



**SONOMA COUNTY FAIR**  
1350 Bennett Valley Road  
Santa Rosa, California 95402

**Report of the Board of Stewards**  
To the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday, August 5, 2009 through Sunday, August 9, 2009.

**Wednesday**

08-05-09<sup>1</sup> **RULING NO. 6 – MARTINEZ**

Jockey **MICHAEL MARTINEZ**, who rode **ONE ROYAL STAR** in the ninth race at the Sonoma County Fair on Sunday, August 2, 2009, is suspended seven (7) racing days (August 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 26, 2009) for failing to maintain a straight course and causing interference in the stretch resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – careless riding).  
The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

The above ruling was issued after Martinez appeared in the stewards' office for the third time in a week on a racing violation. Young Martinez has been counseled repeatedly on keeping a straight course and relaxing his aggressiveness with the whip. While the stewards consider Martinez a likeable young rider with a good attitude, his recent actions in races have warranted added suspension days. In this particular race, Martinez whips and drives his horse while drifting out in the stretch. He straightens his mount once, momentarily, and then goes back to whipping and driving and drifting.

08-05-09<sup>2</sup> **RULING NO. 7 – ROJAS**

Apprentice Jockey **ALVARO ROJAS**, who rode **ATTABOY** in the eighth race at the Sonoma County Fair on Sunday, August 2, 2009, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 12, 13 and 14, 2009) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference;

a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – careless riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

The above ruling was issued after Rojas appeared and reviewed his ride aboard #4 ATTABOY in the eighth race on Sunday. Rojas admitted to making an error in judgment by over-steering his mount toward an opening and causing #5 DEVIL'S CRYSTAL to be checked sharply by his jockey to avoid a possible accident.

08-05-09<sup>3</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

This afternoon's racing was conducted without incident.

08-05-09<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 <sup>nd</sup> race:	#8 ORDINATION Stewards	(Tr. Ruby Thomas)	re-enter REFUND: \$ 258.10
3 <sup>rd</sup> race:	#2 CITIMAGIC Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	(Tr. Sherrie Monroe)	sick REFUND: \$ 98.20
	#7 BUY BACK STAR Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	(Tr. Michael Lenzini)	unsound REFUND: \$ 70.20
6 <sup>th</sup> race:	#3 CEESCREEN Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	(Tr. Alex Sywak)	sick REFUND: \$ 462.60
7 <sup>th</sup> race:	#2 BE SO SPECIAL Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	(Tr. William Delia)	sick REFUND: \$ 220.30
8 <sup>th</sup> race:	#5 SEATTLE BRASH LISA Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	(Tr. Clarence Courtright)	lame at gate REFUND: \$4,059.70
9 <sup>th</sup> race:	#1 NIKKI'S LATIN Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	(Tr. W. R. Whitehouse)	lame at gate REFUND: \$6,148.95
10 <sup>th</sup> race:	#8 COMMON TRUST Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	(Tr. Bruce Dillenbeck)	sick REFUND: \$ 208.40

08-05-09<sup>5</sup>

**JOCKEY CHANGE**

1<sup>st</sup> race: Jockey Jeff Skultin for Sergio Ruiz – injured

08-05-09<sup>6</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	3,780	\$ 335,420.80
NCOT	2,571	\$ 920,352.10
SCOT		\$ 436,139.90
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 829,363.10</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,351</b>	<b>\$2,521,275.90</b>

**Thursday**

08-06-09<sup>1</sup>

**RULING NO. 8 – HALL** (Case 09GG261)

Trainer **MARK HALL**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at the Sonoma County Fair on or before Wednesday, August 5, 2009, to answer charges alleging violation

of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is hereby suspended pending appearance before the Board of Stewards for violation of CHRB rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of MARK HALL are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued after **Hall** failed to appear on a complaint generated by the San Francisco Equine Veterinarian Group. A small claims judgment in the amount of \$728.95 is attached to the complaint.

08-06-09<sup>2</sup> **RULING NO. 9 / RUSSELL – RULING NO. 10 / ALVARADO**

Jockey **CHRIS J. RUSSELL** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for participating in an altercation following the running of the sixth race on Wednesday, August 5, 2009; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

Jockey **FRANK ALVARADO** is fined the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for participating in an altercation following the running of the sixth race on Wednesday, August 5, 2009; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

The above rulings were issued after **Alvarado** took exception to **Russell** "getting in his face" following the running of the sixth race. Alvarado admitted to losing his cool and throwing a punch, hitting Russell in the face. The two wrestled with each other for a minute before Clerk of Scales Gary Lawless separated them.

08-06-09<sup>3</sup> **GOOD RACING PART II**

For the second straight day this afternoon's racing was conducted without incident.

