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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**THE BIG FRESNO FAIR**

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

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Report for the period Wednesday, October 7, 2015 through Sunday, October 12, 2015.

GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Nine Days – Thursday, October 8, 2015 through Monday, October 12, 2015 and Thursday, October 15, 2015 through Sunday, October 18, 2015 (Dark Tuesday, October 13 through Wednesday, October 14).

Entries: Forty-eight to ninety-six hours in advance.

Scratch Time: 9:00 a.m. next entry day.

Post Time: 1:15 p.m. weekdays, 12:15 weekends.

Wagering: Win, Place and Show wagering on every race.

Exotic Wagering: \$1 Exacta
\$1 Trifecta
\$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 8 betting interests)

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:
- John Herbuveaux
- Darrel McHargue
- Richard Lewis
- David Nuesch (Safety Steward)

Track Officials: John C. Alkire, Chief Executive Officer
 Larry Swartzlander, Director of Racing & Director of Simulcasting
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 Pegasus Communications, Video Production
 Vassar Photography, Track Photographer

Racing Officials: Tom Doutrich, Racing Secretary
 Lisa Jones, Assistant Racing Secretary
 Dawn Schmid, Clerk of Course, Thoroughbred
 Dolores Collins, Clerk of the Course, Emerging Breeds
 Victoria Layne, Paymaster of Purses
 Danny Winick, Paddock Judge & Patrol Judge
 Kenneth Fowler, Patrol Judge
 Myra Troske, Placing Judge
 Ella Robinson, Placing Judge & Film Analyst
 Cheryl White, Clerk of Scales
 Matt Nichols, Assistant Clerk of Scales
 Robert Mooneyhan, Starter
 Gary Greiner, Horse Identifier
 Jackie Payton, Horseshoe Inspector
 Melody Truitt, Clocker & Timer

Veterinarians: Don Dooley, DVM, CHRB Veterinarian
 Forrest Franklin, DVM, Track Veterinarian

Sunday –

Wednesday

10-04-15

10-07-15

DARK DAY DUTIES

Stewards Darrel McHargue and Richard Lewis shared duties for entries and scratches for the first three days of racing. The pair also conducted inspections of the front side accommodations to ensure the phones, closed circuit televisions and in-house communication systems were all in proper working order.

Thursday

10-08-15¹

DESIGNATED RACES

The stewards designated five races in which a jockey may ride while under suspension. The selections included two Thoroughbred races, two Quarter Horse races and one Arabian race. A copy of the list is attached in these minutes.

10-08-15²

RACE #3 - INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate close quarters on both the inside and outside of this 330 yard Quarter Horse dash plus substantial contact between #5 IM FLYIN (5th, Juan Arriaga) and #6 RUDIGER (6th, Martin Arriaga) at the 1/16 pole. After a thorough review, the stewards took no action with respect to the placings.

Tapes showed that the observed close quarters didn't involve any interference and the contact between IM FLYIN and RUDIGER was mutual.

10-08-15³

RACE #4 – JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The stewards illuminated the objection sign at the request of jockey Kyle Frey aboard the fourth place finisher #4 RAGTIME who alleged interference at the ¼ from the winner #3 BROKE THE MOLD ridden by Cristobal Herrera. After a thorough review the stewards dismissed the claim of foul. Tapes failed to show any evidence to substantiate Frey's allegation.

10-08-15⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FNO	3,179	\$	227,546.10
NCOT	2,035	\$	498,183.90
SCOT		\$	151,813.90
Out of State		\$	340,003.21
TOTAL	5,214	\$	1,217,547.11

Friday

10-09-15¹ **DECLARATIONS**

1 st race:	#6 KAOLINOS SHADOW	(Tr. P. Powell)	Stewards	
	Stewards – I.D.		REFUND: \$	26.10
6 th race:	#5 GO GREEN GO	(Tr. G. Preciado)	Unsound	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND: \$	110.70
8 th race:	#3 HUB CAP	(Tr. M. McDonald)	Unsound	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND: \$	86.70

10-09-15² **RULING NO. 1 – CEDILLO RULING**
 Jockey **ABEL CEDILLO** who rode **MAXIMINUS** in the fifth race at the Big Fresno Fair (Fresno) on Thursday, October 8, 2015, is hereby fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300)* for violation of CHRB rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – second offense).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Cedillo contacted the stewards by phone and pled guilty.

