

California Horse Racing Board

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Pacific Racing Association
Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report for the period Wednesday, February 26, 2020 through Sunday, March 1, 2020.

WEDNESDAY2/26/20¹**ENTRIES & SCRATCHES**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was present to oversee Saturday's entries and scratches for Friday. The scratches were concluded by 10:00 am but the entry process lingered on until 3:30 pm.

THURSDAY2/27/20¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

4TH Race: #6 **Write Me A Song** (Tr. **Bill Delia**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 397.74
5TH Race: #2 **A Lonna At The Top** (Tr. **Wayne Baker**) Vet – Deceased – Refund \$ 423.14
6TH Race: #3 **Go Vaidagirl** (Tr. **Angelo Tekos**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Franklin – Refund \$ 103.42

2/27/20²**OROZCO HEARING (CASE # 19BM0049)**

A formal hearing was conducted for Jockey **Irving Orozco** who was the subject of a complaint after he tested positive for **Cocaine** during random drug testing at the **Big Fresno Fair** on October 4, 2019. **Orozco** was suspended and his case referred to the California Horse Racing Board pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule # 1529 (Referral To The Board) in Pacific Racing Association ruling #15, dated November 8, 2019. The matter was remanded back to this Board of Stewards on December 18, 2019 which led to the instant hearing. Present were **Orozco** and his Attorney **Daniel Harralson** along with California Horse Racing Board Counsel **Rob Brodник** who presented the case and Supervising Investigator **Louis Quesada**. The proceedings were recorded by Christine Niccoli, CSR.

Testimony was taken, evidence was presented, and matter deemed submitted. The Stewards will render a decision in the near future.

2/27/20³**IN THE CLEAR**

The afternoon's seven race program was conducted without noteworthy incident.

2/27/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	764	\$ 253,174.76
GG	441	\$ 116,750.40
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 994,190.10
TOTAL	1,205	\$ 1,364,115.26

FRIDAY
2/28/20¹

LATE SCRATCH – FIFTH RACE – REFUND

#4 **Circulodeganadoras**, trained by **Sergio Ledezma**, was scratched by the Stewards after Track Veterinarian **William Grantham** reported Jockey **Alejandro Gomez** felt the horse was off during the warmup period. A subsequent examination by Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** showed the horse was unsound in the hind quarters. On vets list. The refund amounted to \$ 12,412.02

2/28/20²

CLAIM VOIDED – SEVENTH RACE

A claim deposited by **Jonathan Wong** for the horse **Sweet Boy** was voided by the Stewards after **Dr. Franklin** reported the horse was off on the right hind and would be posted on the Vet's List. Trainer **Tim Bellasis** retained possession of the horse.

2/28/20³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,168	\$ 457,336.07
GG	784	\$ 186,632.30
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 883,444.76
TOTAL	1,952	\$ 1,527,413.13

SATURDAY
2/29/20¹

OROZCO DECISION (REFER 2-27-20²)

Ruling # 44

Acting on an Order of Remand (Sac-19-0101) from the California Horse Racing Board dated December 18, 2019, unlicensed Jockey **Irving D. Orozco** having now appeared and a hearing having been held, Pacific Racing Association ruling #15, dated November 8, 2019, summarily suspending **Mr. Orozco** and referring his case to the California Horse Racing Board is set aside.

Further, **Mr. Orozco** is hereby deemed ineligible for relicensing prior to June 1, 2020 pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation of License) and placed on probation for as long as he is licensed by the California Horse Racing Board for violation of Board rules #1489 (a) (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1500.1 (b) (2) (B) (Random Drug Testing-Cocaine) and #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) on October 4, 2019.

Prior to being relicensed **Mr. Orozco** must submit to an evaluation by the **Winners Foundation** and must agree to abide by any recommendations from that organization which are approved by the Board of Stewards and provide a negative drug test result. Terms of probation include California Horse Racing Board approved drug or alcohol testing at **Mr. Orozco's** expense when requested by any Commissioner, the Executive Director or Investigator of the California Horse Racing Board or a member of the Board of Stewards and also maintaining his sobriety on and off the grounds of a racetrack. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will be grounds for immediate action against **Mr. Orozco's** license privileges pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1485 (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements).