08-06-09<sup>4</sup> **JOCKEY CHANGES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> race – Jockey Shelly Smith for Javier Gomez – personal problem
- 4<sup>th</sup> race – Jockey Russell Baze for Francisco Duran – injured
- 6<sup>th</sup> race – Jockey William Antongeorgi for Julio Garcia – sick  
Jockey Catalino Martinez for Francisco Duran – injured
- 7<sup>th</sup> race – Jockey Catalino Martinez for Julio Garcia – sick
- 8<sup>th</sup> race – Jockey Luis Martinez for Julio Garcia – sick
- 9<sup>th</sup> race – Jockey Catalino Martinez for Julio Garcia – sick
- 10<sup>th</sup> race – Jockey Modesto Linares for Francisco Duran – injured

08-06-09<sup>5</sup> **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

5<sup>th</sup> race: #6 POLENTA (Tr. Joseph Brook) injured  
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 162.20

9<sup>th</sup> race: #3 PATRIOTIC PRINCE (Tr. A. L. Diaz) sick  
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 418.50

08-06-09<sup>6</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	3,086	\$	326,000.20
NCOT	2,761	\$	903,599.40
SCOT		\$	495,592.00
Out of State		\$	915,483.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,847</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,640,675.42</b>

**Friday**

08-07-09<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY IN**

Jockey **William Antongeorgi** was in to review the start of yesterday's sixth race when his mount, YOU WHO MISS, broke outwardly at the start. Mr. Antongeorgi was cautioned to make a better effort to straighten his mount in a quicker fashion.

08-07-09<sup>2</sup>

**THREE IN A ROW**

Racing was good for the third day in a row. No noteworthy incidents to report.

08-07-09<sup>3</sup>

**JOCKEY CHANGES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> race – Jockey Pedro Flores for Alvaro Rojas – sick
- 5<sup>th</sup> race – Jockey Catalino Martinez for Julio Garcia – sick
- 8<sup>th</sup> race – Luis Martinez for Julio Garcia – sick
- 10<sup>th</sup> race – Francisco Duran for Julio Garcia – sick

08-07-09<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> race: #1a MANY RIVERS (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) sick  
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley NO REFUND – Part of Entry
- 9<sup>th</sup> race: #3 THE SPADE RULES (Tr. Monte Gomes) injured  
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 34.00
- #8 INDY INDEAVOUR (Tr. Louis San Juan) unsound  
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 226.40
- 10<sup>th</sup> race: #3 STAGE STAR BARBIE (Tr. Lance Wilson) injured  
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 150.00

08-07-09<sup>5</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	3,527	\$ 348,055.90
NCOT	3,096	\$1,090,286.80
SCOT		\$ 426,660.20
Out of State		\$ 761,419.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,623</b>	<b>\$2,626,422.08</b>

**Saturday**

08-08-09<sup>1</sup>

**THIRD RACE – ACCIDENT PADDOCK - DELAY**

Jockey **SERGIO RUIZ** was injured in the paddock while getting legged up on #2 BIG BARRYMORE, trained by Ray Thomas. There was a twelve minute delay while Ruiz was being attended to in the paddock and a replacement rider was acquired. Jockey April Boag picked up the mount.

08-08-09<sup>2</sup>

**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – Third Race**

Jockey **Olivo Maldonado**, who rode third place finisher #7 IB THE SONEOFTHEBES, lodged a claim of foul against the winner, #8 SNOWY EMPRESS and jockey Reed Saldana, for alleged interference in this 350 yard Quarter horse race. After review and talking to the riders, the stewards voted to make no change. #8 races erratic throughout the race but, in the opinion of the stewards, created no interference.

08-08-09<sup>3</sup>

**WIN ONLY – Fourth Race**

The *Luther Burbank Handicap* scratched down to four horses and three wagering interests. Place and show wagering were cancelled in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule 1954 (Pari-Mutuel Pools).



**Sunday**

08-09-09<sup>1</sup>

**RUSSELL IN**

Jockey **Chris Russell** viewed the films of yesterday's eleventh race in which he was involved in an inquiry. Russell was cautioned that he needs to keep a straighter course in the stretch to avoid having his number taken down and possible suspension.

08-09-09<sup>2</sup>

**SCRATCH MIX-UP - First Race – Mule Championship**

At approximately twenty minutes to post for the first race, the stewards were informed that the #1 **BAR JF RED TICKET** was taken out of the wagering instead of #7 BAR JF BOLD THUNDER, who had been scratched early. After conferring with Director of Racing Richard Lewis and Mutuel Manager Bryan Wayte, it was determined that the mule had been out of the system since before 10:30 a.m. With the limited time available for placing the mule back in wagering and informing the public, the stewards decided to keep the mule scratched. Trainer **Ruby Thomas** was contacted and informed of the situation. Director of Racing Richard Lewis assured this Board that Santa Rosa would compensate Thomas and her owners for expenses. The investigative staff was informed and will research culpability for the error.

08-09-09<sup>3</sup>

**MINUS POOL – First Race**

A place minus pool of \$326 and show minus pool of \$33,815 were generated when prohibitive favorite #6 BAR JF HOT TICKET continued his unbeaten streak for the year.