10-09-15³ **RULING NO. 2 – GODOY RULING**
 Jockey **LUIS GODOY** who rode **WORDS OF DEXTER** in the third race at the Big Fresno Fair (Fresno) on Thursday, October 8, 2015, is hereby fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500)* for violation of CHRB rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – third offense).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Godoy appeared and acknowledged he struck his mount more than three times in succession.

10-09-15⁴ **RULING NO. 3 – COUTON RULING**
 Jockey **JULIEN COUTON** is hereby fined the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50)* for reporting late to the jockey’s room at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, October 4, 2015; violation of CHRB rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Couton contacted the stewards by phone and stated he overslept which resulted in his late arrival.

10-09-15⁵ **RULING NO. 4 – IBARRA RULING**
 Jockey **SALVADOR IBARRA** is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100)* for failure to appear to ride the mule **LITTLE BIT** in the first race at the Big Fresno Fair on Thursday, October 8, 2015; violation of CHRB rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

The above penalty was imposed after Mr. Ibarra appeared and explained construction traffic along with overflowing parking lots conspired to delay his arrival which in turn caused him to miss his chance to ride his mount.

10-09-15⁶ **RACE #6 – STEWARD’S INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**
 The stewards lit the inquiry lamp to review an incident at the 1/8 involving #6

ONEMOREATWILSONS (2nd, Irving Orozco) and #7 PARSKY (4th, Frank Alvarado). After reviewing the tapes of the race the stewards affirmed the original order of finish.

Tapes showed that Alvarado shifted PARSKY off the rail in search of racing room and, in doing so, made severe contact with ONEMOREATWILSONS. Since PARSKY finished behind ONEMOREATWILSONS the placings were not affected but Alvarado will view the tapes of the race with the stewards in the morning.

10-09-15⁷ **RACE #7 – STEWARD'S INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was illuminated once again to determine why jockey Pedro Flores and his mount, #5 SPLENDOR HOPE, parted company shortly after the start of this six furlong sprint. Tapes showed that SPLENDOR HOPE stumbled badly leaving the starting gate causing Flores to lose his balance and subsequently his connection with the mare. Neither horse nor rider suffered any ill effects from the incident.

10-09-15⁸ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FNO	9,647	\$	417,496.70
NCOT	1,785	\$	624,007.40
SCOT		\$	217,620.70
Out of State		\$	540,174.27
TOTAL	11,432	\$	1,799,299.07

Saturday

10-10-15¹ **RULING NO. 5 – ALVARADO RULING**

Jockey **FRANK ALVARADO** who rode **PARSKY** in the sixth race at the Big Fresno Fair on Friday, October 9, 2015 is hereby suspended three (3) racing days (October 17, 18 & 22, 2015) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch and causing interference; violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Alvarado appeared to review the tapes of yesterday's sixth race in which his mount was the subject of an inquiry. Frank acknowledged he was too aggressive in his search for racing room and accepted the penalty imposed above.

10-10-15² **RULING NO. 6 – SILVA RULING**

Jockey Agent **JOSE E. SILVA** is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for failure to conduct his business in a proper manner on October 9, 2015.

The preceding ruling was released after Silva contacted the stewards by phone and admitted he did not honor a call given to trainer Val Rhoden.

10-10-15³ **RACE #3 – SCRATCH – REFUND**

#4 A CORONA HABIT, the prohibitive favorite in the \$20,000 Fresno Dash, was scratched by the stewards on the recommendation of the track veterinarian Forrest Franklin after he reported the horse became fractious in the starting gate and injured himself. On Vet's list. The refund amounted to \$27,852.42.