The above Ruling was issued after deliberating over this testimony and evidence presented at Thursday's formal hearing. **Mr. Orozco** has had numerous citations both on and off the track for substance abuse in recent years and past rehabilitation programs have not taken root deep enough to prevent subsequent relapses.

Orozco will be presented a last chance with the **Winners Foundation** and all concerned hope he avails himself of the opportunity to resume a successful career.

2/29/20²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** reviewed the tape of yesterday's fifth race with the Stewards and was admonished to make sure enough clearance exists before crossing in front of a rival. Jockeys **Juan Hernandez**, **Hugo Herrera** and **Silvio Amador** viewed tapes of races with attention paid to their crop use. In each case the rider exceeded the permitted level of usage and the following rulings were issued:

Ruling # 43

Jockey **Juan Hernandez** who rode **Norwegian** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday February 28, 2020 is fined the sum of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of riding Crop-used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

Ruling # 45

Jockey **Hugo Herrera** who rode **Gem State** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday February 28, 2020 is fined the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of riding Crop-used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond-second offense in the past sixty days).

Ruling # 46

Jockey **Silvio Amador** who rode **Sweet Boy** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday February 28, 2020 is fined the sum of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of riding Crop-used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

2/29/20³

EARLY DECLARATION

7th Race: #5 **Buttie** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 223.76

2/29/20⁴

VOIDED CLAIM – EIGHTH RACE

Trainer **Andy Mathis** dropped a claim for the winner, #2 **Clem Labine**, but was unable to take possession as a post-race exam revealed the horse was off on the left hind and would be added to the Vet's List. Trainer **Pablo De Jesus** took **Clem Labine** back to his usual stall.

2/29/20⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	2,109	\$ 951,635.64
GG	976	\$ 348,099.50
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,387,154.90
TOTAL	3,085	\$ 2,686,890.04

SUNDAY

3/1/20¹

EARLY DECLARATION

6th Race: #5 **Thousand Oaks (FR)** (Tr. **Eddie Rich**) Deceased – Refund \$ 89.24

3/1/20²

CEBALLOS RULING

Ruling # 47

Jockey **Franklin Ceballos** who rode **Sunny Spot** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday February 29, 2020 is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)* for

violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of riding Crop-when the horse has obtained its maximum position).

The above ruling was issued after **Ceballos** met with the Stewards and viewed the tapes of the race. **Franklin's** mount was clearly out of the race at the 3/16 but he applied the crop four times during the stretch run while racing last by many lengths.

3/1/20³

STEWARDS INQUIRY – SIXTH RACE – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards lit the inquiry lamp to evaluate the stretch run of #3 **Mother Of Dragons** (2ND, **Kent Desormeaux**) as she appeared to drift out inside the final 1/8 and caused #4 **Coco Bee** (3RD, **Juan Hernandez**) to lose ground. After a thorough review the Stewards disqualified **Mother Of Dragons** from second and placed her third behind **Coco Bee**.

Tapes showed that **Mother Of Dragons** came out in late stretch to bump **Coco Bee** and take her off her path. The Stewards determined **Mother Of Dragon's**, actions cost **Coco Bee** the opportunity at a better placing and ordered the disqualification. **Desormeaux** will review the tapes of the race with the Stewards on Thursday.

Original order of finish 2-(3)-4-1

Official order of finish 2-4-(3)-1

3/1/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,577	\$ 628,025.70
GG	2,659	\$ 421,269.43
OUT of STATE	n/a	\$ 1,536,297.75
TOTAL	4,236	\$ 2,585,592.88

SUMMARY

	Thurs 2/27	Fri 2/28	Sat 2/29	Sun 3/1	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	1	1	2	8
Claims	3	1	1	1	6	92
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	1	4
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	1	6
Refunds	5	1	3	3	12	187
Rulings	1	0	4	1	6	47
Voided Claims	0	1	1	0	2	10

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
27-Feb.	4	6	Write Me A Song	B. Delia	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 397.74
27-Feb.	6	3	Go Vaidagirl	A. Tekos	Sick	Dr. Franklin	\$ 103.42
28-Feb.	5	4	Circulodeganadoras	S. Ledezma	Unsound	Dr. Grantham	\$ 12,412.02
29-Feb.	7	5	Buttie	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 223.76

JH/DD