement. After signing the agreement, Mr. Knox will be permitted to drive next week.

Ruling #29

Driver PHIL KNOX is hereby required to sign a TEST AGREEMENT per California Horse Racing Board Rule #1498 (c).

3/21/20³

Program Changes

None.

3/21/20⁴

10th Race Recall

Starter Ken Fowler caused the recall lights to flash and charged the recall to #6 FOX VALLEY B GUMP – Driver Jacob Cutting for refusing to come to the gate.

3/21/20⁵

10th Race 2nd Recall

Once again starter Ken Fowler caused the recall lights to flash because #5 FOX VALLEY B GUMP – Driver Jacob Cutting refused to come to the gate. #5 FOX VALLEY B GUMP was subsequently scratched for causing 2 recalls.

3/21/20⁶

10th Race Stewards List

#5 FOX VALLEY B GUMP was placed on the steward's list and required to qualify for causing 2 recalls.

3/21/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$0
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$990,928.86
Total		\$990,928.86

	Wed 3/18	Thurs 3/19	Fri 3/20	Sat 3/21	Sun 3/22	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	0	0	0	0	7
Disqualification	K	K	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	D	D	0	0	0	0	8
Refunds	A	A	2	0	0	2	44
Rulings	Y	Y	1	1	0	2	12
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
MAR-20	1	2	PEDIGREE BLUE CHIP	STEVE WISEMAN	INJURED	DR. LANE SCHLOEDER	\$177.83
MAR-20	9	3	BETTOR LADY	LIBERIO PACHECO	INJURED	DR. LANE SCHLOEDER	\$173.69

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Newhart, Steward

Rich Williams, Steward

Renee Sheward, Steward

Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

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