10-10-15⁴ **RACE #5 – STEWARD'S INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident inside the 1/16 involving the place horse, #7 ANYTIME MAGIC, with Irving Orozco in the saddle and the fourth place horse, #2 SURPRISE SALE, ridden by Juan Hernandez. After gathering all pertinent information the stewards unanimously disqualified ANYTIME MAGIC from second and placed him fourth behind SURPRISE SALE.

Tapes show that ANYTIME MAGIC bore out inside the 1/16 taking the path of SURPRISE SALE causing that horse to check and, in the opinion of the stewards, the opportunity to finish third. Orozco will review tapes of the race with the stewards in the morning.

Original Order: 1 – 7 – 6 – 2

Official Order: 1 – 6 – 2 – 7

10-10-15⁵ **RACE #5 – CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim deposited by trainer Rene Amescua for #2 SURPRISE SALE was voided by the stewards after Official Veterinarian Donald Dooley determined the horse was lame. SURPRISE SALE was returned to the barn of trainer Jeff Metz.

10-10-15⁶ **RACE #6 – CLAIM VOIDED**

Trainer Gary Greiner dropped a claim for #5 APOLLOS LEGACY which proved unsuccessful after Dr. Dooley diagnosed the horse as lame in the Receiving Barn. Trainer Jamie Thomas retained possession of Apollo's Legacy.

10-10-15⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FNO	9,864	\$	350,039.60
NCOT	2,847	\$	1,157,834.50
SCOT		\$	190,014.10
Out of State		\$	422,003.59
TOTAL	12,711	\$	2,119,891.79

Sunday

10-11-15¹ **DECLARATIONS**

3 rd race:	#1 ST. SOMEWHERE	(Tr. J. Wong)	Sick	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND: \$	37.90
	#5 SLU DIXIE	(Tr. J. Meredith)	Stewards	
	Entered in wrong race.		REFUND: \$	18.00

10-11-15² **RULING NO. 7 – FILM REVIEW**

Guild Representative Darrel Haire contacted the stewards by phone concerning Irving Orozco's ride in yesterday's fifth race in which Orozco's mount was disqualified for interference in the stretch. Orozco opted not to be present today so he could attend to business in the Bay Area. Haire stated that Orozco acknowledged he could have done a better job to keep his mount from drifting out – such as not using a left handed crop – and the stewards issued the following ruling.

Jockey **IRVING OROZCO** who rode **ANYTIME MAGIC** in the fifth race at the Big Fresno Fair on Saturday, October 10, 2015 is hereby suspended three (3) racing days (October 18, 22 & 23, 2015) 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 fourth; violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules –

10-11-15³ **RULING NO. 8 – MORENO RULING**

Jockey **CESAR T. MORENO** who rode **PRIMERCARTEL** in the third race at the Big Fresno Fair (Fresno) on Saturday, October 10, 2015, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200)* for violation of CHRB rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

The above ruling was issued when neither Moreno nor a representative acting on his behalf appeared to review the tapes of the race with the stewards.

10-11-15⁴ **IN THE CLEAR**

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

10-11-15⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FNO	11,339	\$	313,325.90
NCOT	2,575	\$	845,550.40
SCOT		\$	265,594.40
Out of State		\$	472,696.79
TOTAL	13,914	\$	1,897,167.49

Monday

10-12-15¹ **RULING NO. 9 – CRISPIN RULING**

Jockey **JOE CRISPIN** who rode **SHEZA FANCY FIRST** in the tenth race at the Big Fresno Fair on Sunday, October 11, 2015 is hereby suspended one (1) racing day (Thursday, October 22, 2015) 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 – fourth offense).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Crispin met with the stewards and acknowledged he struck the Quarter Horse more than three times.

