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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Humboldt County Fair**  
**Ferndale, California**

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, August 16, 2022, through Sunday, August 21, 2022**

**GENERAL DATA**

Dates: Scheduled Six Days Friday, August 19, 2022 through Sunday, August 28, 2022  
Friday, August 19, 2022 through Sunday, August 21, 2022  
Friday, August 26, 2022 through Sunday, August 28, 2022

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

Scratch Time: 10:00 A.M. next entry day.

Post Time: Friday, August 19, 2022 at 3:15 P.M. Saturday & Sunday, August 20-21 at 2:15 P.M.  
3:07 P.M. Friday, August 26 at 3:07 P.M. Saturday & Sunday, August 27-28 at 2:07 P.M.

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

Exotic Wagering: \$1 Exacta  
\$1 Trifecta (with 4 betting interests)  
\$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 (50-cent minimum with 8 betting interests)

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:  
- Richard Lewis - Will Meyers  
- Calvin Rainey - Tom McCarthy (Safety Steward)

Track Officials: Rich Silacci – Fair Manager  
Andy Titus – Board President  
Larry Swartzlander – Director of Racing  
Doug Gooby – Mutuel Manger  
Craig Braddick – Morning Line Maker/Track Announcer  
Ellis Davis – Track Publicist  
Sandra Rios – Stable Superintendent  
Trackmasters Inc. (Steve Wood) – Track Superintendent  
Pegasus Communications – Video Production  
Vassar Photography – Track Photographer  
Plusmic Corp., Inc. – Photo Finish

Racing Officials: Tom Doutrich – Racing Secretary  
John Everly – Assistant Racing Secretary  
Myra Troske – Clerk of the Course, All Breeds  
Heather Haviland – Paymaster of Purses/Simulcast  
Juliana Gomes – Program Manager/Operations  
Kenneth Fowler – Clerk of Scales  
Lisa Wilkerson – Stewards' Aide & Patrol Judge  
Gary Greiner – Paddock Judge & Horse Identifier  
Daniel Morris – Starter  
Jackie Payton – Horseshoe Inspector  
Chris Lapham – Clocker/Timer  
Forrest Franklin, DVM – CHRB Veterinarian  
Audrey Clifton, DVM – Fitness/Track Veterinarian

**TUESDAY**  
8/16/22<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY DAY/ FATALITY REVIEW**

Steward Will Meyers was on-site to oversee the Entry Process for opening day of the 2022 Humboldt County Fair. Six races were drawn with thirty-three runners consisting of three five-horse fields and three six-horse fields. Two “FATALITY REVIEWS” took place this day. Both were led by Dr. Alina Vale. The morning Panel being attended by Richard Lewis and Tom McCarthy and the afternoon Panel consisting of Cal Rainey and Tom McCarthy.

**WEDNESDAY**  
8/17/22<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRIES AND ENTRY PANEL**

Like yesterday, Steward Will Meyers was present to give guidance to the Racing Office should there be question regarding the entry process for Saturday and changes for the Friday program. Seven races were on the Overnight with thirty-seven entrants. Changes to opening day saw one scratch and four rider changes. The “Entry Panel” met by way of “Teams” with Steward Meyers reviewing Friday’s race card.

**THURSDAY**  
8/18/22<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRIES AND ENTRY PANEL**

Steward Will Meyers completed the trifecta for pre-race meet entry days. He witnessed another seven-race program being produced, this one for Sunday with thirty-seven entries. Changes for Saturday saw one scratch, horse ineligible, and six rider changes. Today's Entry Panel saw Safety Steward Tom McCarthy as a member for Saturday's races.

**FRIDAY**  
8/19/22<sup>1</sup>

**DRYSDALE RULING**

**HCFA RULING #01**

Trainer Neil Drysdale, who was scheduled to start the horse TOFINO BAY in the eighth race at the Sonoma County Fair on Sunday, August 14, 2022, is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) \* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1698 (Failure to Start and Run).

The above ruling was issued after the Sonoma County Fair Board of Stewards advised Mr. Drysdale of a penalty for failure to start the horse TOFINO BAY. As it was the last day of the race meet, he was told the ruling would be issued at the Humboldt County Fair.

**FRIDAY**  
8/19/22<sup>2</sup>

**MONROY RULING**

**HCFA RULING #02**

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3) Jockey FRANCISCO MONROY, who rode NOWHERE MAN in the fourth race at the Sonoma County Fair on Sunday, August 14, 2022 is suspended one (1) racing day, Friday, August 26, 2022 and fined TWO HUNDRED and FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) \* for one strike over the limit (Class 3 Violation).

Furthermore, Jockey FRANCISCO MONROY is assigned three (3) points that will expire on February 19, 2023, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties).

Jockey FRANCISCO MONROY spoke with the Board of Stewards by phone after the fourth race on closing day of the Sonoma County Fair and admitted to violating the crop rule. He was told to contact the Stewards at the Humboldt County Fair on Friday to discuss the penalty phase. After doing so the above ruling was published.

**FRIDAY**  
8/19/22<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>st</sup> Race: #3 ELECTRIC ELIZABETA to be ridden by Rachel Goodgame.

2<sup>nd</sup> Race: #OFFICER OF WAR to be ridden by Taylor Smith.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race: #3 FORT YORK to be ridden by James Wooten (Double Jockey Fee).

**FRIDAY**  
8/19/22<sup>4</sup>

**WOOTEN REINSTATEMENT**

Acting upon a Proposed Decision of Hearing Officer Shauna Weeks Avrith, adopted by the California Horse Racing Board, Ruling #54 – CHRB054 (2022), Jockey James Wooten is now eligible for licensing.

**FRIDAY**  
8/19/22<sup>5</sup>

**COUTINO HEARING**

A hearing for case #20BM0006 was on the docket before the Board of Stewards at the Humboldt County Fair. Fernando Coutino was present seeking to be relicensed as a groom after FTA as stated in Ruling #8 PRTG008 (2020).

Present representing the CHRB was Investigator Louis Quezada. The respondent, Fernando Coutino, was aided by Pablo Flores as an interpreter. A witness for the State, Lisa Wilkerson, was called to testify. After hearing testimony from all parties and submitting evidence into the record, the hearing was closed.

**FRIDAY**  
8/19/22<sup>6</sup>

**RACE 1 – JOCKEY OBJECTION**

Jockey SILVIO AMADOR, on board the PLACE horse, #5 MO SUGAFOOT, lodged an objection against #1 PHANTOMS BOOK, the winner, and jockey BARRINGTON HARVEY.

Jockey AMADOR felt that he was taken wide on the final turn by the #1 which caused his mount to lose ground. Video showed that the winner did run wide around that final turn but at the same time MO SUGAFOOT, AMADOR's mount, was also trying to get out. In a unanimous decision the Stewards disallowed the Objection and made the results Official.

**FRIDAY**  
8/19/22<sup>7</sup>

**RACE 6 – STEWARDS REVIEW OF START**

Once the horses crossed the wire, the Stewards called for a REVIEW of the start of this race. The #2, DREAMER'S REALITY, broke in the air and slowly, which caused the 5/2 second choice to be far out of contention from the beginning. The announcer was told to inform the audience that a Review was in progress.

The video of the start was shown on the big screen three times. A split second before the field was dispatched #2 reared and settled, the gates opened and DREAMER'S REALITY once again tossed his head and reared, trailing the field. Video showed that he caused his own problems and was not hindered by the Assistant Starter, therefore he was declared a Starter.

**FRIDAY**  
8/19/22<sup>8</sup>

**ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On track	1,116	\$59,665.20
NCOTWinc	934	\$629,741.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$133,094.15
Total	2,050	\$822,500.65

**SATURDAY**  
8/20/22<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>st</sup> Race: #1 PV CANDY IN THE WIND to be ridden by James Wooten.

1<sup>st</sup> Race: SCRATCH #5 PREACHINFORCASH – Tr. Emilio Guerrero – Entry Panel (No Pre-Race Exam) (NO SHOW WAGERING)

2<sup>nd</sup> Race: SCRATCH #3 LA CROIX – Tr. Angela Aquino – Injured – Dr. Franklin (NO SHOW WAGERING)

6<sup>th</sup> Race: SCRATCH #2 FORTY SEVEN BLUE – Tr. Emilio Guerrero – Unsound – Dr. Franklin.

7<sup>th</sup> Race: #1 PULPIT SINGER to be ridden by James Wooten.

**SATURDAY**  
8/20/22<sup>2</sup>

### **COUTINO RULING**

#### **HCFA RULING #03**

Having now appeared before the Board of Stewards at the Humboldt County Fair on Friday, August 19, 2022, **FERNANDO COUNTINO**, expired CHRB License #303550, Pacific Racing Association Ruling #08 issued August 22, 2020, is set aside.

Prior to being eligible for licensure pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1489 (a)(7) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) **FERNANDO COUNTINO** must complete a minimum thirty (30) day In-House Rehabilitation Program acceptable to the Board of Stewards and approved by the Winner's Foundation.

The above ruling was issued after weighing testimony surrounding CHRB case #20BM0006 involving Fernando Coutino (Ref: 8/19/22<sup>5</sup>).

**SATURDAY**  
8/20/22<sup>3</sup>

### **POST PARADE SCRATCH RACE #2**

Acting upon the advice of Track Veterinarian Audrey Clifton, the Board of Stewards declared #5 MADAME JEANETTE due to soundness issues. This declaration resulted in the cancellation of the "PLACE" pool due to the wagering field being deleted to three interests.

**SATURDAY**  
8/20/22<sup>4</sup>

### **RACE 3 – INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> race started as a three-horse field with WIN and EXACTA wagering only. Shortly after the start #1 XTRAFINE XTINA, with BARRINGTON HARVEY aboard broke alertly but drifted into the path of #2, ILL DO IT FOR YOU, with RACHEL GOODGAME in the irons causing that pair to clip heels and unseat jockey GOODGAME. The Stewards posted the INQUIRY after the two remaining horses, #1 and #3, in that order, passed the wire.

After review of video, especially the Drone view, it was clear that #1 came over without significant clearance, causing the #2 to clip heels and stumble losing the rider. It was unanimous to disqualify #1 XTRAFINE XTINA and make her UNPLACED behind #2, I'LL DO IT FOR YOU. This resulted in the refunding of the EXACTA Pool.

Original Order of Finish: **1**, 3, 2 DNF

Official Order of Finish: 3, 2, **1 UNPLACED**

Jockey GOODGAME got up on her own and the horse ran with the other two runners before being captured by the Outrider. Both jockey and horse were uninjured.

**SATURDAY**  
8/20/22<sup>5</sup>

**RACE 4 – LATE SCRATCH**

As the horses were preparing to load for this race the #1 SONORA SERMON, flipped over hitting the track surface and unseating jockey SILVIO AMADOR. Upon recommendation of Track Veterinarian CLIFTON, the Stewards ordered the runner to be scratched. The rider was unscathed, and horse was sent to the Test Barn for further evaluation.

**SATURDAY**  
8/20/22<sup>6</sup>

**RACE 5 – INQUIRY/OJECTION-DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards ordered the INQUIRY sign to be lit along with an OBJECTION by Jockey McKenzie King. Actions at the head of the lane between #2 FLASHY PASS, first horse to cross the wire, #1 SOMARA and #5 HEY WILMAA, were being investigated. As the field exited the turn #2, on the lead, drifted into #5 taking that horse off its path, who in turn caused #1 to alter course. #2 FLASHY PASS, crossed the wire a half a length in front of #1 SOMARA, who was only a nose in front of #5 HEY WILMAA.

In a unanimous decision the Stewards disqualified #2, FLASHY PASS for interference from first and placed her third behind #5 HEY WILMAA, who was determined to have been cost a better placing, which elevated #1 SOMARA to the winner's position.

Original Order of Finish: 2-1-5-4-3

Official Order of Finish: 1-5-2-4-3

**SATURDAY**  
8/20/22<sup>8</sup>

**ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On track	1,400	\$88,588.10
NCOTWinc	1,972	\$932,108.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$113,128.25
Total	3,372	\$1,133,824.9

**SUNDAY**  
8/21/22<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>st</sup> Race: #2 THREE TIMES A LADY – to be ridden by James Wooten.

1<sup>st</sup> Race: #4 CORONA FIRE – to be ridden by Pablo Flores.

2<sup>nd</sup> Race: #2 BEAUTYINTHEBEAST – to be ridden by James Wooten.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race: #5 CHAY UP AND AWAY – to be ridden by Jose Rodriguez.

4<sup>th</sup> Race: #1 SWEET MEG – to be ridden by Pablo Flores

4<sup>th</sup> Race: #4 ALL – Tr. Jonathon Wong – Sick – Dr. Franklin.

5<sup>th</sup> Race: #4 BARNABY BONES – to be ridden by James Wooten.

6<sup>th</sup> Race: #4 DEBT MONGER – to be ridden by James Wooten.

7<sup>th</sup> Race: #5 GOING AWAY PARTY – to be ridden by James Wooten.

**SUNDAY**  
8/21/22<sup>2</sup>

**HARVEY RULING**

**HCFA RULING #04**

Jockey BARRINGTON HARVEY who rode XTRAFINE XTINA in the third race at the Humboldt County Fair on Saturday, August 20, 2022 is suspended ten (10) racing

days, August 28, 2022, September 2-5, 2022, September 9-11, 2022 and September 16-17, 2022.

For failure to maintain a straight course leaving the starting gate and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to unplaced; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The above ruling was issued after meeting and reviewing video from Saturday's Third race with Mr. Harvey. He apologized for the incident where he dropped a fellow rider and accepted the penalty stated above.

**SUNDAY**  
8/21/22<sup>3</sup>

**BARRINGTON HARVEY**

Acting upon notification from Los Alamitos CHRB Investigators of a Positive Random Drug Test result for marijuana, Jockey BARRINGTON HARVEY is removed from all of his mounts and future rides are dependent on testing with negative results.

**SUNDAY**  
8/21/22<sup>4</sup>

**AMADOR RULING**

**HCFA RULING #05**

Jockey SILVIO AMADOR who rode FLASHY PASS in the fifth race at the Humboldt County Fair on Saturday, August 20, 2022 is suspended three (3) racing days, August 28 and September 2-3, 2022 for failure to maintain a straight course entering the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to third; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

Jockey Silvio Amador met with this Board of Stewards to review video of Saturday's fifth race in which his mount was disqualified for inference. He agreed he rode carelessly but he disputed the penalty stated in the ruling.

**SUNDAY**  
8/21/22<sup>5</sup>

**RACE 3 – LATE SCRATCH**

#5, CHAY UP AND AWAY flipped behind the gate tossing her rider and the mare hit the surface full body. Acting upon advice of Track Veterinarian Audrey Clifton the Stewards scratched the mare from this race. The late scratch also resulted in the field being reduced to four runners and the SHOW pool being refunded. Jockey Jose Rodriguez was uninjured and fulfilled his remaining engagements.

**SUNDAY**  
8/21/22<sup>6</sup>

**RACE 6 – STEWARDS REVIEW**

The Stewards performed a review of the video of the start of this race to investigate why #3, VERMEER, broke oddly. The review was clear in that VERMEER reared as the stall gates opened getting away far behind the field. This Panel was unanimous in that VERMEER caused his own problems and was declared a Starter. Video was shown to the wagering public and announcements were made in reaching our decision.

**SUNDAY**  
8/21/22<sup>7</sup>

**RACE 7 – JOCKEY OBJECTION**

The Outrider radioed to file an OBJECTION on behalf of Jockey McKenzie King aboard #1 UNPOSSIBLE against #2, BOY HOWDY, with jockey Rachel Goodgame in the irons

going into the first turn of this three-turn race. Video evidence shows #1 driving up along the rail into a spot behind #2 as the horse entered the turn with #1 trying to get out behind the heels of the #2. We were unanimous in denying the OBJECTION and making the Order of Finish Official 5.

**SUNDAY**  
8/21/22<sup>8</sup>

**ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On track	1,794	\$79,528.20
NCOTWinc	1,329	\$781,832.96
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$216,371.56
Total	3,123	\$1,077,732.72

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
8/20/22	1	5	PREACHINFORCASH	E. Guerrero	Steward	Franklin	\$30.00
8/20/22	2	3	LA CROIX	A. Aquino	Injured	Clifton	\$4,582.86
8/20/22	2	5	MADAME JEANETTE	E. Guerrero	Unsound	Clifton	See Above
8/20/22	4	1	SONORA SERMON	I. Tamayo	Gate	Clifton	\$4,171.80
8/20/22	4		FORTY SEVEN BLUE	E. Guerrero	Sick	Clifton	\$15,421.56
8/21/22	3	5	CHAY UP AND AWAY	A. Aquino	Gate	Clifton	\$25,536.87
8/21/22	4	4	ALL	J. Wong	Sick	Franklin	\$272.00

**SUMMARY**

	Fri 8/19	Sat 8/20	Sun 8/21	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	0	1	0	1	1
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	2	0	2	2
<b>Inquiries</b>	2	4	4	10	10
<b>Refunds</b>	0	5	3	8	8
<b>Rulings</b>	2	1	2	5	5
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

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Will Meyers, Steward

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Richard Lewis, Steward

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Calvin Rainey, Steward

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Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward