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**Pleasanton, California**

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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, June 21, 2023, through Sunday June 25, 2023.**

**WEDNESDAY**6/21/23<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary **Tom Doutrich** and his staff were in the backside racing office. Eight (8) races were drawn. Fifty-three (53) horses are scheduled to start. Steward **George Yniguez** is overseeing entries and declarations for the California Horse Racing Board this week.

6/21/23<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

Steward **George Yniguez** participated on the 'Entry Panel' for the entry card of Friday 23, 2023. Other participants were **Juliana Gomes (CARF)**, California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** and California Horse Racing Board Chief Official Veterinarian **Tim Grande**. There were no panel recommended scratches for the day.

**THURSDAY**6/22/23<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **George Yniguez** was on duty today overseeing entries and declarations for Saturday June 24, 2023. Eight (8) races were drawn in the racing office. Fifty-three (53) horses are schedule to start.

6/22/23<sup>2</sup>

### ENTRY PANEL

Steward **George Yniguez** participated on the 'Entry Panel' for racing which will be held on Saturday June 24, 2023. He was joined by the same participants as yesterday (REF: 6/21/23<sup>(2)</sup>). No scratches were recommended.

FRIDAY

6/23/23<sup>1</sup>

### PEDRO FLORES FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Pedro Flores** appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the first race on Sunday June 18, 2023. In this one (1) mile and seventy (70) yard race Jockey **Flores** was aboard #2 **Moonshine Cat** who finished second in this race. Today's film review shows Jockey **Flores** employ his riding crop (7) times during the running of this race. **Mr. Flores** and the Stewards agreed that the HISA riding crop rule was violated. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

#### **ACF RULING #5**

Jockey **PEDRO FLORES** who rode **MOONSHINE CAT** in the first race at the **Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton)** on June 18, 2023, is suspended one (1) racing day, June 30, 2023, and fined Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)\* pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one (1) over the legal limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **PEDRO FLORES** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on December 22, 2023, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **PEDRO FLORES** has now accumulated three (3) points.

6/23/23<sup>2</sup>

### VISITING OFFICIALS

Jockey Guild Western Regional Manager **Darrell Haire** stopped in our office this morning. **Mr. Haire**, who was on his way to Emerald Downs (WA), reviewed the first week of racing here at Pleasanton.

We also had two visitors from the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA). Former California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator **Michael Kilpack** is now Security/Integrity Consultant with HISA. He was joined by **Tony Patterson** who is the HISA Racetrack Accreditation Manager. More HISA personnel will be at Pleasanton tomorrow to see if the Alameda County Fair racetrack complies with HISA Accreditation Standards.

6/23/23<sup>3</sup>

### VOIDED CLAIMS – RACE 4

California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** informed the Stewards that he was going to put the following horses on the Veterinarian list.

#1 **Lady In A Hurry** – Trainer **Isidro Tamayo** – Lamé

#3 **Spun Beautiful** – Trainer **Isidro Tamayo** – Lamé

Tr. **Gary Greiner** claimed **Lady In A Hurry** (\$6,250.00) and Tr. **D.W. Baker** claimed **Spun Beautiful** (\$6,250.00). Both horses will return to the barn of original Trainer **Isidro Tamayo**.

6/23/23<sup>4</sup>

**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's seven (7) race card went well as it was free of Stewards inquires and/or Jockey objections.

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race #1 **Extra Innings** (Tr. **C. Lewis**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer

#2 **Colonel Vargo** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) claimed, **Leobardo Rivera**, trainer

3<sup>RD</sup> Race #2 **One Little Indian** (Tr. **G. Greiner**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Jockey Change #3 **Viva Leon Jodido B. Pena** for **R. Orantes** – no apprentice certificate.

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #6 **Lyinathebar E. Garcia** for **R. Orantes** – No Apprentice Certificate.

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Declarations: #1 **Drink And A Wink** (Tr. **S. Hobson**)

Injured – **Karen Hassan DVM**

#5 **Golondrina** (Tr. **I. Becerra**)

Injured – **Karen Hassan DVM**

Refund Total: \$9.00

7<sup>TH</sup> Race No Show Wagering

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Cancel \$0.20 Gold Strike Super High 5

6/23/23<sup>5</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On Track	3,025	\$179,074.80
NCOTWinc		\$674,250.23
Out of State	N/A	\$102,400.50
Total	3,774	\$1,353,126.53

**SATURDAY**

6/24/23<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY DAY CHANGE**

California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Director of Racing **Larry Swartzlander** stopped by the Stewards office this morning. **Mr. Swartzlander** was requesting an entry day change. In the Alameda County Fair condition book entries for the races on Tuesday July 4 are Saturday July 1. Getting race past performance information from the Daily Racing Form over the Fourth of July weekend was a problem according to **Mr. Swartzlander**. The Stewards granted permission to change the entry day to Friday June 30. We emphasized the importance of prompt and accurate decimation to all horsemen/horsewomen throughout the state.

6/24/23<sup>2</sup>

**ALEXANDER CHAVEZ FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Alexander Chavez** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride aboard #3 **Livermore Heat** who finished third in the first race yesterday (June 23). Jockey **Alexander Chavez** was accompanied by Jockey Agent **Fernando Navarro** who acted as an interpreter.

Today's film review showed Jockey **Chavez** use his riding crop eight (8) times from the ¼ pole location to the finish line. This is two (2) strikes over the HISA allowed six (6) strike limit. The Stewards, in a unanimous decision, issued the following ruling.

## ACF RULING #6

Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** who rode **LIVERMORE HEAT** in the first race at the **Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton)** on June 23, 2023, is suspended one (1) racing day, JULY 1, 2023, and fined Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)\* pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, two (2) over the legal limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on December 23, 2023, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** has now accumulated three (3) points.

6/24/23<sup>3</sup>

### EPIFANIO GARCIA FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Epifanio Garcia** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride in the second race yesterday. He was accompanied by groom **Juan Camacho** who acted as an interpreter. In our film review we watched #6 **G's Last Chance** narrowly defeat #1 **Wee Beastie (Hugo Herrera)** in a tight photo finish for the win. In this six (6) furlong race jockey **Epifanio Garcia** used his riding crop seven times on his way to the tight victory. **Greg Stiles, Tony Patterson** and **Mike Kilpack** from HISA sat in as observers for this hearing after Jockey **Garcia** stated he had no objection to their attendance. In a unanimous decision we issued the following ruling.

## ACF RULING #7

Jockey **EPIFANIO GARCIA** who rode **G's LAST CHANCE** in the second race at the **Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton)** on June 23, 2023, is suspended one (1) racing day, July 1, 2023, and fined Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)\* pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one (1) over the legal limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **EPIFANIO GARCIA** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on December 23, 2023, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **EPIFANIO GARCIA** has now accumulated three (3) points.

6/24/23<sup>4</sup>

### SHELDON PALDANIUS RULING

Trainer **Sheldon Paldanius** entered the horse **Star So Far** in the seventh race on June 24, 2023. This horse last started on May 20, 2023 at Golden Gate Fields. This horse failed to comply with Alameda County Fair workout regulations as it had no workouts in the last thirty (30) days. The Stewards ordered a scratch of this horse for not being eligible. Trainer **Paldanius** was contacted by telephone and understood the reason for the following ruling.

## ACF RULING #8

Trainer **SHELDON PALDANIUS** is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1588 (7) (Horse Ineligible to Start – Workouts).

6/24/23<sup>5</sup>

**HISA VISITORS**

**Greg Stiles** (HISA Accreditation Manager) and **Dr. Jennifer Durenberger** (HISA Director of Equine Safety & Welfare) paid a visit to our office today. HISA has had four (4) representatives this week at Pleasanton as they are in the process of conducting a thorough onsite inspection of this racing operation.

6/24/23<sup>6</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM – RACE 3**

In today’s third trainer **Steve Specht** started second place finisher #4 **Lady’s Sermon**. This horse was claimed for \$25,000. The Stewards voided the claim after California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** informed us this horse was lame.

6/24/23<sup>7</sup>

**LATE CAMERA PERSON**

Today’s first race (5 ½ furlong) was contested without a camera operator in the tower at the 3/8<sup>ths</sup> pole location. The operator was present for races 2 through 8. This matter will be monitored closely the rest of the meet.

6/24/23<sup>8</sup>

**SMOOTH CARD**

Today’s eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Steward inquires and/or Jockey objections.

6/24/23<sup>9</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race #2 **Phantom Drop** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

3<sup>RD</sup> Race #5 **Tamera Mine** (Tr. **S. Specht**) claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #6 **Indianera** (Tr. **R. Hansen**)

Sick – **Karen Hassan DVM**

Refund: \$113.30

5<sup>TH</sup> Race #2 **Dad Bod** (Tr. **D.Wayne Baker**) claimed, **G. Greiner**, trainer

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #3 **Surprise Fashion A. Ayuso** for **F. Monroy** – Sick

6/24/23<sup>10</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On Track	6,250	\$332,892.80
NCOTWinc		\$709,523.51
Out of State	N/A	\$166,506.20
Total	7,548	\$1,872,840.09

**SUNDAY**

6/25/23<sup>1</sup>

**BLAINE WRIGHT RULING**

Trainer **Blaine Wright** entered his trainee **Dick Best** in what was carded as the first race on June 24, 2023. This horse was claimed for the price of \$5,000.00 on June 13, 2023 at Golden Gate Fields. If a horse does not win when claimed, for the next 25 days, must start for at least the same amount for which it was claimed. The Stewards issued the following penalty.

**ACF RULING #9**

Trainer **BLAINE WRIGHT** who entered the horse **DICK BEST** in the first race at the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) on June 24, 2023, is fined Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1663(2) (Entry of

Claimed Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Rule #1588(7) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race).

6/25/23<sup>2</sup>

### **ASSAEL ESPINOZA FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** appeared in the Stewards office in yesterday's third race. In this six (6) furlong contest Jockey **Espinoza** was aboard first place finisher #5 **Tamara Mine**.

Today's film review shows Jockey **Espinoza** employ his riding crop seven (7) times during the running of this race. Only yesterday **Mr. Espinoza** was sanctioned by Los Alamitos Thoroughbred Stewards (REF: LAFL Ruling #04 – Dated 6/24/23) for overuse of the riding crop.

For his fourth violation of HISA Rule #2280, within the last six (6) months, the Stewards all voted to issue the following ruling.

### **ACF RULING #10**

Jockey **ASSAEL ESPINOZA** who rode **TAMARA MINE** in the third race at the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) on Saturday, June 24, 2023, is suspended seven (7) racing days, July 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 14 & 15, 2023, pursuant of Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2283(a) (Multiple Violations) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **ASSAEL ESPINOZA** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on December 25, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **ASSAEL ESPINOZA** has now accumulated twelve (12) points.

PRA Ruling #27 – Dated 2/27/2023

PRA Ruling #34 – Dated 3/12/2023

LAFL Ruling #04 – Dated 6/24/2023

6/25/23<sup>3</sup>

### **ARMANDO AYUSO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Armando Ayuso** appeared in the Stewards office this morning to review his ride in the third race yesterday June 24. Jockey **Ayuso** was aboard #2 **Mucha Woman**, who finished third in this six (6) furlong event.

Race replays show #3 **Mucha Woman** break outward. This horse broke awkwardly and the Stewards felt Jockey **Ayuso's** corrective actions could have been better. Warning issued.

6/25/23<sup>4</sup>

### **EVIN ROMAN FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Evin Roman** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday June 24. Jockey **Roman** was aboard #7 **The Sandy Surprise** who finish first in this 5 ½ furlong event. Race replays show Jockey **Roman** use his riding crop seven (7) times in this race. He agreed with the Stewards that he was one (1) strike over the limit. This is first HISA riding crop violation of 2023. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

### **ACF RULING #11**

Jockey **EVIN ROMAN** who rode **THE SANDY SURPRISE** in the fifth race at the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) on Saturday, June 24, 2023, is suspended one

(1) racing day, July 2, 2023, and fined Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)\* pursuant of Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one over the legal limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **EVIN ROMAN** is assigned three (3) points that will expire on December 25, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties).

6/25/23<sup>5</sup>

### **ANOTHER HISA OFFICIAL**

**Dr. Jennifer Durenberger** spent Saturday June 24 and Sunday June 25 here at Pleasanton. In November 2022 **Dr. Durenberger** was appointed as Director of Equine Safety & Welfare for HISA. She spent time both in our office and Judge's stand throughout the weekend. In addition to sharing what she has been doing the last several months, she asked what HISA could do to help Stewards/Racing Officials here in California.

6/25/23<sup>6</sup>

### **IMPROMPTU MEETING**

The Stewards have issued rulings for nine (9) riding crop violations during the first six (6) days of racing here at Pleasanton along with the Stewards present were California Horse Racing Board Safety Steward **Calvin Rainey** and **Dr. Jennifer Durenberger** (HISA). The Stewards reviewed the particulars of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) with the local jockey colony. HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties) were also emphasized. This topic was also addressed when the Stewards' visited the Jockey's Room (REF: 6/16/23<sup>(5)</sup>) on opening day.

6/25/23<sup>7</sup>

### **FOURTH RACE INQUIRY**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident going into the clubhouse (7/8<sup>THS</sup> pole) turn. This race had six (6) entrants traveling 1 1/16 miles. Of particular interest were the actions of first place finisher #6 **Bea Mischief (Evin Roman)** and fifth place finisher #4 **Mohayhaythebold (Manuel Americano)** is just to her inside racing in a 1/2 in, 1/2 out position. As the field begins to round the turn #4 **Mohayhaythebold** catches the heel of the leader nearly falls and ducks to the outside. Second place finisher #5 **Tiz My Princess (Alexander Chavez)** is forced to steady to avoid the incident.

After speaking to the jockey's involved and reviewing all camera angles (including drone shot) the Stewards unanimously made no change in the order of finish. We felt #4 **Mohayhaythebold** had sufficient time to take back safety while being outrun to the first turn. Apprentice Jockey **Manuel Americano** was ordered to review with the Stewards.

6/25/23<sup>8</sup>

### **VOIDED CLAIM – RACE 7**

In today's seventh race Trainer **Manuel Badilla** started #1 **Sugar Beets** who finished in third place. The horse was claimed for \$12,500. The Stewards voided the claim after California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** informed us this horse was lame.

6/25/23<sup>9</sup>

### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

4<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #4 **Mohayhaythebold (M. Americano)** for **R. Orantes**-Missing Apprentice Certificate.

5<sup>TH</sup> race Declarations #3 **Winsome Rose** (Tr.J.Bautista) Unsound–**Casille Batten DVM**  
 #6 **Union Harbor** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) Injured – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund Total: \$160.84

5<sup>TH</sup> Race No Show Wagering

6<sup>TH</sup> Race #4 **Get'em Tiger** (Tr. **J. Steiner**) claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

7<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 **Sugar Beets** (Tr. **M. Badilla**) claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

8<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #5 **Big Strike** (Tr. **T. McCanna**)

Injured – **Casille Batten DVM** Refund: \$439.23

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
23-Jun	7	1	Drink And A Wink	S. Hobson	Injured	Hassan	See Below
23-Jun	7	5	Golondrina	I. Becerra	Injured	Hassan	\$86.30
24-Jun	5	6	Indianera	R. Hansen	Sick	Hassan	\$113.30
25-Jun	5	3	Winsome Rose	J. Bautista	Sick	Batten	See Below
25-Jun	5	6	Union Harbor	J. Thomas	Injured	Batten	\$160.84
26-Jun	8	5	Big Strike	T. McCanna	Injured	Batten	\$117.30

**SUMMARY**

	Wed 6/21	Thur 6/22	Fri 6/23	Sat 6/24	Sun 6/25	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Refunds</b>	0	0	2	2	1	5	13
<b>Rulings</b>	0	0	1	3	3	7	11
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	2	1	1	4	5

Respectfully submitted,

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 Grant Baker, Steward

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 Richard Lewis, Steward

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 George Yniguez, Steward

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 Calvin Rainey, Safety Steward

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