10-12-15² **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1 st race:	#1 FASHION PROSPECT	(Tr. J. Homer)	Unsound	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND:	\$ 57.02
2 nd race:	#4 NE NE BUZZINE	(Tr. J. Bonde)	Sick	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND:	\$ 75.86
3 rd race:	#4 BROUGHT TO JUSTICE	(Tr. R. Lucas)	Sick	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND:	\$ 34.70
6 th race:	#8 MERLE	(Tr. D. Winick)	Unsound	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND:	\$ 176.20

10-12-15³ **RULING NO. 10 – RAMIREZ RULING**

Jockey **MARCIAL RAMIREZ** who rode **LBS MIDNIGHT** in the tenth race at the Big Fresno Fair on Sunday, October 11, 2015 is hereby suspended three (3) racing days (October 22, 23 and 24, 2015) 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 – fifth offense).

The above ruling was released after Ramirez appeared and reviewed the tapes of the race with the stewards. Ramirez stated the owner gave him instructions to stay after the horse with the crop and he complied.

10-12-15⁴ **RACE #3 – CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim deposited by trainer Melanie McDonald for the horse AUNT SARA was voided by the stewards after Dr. Dooley determined the mare was unsound. AUNT SARA was returned to the barn of trainer Gil Matos.

10-12-15⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FNO	4,977	\$	229,707.00
NCOT	1,611	\$	546,474.70
SCOT		\$	155,450.50
Out of State		\$	391,636.55
TOTAL	6,588	\$	1,323,268.75

M E E T S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards was in attendance each racing day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
9-Oct.	6	5	GO GREEN GO	G. Preciado	Unsound	Franklin	\$ 110.70
9-Oct.	8	3	HUB CAP	M. McDonald	Unsound	Franklin	\$ 86.70
11-Oct.	3	1	ST. SOMEWHERE	J. Wong	Sick	Franklin	\$ 37.90
10-Oct.	3	4	CORONA HABIT	J. Moreno	Injured - Gate	Franklin	\$ 27,852.42
12-Oct.	1	1	FASHION PROSPECT	J. Homer	Unsound	Franklin	\$ 57.02
12-Oct.	2	4	NE NE BUZZINE	J. Bonde	Sick	Franklin	\$ 75.86
12-Oct.	3	4	BROUGHT TO JUSTICE	R. Lucas	Sick	Franklin	\$ 34.70
12-Oct.	6	8	MERLE	D. Winick	Unsound	Franklin	\$ 176.20

VETERINARY REPORT - Euthanized / Died – 1

10-11-15 I JUDGE (Tr. John Martin) Fractured sesamoids right front fetlock; Fresno 7/8 pole.

Veterinarian's List - There were (10) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 2 Injured: 1
 Unsound: 5 Bled: 1 Exhausted: 1

There were (8) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 5 Injured: 2 Bled: 1

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	73	\$ 18,618.50
Banker's Casino	117	\$ 26,314.30
Golden Gate	2,023	\$ 749,878.70
Monterey	205	\$ 96,152.00
Pleasanton	1,210	\$ 500,195.20
Sacramento	1,071	\$ 358,667.10
San Jose	1,597	\$ 476,239.90
San Mateo	2,377	\$ 1,023,261.80
Santa Rosa	551	\$ 127,665.80
Stockton	733	\$ 207,553.60
Turlock	271	\$ 73,529.70
Vallejo	625	\$ 210,055.20
So. California		\$ 980,493.60
Out of State		\$ 2,166,514.41

	8-Oct.	9-Oct.	10-Oct.	11-Oct.	12-Oct.	WEEK	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	1	1	0	0	2	2
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	2	0	3	4	4	13	13
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	2	2	1	0	0	5	5
REFUNDS	0	3	1	2	4	10	10
RULINGS	0	4	2	2	2	10	10

Respectfully submitted,

John Herbuveaux, Steward

Darrel McHargue, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward