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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California  
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### **GENERAL DATA:**

Dates: Thirty-six (36 days) – October 17, 2019 through December 15, 2019,  
Thursday through Sunday.  
Entries: 48 to 168 hours in advance  
Scratch Times: 10:00 a.m. race day  
Post Times: 12:45 p.m. daily  
Wagering Offered: Win, Place and Show; Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Rolling Super High Five,  
Rolling Double, Pick 2, Pick 4, Pick 5 & Pick 6.  
Northern California Satellite Facilities: Fresno, Fresno Club One, Monterey, Pleasanton, Sacramento, San  
Mateo, Santa Rosa, Stockton, San Jose and Vallejo.

### **BOARD OF STEWARDS**

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\*Richard Lewis - Safety Steward

**Report for the Week of Sunday, October 13, Through Sunday, October 20, 2019**

**SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY**

10/13/19 **PRE- MEET DUTIES**

Thru 10/16/19 Steward **Dennis Nevin** was present for entries and scratches this past **Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Seven** races were drawn for opening day **Thursday, October 17, eight** races for **Friday** and **ten** for **Saturday**.

**THURSDAY**

10/17/19<sup>1</sup> **EARLY DECLARATION**

7<sup>TH</sup> – Race: #1 **Lucky Sara**, (Tr. **Reid France**). Vet – Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$207.44

10/17/19<sup>2</sup> **OROZCO CONFERENCE**

A meeting was held in the stewards' office pertaining to the status of jockey **Irving Orozco** who tested positive for a controlled substance during the recently completed meet at the **Big Fresno Fair. Orozco** was not permitted to be named on horses as a jockey until he provided a negative urine sample confirmed by **Quest Diagnostics Laboratory. Orozco** subsequently provided a clean sample and was allowed to name on horses for tomorrow **Friday October 18, 2019.**

Present at the meeting besides the stewards were Golden Gate Fields General Manager **David Duggan** and Director of Racing **Patrick Mackey**. Also, in attendance was California Horse Racing Board investigator **Jennifer Tolman** and **Orozco's** agent **Tom Doutrich**.

The main topic for discussion centered around the need to have **Orozco** tested daily before he is allowed to ride races in the afternoon to insure, he is drug free. **Quest Laboratories** now has a field test kit which the California Horse Racing Board Investigators will use every race day to test **Orozco**.

**Mr. Duggan** also requested that **Orozco** provide a daily sample prior to being allowed to exercise horses in the morning. The logistics as to how this will be accomplished have not been fully worked out. Until the details have been ironed out **Orozco** will not be allowed by management to exercise horses in the morning.

**Mr. Orozco** has a hearing into the positive test findings scheduled for **November 7, 2019.**

**Mr. Doutrich** was informed that a hearing could be held earlier if **Orozco** waived notice.

**Doutrich** stated he would relay that information to **Orozco**.

10/17/19<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS INQUIRY/ OBJECTION – THIRD RACE – DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident approaching the 3/8 where the place horse #5 **Union Smartie** with **Francisco Monroy** in the irons, appeared to clip heels with #3 **Prorika. Monroy** also lodged a claim of foul against the winner, #3 **Prorika** ridden by **Ricky Gonzalez**. After a thorough review the Stewards disqualified **Prorika** from first and placed her second behind **Union Smartie**.

Replays showed that **Gonzalez** shifted out while racing behind the leader down the backstretch and approaching the far turn when the shift took place. **Prorika** was not fully clear of **Union Smartie** causing the latter to clip heels and in the unanimous opinion of the stewards, cost that horse the opportunity of winning the race. **Union Smartie** rallied after the incident and was beaten only head by **Prorika. Gonzalez** will view the tapes of the race with the Stewards in the morning.

**Original Order of Finish (3)-5-6-4-1**

**Official Order of Finish 5-(3)-6-4-1**

10/17/19<sup>4</sup>

**STEWARDS INQUIRY / ACCIDENT – FIFTH RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards lit the inquiry lamp to evaluate the start of #8 **Miss You Mom** after jockey **Julien Couton** became separated from his horse as the field left the starting gate. After a thorough review the Stewards made no changes to the original placings.

Tapes showed that **Miss You Mom** broke in sharply as the starting gate stall doors opened and made contact with the horse to the inside, #7 **Silver Script** (5<sup>TH</sup> **Francisco Monroy**).

The contact made **Couton** lose his balance and fall.

**Miss You Mom** continued sans **Couton** and completed the circuit without incident. She was captured by the outrider after the race. **Couton's** contact with the Tapeta surface was dramatic and early indications are that he may have suffered a broken nose.

10/17/19<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	793	\$224,171.53
GG	477	\$89,808.30
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$933,112.23
TOTAL	1,270	\$1,247,092.06

FRIDAY

10/18/19<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Numerous jockeys appeared this morning to review yesterday's opening card. In the **fifth** race **Alejandro Gomez** and **Juan Espinoza** viewed the start and were cautioned to react quicker when their mounts stray off course.

**Francisco Monroy** was admonished to be more aware of his position after he caused tight quarters on the back stretch in the **sixth** race.

**Ricky Gonzalez** reviewed the tapes of the **third** race where his mount was disqualified for causing interference on the backstretch. **Gonzalez** admitted his mount shifted out causing a rival to clip heels and explained he thought he was clear.

The **five-day** penalty imposed below is more than the usual **three-day** suspension given for a first offense due to the serious nature of the infraction.

**Ruling # 1**

Jockey **Ricardo Gonzalez** who rode **Prorika** in the **third** race at **Golden Gate Fields** on **Thursday, October 17, 2019** is suspended **Five (5)** racing days **October, 25, 26, 27, 31** and **November 1, 2019** for altering course on the backside without enough clearance and causing interference resulting in the disqualification from **First** to **Second**, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (C) & (E) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

10/18/19<sup>2</sup>

**EARLY DECLARATION**

7<sup>TH</sup> – Race #2 **The Fun Begins** (Tr. **Jesus Ramos**). Vet – Injured – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$164.02

10/18/19<sup>3</sup>

**AGUILA HEARING (CASE #19BM0029)**

An informal hearing was held for trainer **Jose Aguila** after the horse **Buccaneer Baby** showed the presence of **Flunixin** in a post-race test sample following the running of the second race at the **California State Fair** on **July 27, 2019**. **Aguila** was accompanied by his wife **Maria**.

**Aguila** explained he obtained some **Flunixin** paste from a friend. The contents had solidified so he ground up the hardened medication dissolved it in water and administered it to the horse via a dose syringe. He was advised today that this type of administration was very risky and should be discontinued immediately. The following ruling was issued:

**Ruling # 2**

Trainer **Jose A. Aguila** who started the horse **Buccaneer Baby**, winner of the **second** race at the **California State Fair** on **July 27, 2019**, is fined the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500.00**) \*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – **Flunixin** [Class 4]).

10/18/19<sup>4</sup>

**STEWARDS INQUIRY – THIRD RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards illuminated the inquiry sign to review an incident at the 1/16 involving the place horse, #5 **Gregdar** ridden by **Kyle Frey**. After a thorough examination the Stewards took no

action on the placings. Tapes showed that **Frey's** mount bore out quickly and made contact with #4 **Colombian Crusader** (6<sup>TH</sup> **Juan Hernandez**) and that horse then brushed #8 **Street Jazz** (5<sup>TH</sup> **Irving Orozco**). Although **Frey** caused interference in the Stewards opinion the placings were not affected. This was confirmed when **Hernandez** and **Orozco** were contacted. Jockey **Frey** will meet with the Stewards in the morning.

10/18/19<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,199	\$440,923.29
GG	763	\$174,815.19
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$963,150.68
TOTAL	1,962	\$1,578,889.16

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

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Kyle Frey** appeared to review yesterday's third race where his mount was the subject of an inquiry. Today **Kyle** demonstrated on the replays that his mount, a two-year-old first-time starter, ducked out from the rail three strides after he applied a left-handed crop, which took **Frey** by surprise. **Frey** didn't react soon enough to prevent contact with a rival to the outside but, because of the circumstances, he was given the benefit of the doubt as the Stewards put the blame on the horse.

**Francisco Monroy** appeared to review yesterday's second race where he relaxed on his horse about forty yards before the wire and was caught by a closer for fourth place. The following ruling was issued:

**Ruling # 3**

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** who rode "Baby You Got It" in the **Second** race at **Golden Gate Fields** on **Friday, October 18, 2019** is fined the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey – Must ride their mount out until the finish line is passed).

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

**EARLY DECLARATION**

5<sup>TH</sup> – Race #6 **Flynn** (Tr. **Felix Rondan**). Vet – Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refunds \$ 869.42

6<sup>TH</sup> - Race #2 **Smokin Hot Bobbie** (Tr. **Reina Gonzalez**). Vet-Sick–Dr.Franklin-Refund\$ 194.86

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

**IN THE CLEAR**

The afternoon's ten race program was completed in a problem free fashion.

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

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,888	\$ 740,103.17
GG	1,472	\$ 284,800.40
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,202,969.77
TOTAL	3,360	\$ 2,227,873.34

**SUNDAY**  
10/20/19<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **William Antongeorgi** came in to review **Friday's** fourth race where his crop use began at the 5/16 and did not abate until top of the stretch. **Antongeorgi** explained his horse was attempting to get out around the turn and he used the crop to keep him from getting out further. The Stewards accepted his version as the tapes showed the horse racing wide around the far turn.

10/20/19<sup>2</sup>

**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>RD</sup> - Race #1 **Lucky Sun** (Tr. **Leobardo Rivera**). Vet – Sick - Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 112.38  
 4<sup>TH</sup> - Race #3 **Apples Arch** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**). Vet – Sick - Dr. Christian – Refund \$ 257.87  
 7<sup>TH</sup> - Race # 1 **Sir Vronski** (Tr. **Quinn Howey**). Vet - Injured – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 230.09  
 9<sup>TH</sup> – Race # 13 **Red’s Showtime** (Tr. **Brendan Galvin**). Stewards – AE – Refund \$ 252.60

10/20/19<sup>3</sup>

**PROBLEM FREE**

The afternoon’s ten race program was contested without noteworthy incident.

10/20/19<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,436	\$1,991,442.48
GG	2,611	\$930,384.36
OUT of STATE	n/a	\$5,152,993.98
TOTAL	4,047	\$8,074,820.82

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
17-Oct.	7	1	Lucky Sara	R. France	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 207.44
18-Oct.	7	2	The Fun Begins	J. Ramos	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 164.02
19-Oct.	5	6	Flynn	F. Rondan	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 869.42
19-Oct.	6	2	Smokin Hot Bobbie	R. Gonzalez	Sick	Dr. Franklin	\$ 194.86
20-Oct.	3	1	Lucky Sun	L. Rivera	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 112.38
20-Oct.	4	3	Apples Arch	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Christian	\$ 257.87
20-Oct	7	1	Sir Vronski	Q. Howey	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 230.09

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 10/17	Fri 10/18	Sat 10/19	Sun 10/20	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	1	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	1	1	2	2
<b>Claims</b>	1	1	1	1	4	4
<b>Disqualification</b>	1	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	2	1	0	0	3	3
<b>Refunds</b>	3	3	4	9	19	19
<b>Rulings</b>	2	1	0	0	3	3
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

WM/DD