08-09-09<sup>4</sup>

**INQUIRY (Arabian) – DISQUALIFICATION – Second Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the start involving second place finisher #2 **ALONGWAY BABY (Jorge Ayarza)** and third place finisher #3 GENUINE GUY (Chris Russell). After talking to the riders and a thorough tape review, #2 was disqualified and placed third for interference. Tapes clearly show #2 breaks outward, virtually eliminating #3 who recovered gamely to come on and finish third.

08-09-09<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY / ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE – Seventh Race**

#9 OK CLOUD CHIEF went wrong at the 5/16 pole unseating jockey Luis Martinez. No interference occurred. An accident report is attached.

08-09-09<sup>6</sup>

**INQUIRY / ACCIDENT (Turf) – NO CHANGE – Eighth Race**

#7 WARRENS DOC MAYES went wrong at the 1/8 pole unseating jockey Barrington Harvey. No interference occurred. An accident report is attached.

08-09-09<sup>7</sup>

**INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – Ninth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident near the 3/16 pole involving second place finisher #7 **I WANNA GO FAST (Frank Alvarado)** and third place finisher #8 SANQUINE (Alfredo Miranda). After talking to the riders and replay reviews, #7 was disqualified from second to third place for interference. Tapes show #7 veer outward near the 3/16 pole, bumping and impeding #8.

08-09-09<sup>8</sup>

**INQUIRY / ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE – Twelfth Race**

#10 DEVILOFAPRICE went wrong at the 3/8 pole unseating jockey Hector Romero. #10 interfered with #'s 3, 4 and 7. #7 went on to win. #4 finished fifth, #3 was pulled up and eased from the interference. An accident report is attached.



6-Aug	5	6	POLENTA	Brook	injured	Dooley	<b>\$162.20</b>
	9	3	PATRIOTIC PRINCE	Diaz	sick	Dooley	<b>\$418.50</b>
7-Aug	4	1a	MANY RIVERS	Hollendorfer	sick	Dooley	<b>Part of Entry</b>
	9	3	THE SPADE RULES	Gomes	injured	Dooley	<b>\$34.00</b>
		8	INDY INDEAVOUR	San Juan	unsound	Dooley	<b>\$226.40</b>
	10	3	STAGE STAR BARBIE	Wilson	injured	Dooley	<b>\$150.00</b>
8-Aug	2	3	BAR JF WINNING TICKET	Thomas	sick	Dooley	<b>\$97.60</b>
	6	2	THE CAT IS LOOSE	Dillenbeck	lame at gate	Connolly	<b>\$26,239.20</b>
	8	9	EL DIABLITO	Glatt	sick	Dooley	<b>\$131.60</b>
	9	9	MARIA LA O	Preciado	injured at gate	Connolly	<b>\$16,601.30</b>
	11	4	IN SESSION	Diaz	sick	Dooley	<b>\$372.00</b>
9-Aug	1	7	BAR JF BOLD THUNDER	Garcia	sick	Dooley	<b>\$354.00</b>
	4	9	IHOPEIGETIT	Haley	sick	Dooley	<b>\$246.00</b>
	7	10	DREAM NETTI	Hollendorfer	sick	Dooley	<b>\$414.80</b>
	8	8	DON'TBLOCKTHESHOT	Sywak	injured	Dooley	<b>\$697.00</b>

**VETERINARY REPORT**

**Euthanized / Died**

- 08-09-09 Ok Cloud Chief (Tr. T. Stubblefield) right scapula & humerus fracture; racing – dirt
- 08-09-09 Warrens Doc Mayes (Tr. R. Wallace) compound fracture right canon; racing – turf course
- 08-09-09 Devilofaprice (Tr. C. Plum) fractured left front canon; racing – dirt

**Veterinarian's List**

- There were twenty-eight (28) horses placed on the vet's list:
  - Sick: 11
  - Injured: 6
  - Unsound: 10
  - Bled: 1
- There were twenty-four (24) horses removed from the vet's list:
  - Sick: 14
  - Injured: 6
  - Unsound: 4
  - Bled: 0

**Shockwave Therapy:** There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Anderson	146	\$50,499.10
Bakersfield	416	\$111,909.90
Eureka	65	\$32,459.20
Fresno	462	\$167,255.40
Fresno One Club	121	\$64,957.20
Golden Gate Fields	3811	\$1,368,717.60
Monterey	372	\$117,897.40
Pleasanton	2099	\$834,067.20
Sacramento	1552	\$571,112.10
San Mateo	3578	\$1,405,857.70

San Jose	1875	\$610,822.80
Stockton	1218	\$348,182.20
Tulare	251	\$61,143.80
Turlock	501	\$159,001.50
Vallejo	815	\$305,143.50
So. California		\$2,762,518.20
Out of State		\$4,126,462.64

	8/5	8/6	8/7	8/8	8/9	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	1	3	4	<b>6</b>
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
CLAIMS	1	1	2	2	0	6	<b>16</b>
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	2	2	<b>5</b>
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	0	2	5	7	<b>11</b>
REFUNDS	8	2	3	7	5	25	<b>47</b>
RULINGS	2	3	0	0	0	5	<b>10</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**

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**Grant Baker, Steward**

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