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

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Report for the Week of Tuesday, August 15, 2023 through Sunday, August 20, 2023

GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Scheduled six (6) days, Friday August 18, 2023, through Sunday August 27, 2023

Friday August 18, 2023, through Sunday August 20, 2023

Friday August 25, 2023, through Sunday August 27, 2023

Entries: Thirty-four to ninety-six hours in advance.

Scratch Time: 10:00 a.m. next entry day.

Post Time: 3:15 p.m. First Friday 2:15 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Post Time: 3:15 p.m. Second Friday 2:07 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

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
\$ 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).

BOARD OF STEWARDS

Richard Lewis, Calvin Rainey, John Yinger
Tom McCarthy – Safety Steward

Track Officials: Jill Duffy – General Manager
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Doug Gooby – Mutuel Managers
Craig Braddick - Morning Line Maker/Track Announcer
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Racing Officials: Tom Doutrich – Racing Secretary
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Heather Haviland – Paymaster of Purses
Juliana Gomes – Program Maker/Operations
Frank Ortiz – Clerk of Scales
Donnie Fowler III – Assistant 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

8/15/23¹

DUTY STEWARD

Mr. John Yinger drew the duty as Entry Steward for opening week of the Humboldt County Fair. Six races made the Overnight with one Quarter horse dash and 5 Thoroughbred events. Thirty-four equines were named in those six races.

WEDNESDAY

8/16/23¹

SATURDAY ENTRIES & FRIDAY SCRATCHES

Steward **John Yinger** was once again at the reins to assist the Racing Office. A seven-race program was carded with thirty-six runners, all thoroughbreds. **Mr. Yinger** approved a scratch out of Thursday's program due to ineligibility.

In addition to those duties mentioned above an "Entry Panel" was on the day's agenda. Led by **Dr. Tim Grande** and attended by **Dr. Franklin, Juliana Gomes** and Steward **Yinger**, there were no recommended scratches, but several horses were talked about.

THURSDAY

8/17/23¹

SUNDAY ENTRIES AND SATURDAY CHANGES

Another seven-race program was produced by the Racing Office as Steward **Yinger** was available to answer any questions. Thirty-nine runners with one Quarter Horse race and six Thoroughbred events.

The "Entry Panel" met with yesterday's attendees once again present. Several horses were discussed at length, but no scratches were considered.

FRIDAY
8/18/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

2ND Race – Scratch #2, **Helicopter Pilot** (Tr. **Angela Aquino**) Injured – **Audrey Clifton, DVM**
NO SHOW Wagering
6TH Race – Scratch #4, **Escape Free** (Tr. **Gabriel Williams**) Re-Entered – **Stewards**

8/18/23²

RACE SIX DELAY

Due to a medical emergency on the Grandstand apron, after the running of the 4TH race, the Trackside Ambulance was forced to respond. This resulted in a thirty (30) minute delay to the running of the 5TH race while the patron was attended to until a transport ambulance arrived.

The final race on the card originally schedule to run at 5:45 left the Starting Gate at 6:15.

8/18/23³

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	1,511	\$57,889.90
NCOTWinc		\$166,991.01
Out of State	N/A	\$58,108.00
Total	2,344	\$701,715.91

SATURDAY
8/19/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

7TH Race – Scratch #7 **Thechiefhastricks** (Tr. **Jose Puentes**) Sick – **Audrey Clifton, DVM**

8/19/23²

FIRST RACE DELAY

For the second day there was a delay due to Human Ambulance issues. The Company in charge of the Ambulance was unaware the Post Time for the weekend was an hour earlier than Friday's first post. The Ambulance was scheduled to be on the grounds at 2:45 but that was for a 3:15 first post, today's post was 2:15. When horses were preparing to leave the Paddock and the Stewards' radio check was in progress it became evident that the Ambulance was **AWOL**. Horses were ordered to remain in the Paddock and a call was put out. Ambulance finally arrived but it resulted in a thirty (30) minute delay to the running of the First race. The remainder of the card also experienced a thirty (30) delay to each race.

A call went out to **Larry Swartzlander**, Director of Racing, the Stewards, requested a letter of explanation.

8/19/23³

CLEAR RACING

After the delay the seven-race program was run incident free. The First race was a "**NO SHOW**" wagering event as it was carded with only four entrants. The Second race saw a "**Claim**" which was approved by the State Vet.

8/19/23⁴

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	2,415	\$96,670.10
NCOTWinc		\$184,690.99
Out of State	N/A	\$77,239.00
Total	3,847	\$1,178,776.00

SUNDAY8/20/23¹**POST RACE ACCIDENT**

As horses were crossing the Finish Line for this Quarter Horse dash, #2 **CDs Its Only Money** with **Jayden Ironeyes** in the irons ducked out from footprints near the inside rail. Jockey **Ironeyes** lost his balance falling onto the left side of the horse. By the time they reached the turn the rider regained his balance but in doing so over-corrected falling to the right side of his mount. He held on with a neck grip but his saddle turned to horse's side and the rider final fell to ground after a 3/16TH side-saddle ride.

He got to his feet on his own and his mount pulled himself up. Rider was bruised and sore but was given a ride back to Jockey's Room for further examination. On-track Doctor examined him and after a second examination took him off his mount in the 7TH race due to soreness.

8/20/23²**RACE 4 VOIDED CLAIM**

The claim of #2, **Mount Pelli**, by trainer **Isidro Tamayo** was voided on recommendation of CHRB Vet **Franklin**. The five-year-old was determined to be unsound, with lameness to the left hind while "cooling" out. **Mount Pelli** is to remain in the care of trainer **Gary Greiner**.

8/20/23³**LATE RIDER CHANGE RACE 6**

#1 **Her Perfect Vision** to ridden by **Richard Birdrattler**. Original rider **Leonel Camacho-Flores** was excused due to illness.

8/20/23⁴**RACE 7 RIDER CHANGE**

#1 **Fantastic Secret** to be ridden by **Richard Birdrattler** replacing **Jayden Ironeyes**, who was injured in a one-horse accident in the 1ST race (**REF: 8/20/23⁽¹⁾**).

8/20/23⁵**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On Track	1,905	\$72,020.40
NCOTWinc		\$200,502.92
Out of State	N/A	\$24,749.10
Total	3,006	\$884,660.26

SUMMARY

	Wed 8/16	Thur 8/17	Fri 8/18	Sat 8/19	Sun 8/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds	0	0	2	1	0	3	3
Rulings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Voided Claims	0	0	1	0	1	2	2

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
Aug-18	2	2	Helicopter Pilot	A.Aquino	Injured	Clifton	\$12.00
Aug-18	6	4	Escape Free (IRE)	G.Williams	Re-Enter	Stewards	\$87.20
Aug-19	7	7	Thechiefhasticks	J.Puentes	Vet	Clifton	\$2.00

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lewis, Steward

Calvin Rainey, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

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