

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS THE BIG FRESNO FAIR Fresno, California

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Report for Monday, October 11, 2023, through Sunday, October 15, 2023

WEDNESDAY10/11/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Mr. John Yinger represented the Board of Stewards on this entry day eight races made the overnight for Saturday with one Quarter Horse Stake and seven Thoroughbred races. The Fresno Dash, a three hundred fifty yards event drew eleven entrants while the remaining races saw forty-four participants.

Four rider's changes were approved for Friday's card at the designated time. An "Entry Panel" for Friday's races was also on the agenda as **Mr. Yinger** was an attendee.

THURSDAY10/12/23¹**ENTRY DAY**

John Yinger was present to assist the racing office with closing day entries. An eight-race card featuring the \$75,000 Bulldog Stakes was published.

At scratch time four rider changes were approved. An "Entry Panel" convened to discuss Saturday's runners with Steward **Yinger** being part of. There was one recommended scratch due to Vet History plus a quick turnaround.

FRIDAY10/13/23¹**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 2 - #6 **Emerald Magic** Jockey **Alex Cruz**
Race 5 - #2 **Champagne Pegasus** Jockey **Silvio Amador**
Race 6 – Scratch #5 **Effective Gig** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**)
Race 6 – **Rackataptap** Jockey **Catalino Martinez**
Race 7 – Scratch #8 **Calari Bluecat** (Tr. **Andy Mathis**)
Re – Enter – **Stewards**

10/13/23²

GUILLEN HEARING

A California Horse Racing Board, 23BM0047, medication violation alleges that Trainer **Isauro Guillen** started the horse **Dolly's Talent** in the first race at the Humboldt County Fair on August 18, 2023, finishing first. The blood sample taken was reported by the Maddy EACI an UC Davis to contain methocarbamol a prohibited **Class 4, penalty Class C violation**.

In attendance for this hearing was Trainer **Guillen**, representing himself, California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada**, presented the case and full board of Stewards, **John Herbuveaux**, chairing the hearing, **Richard Lewis** and **John Yinger** evidence was presented by the Board and testimony was heard. Discussion by the panel will take place prior to reaching a decision.

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AFTERNOON PROGRAM

The seven races were Free of inquiries, objections, and reported incidents.

10/13/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,410	\$302,130.60
SCOTWinc		\$618,059.97
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$74,235.70
Total	5,177	\$1,292,813.67

SATURDAY

10/14/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 1 - #3 **Walk to the Top** to be ridden by **Alfredo Zepeta**
#6 **Two Timin Taylor** to be ridden by **Epifanio Garcia**

Race 2 – Scratch #1 **Incredible Shot** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**
Sick – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**

Race 3 – Scratch #1 **Twirling Derby** (Tr. **Guillermo Preciado**)
Panel – **Vet History/Quick turnaround**

Race 4 – Scratch #2 – **Split Aces** (Tr. **M. Lenzini**) Unsound – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**

Race 6 - #3 **Hey Mate** (Tr. **Sheldon Paldanius**) Sick – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**

Race 7 Scratch #2 **Lady Gregory** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**

10/14/23²

AMADOR RULING

The following was issued after Jockey **Silvio Amador** viewed video which showed him using the Riding Crop in excess of the six- strike limit.

FRESNO RULING #7

Jockey SILVIO AMADOR, who rode KERRYGOLD LADY in the Second Race at The Big Fresno Fair on Saturday, October 7, 2023 is suspended one (1) racing day, Saturday, October 21, 2023 and fined Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)* pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one strike over the limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey SILVIO AMADOR is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire April 8, 2024, six months from the final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey SILVIO AMADOR has now accumulated eight (8) points.

Ruling Emerald Downs – September 10, 2023 (Five Points)

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MONROY RULING

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** reviewed video from the previous weekend. The film showed the riding crop being used seven times. **Mr. Monroy** agreed after watching replays. The following ruling is the result of that meeting.

FRESNO RULING #8

Jockey FRANCISCO MONROY, who rode SUPERMAZEL in the Third Race at The Big Fresno Fair on Saturday, October 7, 2023 is suspended one (1) racing day, Saturday, October 21, 2023 and fined Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)* pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one strike over the limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey FRANCISCO MONROY is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire April 14, 2024, six months from the final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey FRANCISCO MONROY has now accumulated six (6) points.

Ruling #22 Golden Gate Fields–October 1, 2023, 2023 (Three Points)

10/14/23⁴ **GUILLEN RULING #9**

After reviewing testimony and evidence presented at yesterday's hearing, (REF 10/13/23⁽²⁾) California Horse Racing Board Case #23BM0047, a medication violation involving methocarbamol, this Board of Stewards published the following ruling.

FRESNO RULING #9

Trainer ISAURO GUILLEN who started the horse DOLLY'S TALENT in the First Race at the Humboldt County Fair on August 18, 2023 is fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)* and assessed ½ point in accordance with California Horse Racing Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations – Expires October 13, 2024) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843 (a), (b) & (d), Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) & Rule #1844 (d)(5) (Authorized Medication – Methocarbamol, 3ng/ml).

10/14/23⁵ **RACE 1 INQUIRY**

Crowding inside the 1/16 pole caused the Stewards to illuminate the Inquiry sign. Actions of #2, **Dolly's Talent**, drifting outward and #5, **Approval Given**, drifting in warranted a closer look. In a unanimous decision it was determined that no horse was cost a better placing. The race was declared official, and the original order of finish survived.

10/14/23⁶ **RACE 7 INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION**

The start of this race was marred when the #3, **Nan Elizabeth**, lost her rider when she was broadside by #4, **Young Life Laura**. This action all took place within three strides after the field was dispatched from the starting barrier. Jockey **Neptali Ortiz**, rider of #3 **Nan Elizabeth**, fell with his shoulder taking the brunt of the impact. In a unanimous decision the Stewards disqualified #4, **Young Life Laura**, who finished fourth and made her unplaced.

Original Order of Finish: 6 – 7 – 5 – **4 – 1**; 3 DNF

Official Order of Finish: 6 – 7 – 5 – 1; (**4 unplaced**) (3 DNF)

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,237	\$363,784.80
SCOTWinc		\$688,921.75
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$119,634.50
Total	7,465	\$1,809,826.65

SUNDAY
10/15/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

- Race 4 – Scratch #2, Mr. Mason (Tr. Leobardo Rivera) Panel – Vet History
#5, Midnight Special to be ridden by EVIN ROMAN
- Race 5 - #3, Vantage Point to be ridden by Evin Roman
Scratch #6, Anitanewmercedes (Tr. I. Tamayo) Sick–Forrest Franklin, DVM
- Race 6 – #1, Get My Point to be ridden by Alex Cruz
Scratch #8, Some Royalty (Tr. S. Rivera) Unsound – Forrest Franklin, DVM
- Race 8 - #4, Zhivago to be ridden by Epifanio Garcia
#5, Performative to be ridden by Evin Roman
#6, What Was I Thinking to be ridden by Damian Cruz

10/15/23²

ORTIZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey NEPTALI ORTIZ was in the Stewards Office to review his ride in yesterday's Third Race. Entering the stretch, he had his mount two paths off the rail but drifted further out the length of the lane to the seven path. Initially this started under left-handed use of the crop. Jockey Ortiz did switch his crop to the right hand but allowed his steed to drift out almost causing another runner to check. The horse he went in front of was already losing ground, but we wanted him to see what he was doing. After watching all the shots on video, we felt he got the message. Jockey Ortiz left with a warning.

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ALVARADO FILM REVIEW

Jockey FRANK ALVARADO attended film review as requested following yesterday's seventh race. In this event (Ref. 10/14/23 (6)), #4, YOUNG LIFE LAURA, ridden by Alvarado veered in sharply at the break hitting #3, NAN ELIZABETH, ridden by NEPTALI ORTIZ. Jockey ORTIZ was unseated and the Stewards in a unanimous vote disqualified #4 making her unplaced. Video showed that all this took place within two strides out of the gate and the Stewards were unanimous that Jockey Alvarado attempted to pull off, but it happened so quickly, so he was held blameless.

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Race 3 – STEWARDS REVIEW

The start of this race was being reviewed as the #4, EMBERS OF GOLD, left the Starting Gate very irregularly. Video showed the first time starting two-year-old breaking slow and making a left hand turn behind the field. Jockey SILVIO AMADOR got the gelding on a straight course once they got out of the chute and onto the main track. The pair trailed the field throughout this six-furlong event. It was unanimous among the Stewards that the horse caused his own problem, and the horse was declared a Starter.

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POST RACE HEAT EXHAUSTION

After horse were unsaddled from the fifth race and on their way back to their barns, GALLOPING CAT appeared to be overcome with exhaustion at the 7/8ths marker. The horse reared and went down and was attended to immediately with Dr. Cloninger and other track personnel. Water was used to cool the horse down and

after about twenty-five minutes the horse was in recovery mode enough to be trailered back to his barn. This event led to the following races being pushed back 13 minutes.

10/15/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	7,310	\$407,119.57
SCOTWinc		\$715,044.84
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$149,721.90
Total	8,353	\$1,756,763.29

SUMMARY

	Wed 10/11	Thurs 10/12	Fri 10/13	Sat 10/14	Sun 10/15	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	0	3	4	7	18
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Refunds	0	0	2	5	3	10	25
Rulings	0	0	0	3	3	6	9
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	1	1	3

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
13-Oct	6	5	Effective Gig	I. Tamayo	Sick	Cloninger	\$49.90
13-Oct	7	8	Calari Bluecat	A.Mathis	Re-Enter	Stewards	\$34.70
14-Oct	2	1	Incredible Shot	I. Tamayo	Sick	Cloninger	\$74.00
14-Oct	3	1	Twirling Derby	G. Preciado	Panel	Stewards	\$97.00
14-Oct	4	2	Split Aces	M. Lenzini	Unsound	Cloninger	\$86.35
14-Oct	6	3	Hey Mate	S.Paldanius	Sick	Cloninger	\$164.16
14-Oct	7	2	Lady Gregory	I. Tamayo	Sick	Cloninger	\$93.50
15-Oct	4	2	Mr. Mason	L. Rivera	Panel	Stewards	\$50.88
15-Oct	5	1	Anitanewmercedes	I. Tamayo	Sick	Franklin	\$158.23
15-Oct	6	8	Some Royalty	S.Rivera	Unsound	Franklin	\$19.35

Richard Lewis, Steward

John Herbuveaux, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

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