

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

California State Fair in Sacramento, California.

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Report for the Week of Wednesday, July 12, 2023, through Sunday, July 16, 2023.

GENERAL DATA

Dates: Scheduled nine days, Friday July 14, 2023, through Sunday July 30, 2023

Friday, July 14, 2023, through Sunday July 17, 2023

Friday, July 21, 2023 through Sunday July 23, 2023

Friday, July 28, 2023, through Sunday July 30, 2023

Scratch time: 10:00 next entry day

Wagering : Win, Place, 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 early & late pick 4 (.50 cent minimum)
 \$1 pick 5 (.50 cent minimum)
 \$.20 gold rush pick 6
 \$.20 gold strike supe high 5 (.50 cent minimum with 8 betting interests)

Stewards:

Representing the California Horse Racing Board

-Grant Baker - Richard Lewis - John Yinger

Tom McCarthy (Safety Steward)

Track Officials:

Tom Martinez - Chief Executive Officer
Matt Crawford - Deputy General
Manager Larry Swartzlander - Director of
Racing Doug Gooby - Mutuel Manager
Craig Braddick - Track Announcer/Morning Line
Marker Heather Haviland -
Paymaster/Simulcast/Program Juliana Gomes -
Racing Operations
Trackmaster Inc. (Steve Wood) - Track
Superintendent Sandra Rios - Stable Superintendent
Pegasus Communications - Video
Production William Vassar - Track
Photographer Plusmic Corp. Inc - Photo
Finish

**Racing
Officials:**

Tom Doutrich - Racing Secretary
Linda Anderson - Assistant Racing Secretary
Tina Walker-Bryant - Clerk of the Course,
Thoroughbred Lisa Jones - Clerk of the Course,
Emerging Breed
Lisa Wilkerson - Steward's Aide/Assistant Paymaster
Angela Couton - Placing Judge
Myra Troske - Placing Judge
Steve Fisher - Clerk of Scales
Kenneth Sjoldal - Assistant Clerk of Scales
Jayme Thomas - Paddock Judge/Patrol Judge
Todd Stephens - Starter
Gary Greiner - Horse Identifier
Augustine Rayes - Horseshoe
Inspector Jelina Pike - Clocker/Timer
Forrest Franklin, DVM - CHRB Veterinarian
Eduardo De La Cruz, DVM - Fitness/Track Veterinarian

WEDNESDAY

7/12/23¹

SCHEDULED ENTRY DAY/WEEKEND RACING CANCELLED

On Tuesday July 11, 2023, at 1:45 p.m. **CARF** Program Manager **Juliana Gomes** sent out a group e-mail. It stated that racing at Sacramento would be cancelled for the dates of July 14, 15, & 16. Projected high temperatures for the upcoming weekend was the reason for the cancellation.

Today Cal Expo Racing Secretary **Tom Doutrich** discussed an updated racing schedule with Duty Steward **John Yinger**. Racing Secretary **Doutrich** told Steward **Yinger** that an amended post time of 1:45 p.m. was going to be requested. Steward **Yinger** told the racing secretary that the change needed to be approved by the California Horse Racing Board. Executive Director (CHRB) **Scott Chaney** approved the change. The California Horse Racing Board had previously approved a post time of 3:45 p.m. for the entire three (3) week meet.

THURSDAY

7/13/23¹

OFFICE CLOSED

This was a scheduled entry day, however due to yesterday's decision to cancel racing the Stewards office was not open.

FRIDAY

7/14/23¹

CANCELLED RACE DAY

Today's opening day card was cancelled due to safety concerns over previously projected extreme temperatures in Sacramento. Steward **Baker, Lewis, and Yinger** were on duty this morning in the Stewards office. Various conversations took place this morning between our troika and the Stable Superintendent, Safety Steward, CHRB Investigators, Mutuel Manager and Outrider.

SATURDAY

7/15/23¹

MICHAEL LENZINI HEARING (CASE NO. 23GG049)

The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against Trainer **Michael Lenzini** alleging violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (a)(d) (Medication, Drugs, and other Substances). Rule #1843.1 (a), Prohibited Drug Substances, Rule #1843.4 (a) (Multiple Medication Violations), Rule #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) and Rule #1890 (b) (Possession of Contraband). The cover page of this forty-six (46) page complaint packet reads as follows.

The official blood sample #PR0024 taken at Golden Gate Fields was reported by Dr. Ben Moeller of the Maddy EACL at UC Davis to contain Phenylbutazone. This sample was obtained from the horse "CIELO DIAMANTE" which ran in the fifth race, placing fourth. The trainer of record Michael Lenzini. A split sample analysis was conducted and sent to Texas A&M per the request of Trainer Lenzini. The split sample confirmed the qualitative finding of Phenylbutazone in the horse's system at the time of testing. This is a Drug Class 4, Penalty Category C violation. Trainer Lenzini also had a bottle of Phenylbutazone that was initially prescribed to another horse with him then writing in the name CIELO DIAMANTE.

This informal hearing was heard by Stewards' **Baker, Lewis, and Yinger**. Trainer **Mike Lenzini** and California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** were present at today's hearing. Steward **Richard Lewis** chaired the proceedings. The Stewards examined **Mr. Lenzini** and **Ms. Tolman**. Exhibits were marked for identification and moved into evidence. Decision to follow.

SUNDAY

7/16/23¹

ENTRY DAY

Racing Secretary **Tom Doutrich** and his staff were on hand today taking entries for Friday July 23. **John Yinger** is the Duty Steward today. Stewards **Baker** and **Lewis** were in attendance to conduct business for a portion of this cancelled race day.

The racing department filled eight races for this Friday's card. Forty- five (45) horses are scheduled to start.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

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