

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Watch and Wager, LLC.**  
Cal Expo, Sacramento, California  
**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, January 23 through January 28, 2024.**

**TUESDAY**01/23/24<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTY**

Steward **John Yinger** was present for entries for the double draw for Friday, January 26, 2024, and Sunday, January 28, 2024. Nine (9) races were carded for Friday and Ten (10) races for Sunday with a total of one-hundred and thirty five (135) entrants drawn to participate. Also drawn on this day were two (2) qualifiers for Sunday with a total of eleven (11) entrants.

**WEDNESDAY**01/24/24<sup>1</sup>**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **John Yinger** was present to take changes and scratches for the Friday overnight.

**THURSDAY**01/25/24<sup>1</sup>**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **John Yinger** again was present to take any changes or scratches for the Sunday overnight.

01/25/24<sup>2</sup>**DRIVER FILM REVIEW**

Driver Nick Roland appeared before the stewards to discuss a racing incident on January 21, 2024, in the ninth race. #1 Promising Flight drifted outward and hooked wheels with the #5 horse Down It during the stretch drive, thus impeding his progress. During the review Mr. Roland contended poor visibility (due to inclement weather prior to start of this race) The Board of Stewards took that into consideration however unanimously agreed to impose a fine for an interference violation (Jostle or Strike a wheel of another horse). Ruling to follow.

01/25/24<sup>3</sup>**JAMES LACKEY TEST BARN SITUATION**

Trainer James Lackey appeared before the Board of Stewards to discuss a "possible" test barn violation. After the qualifying race on Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Mr. Lackey explained that due to logistical concerns with his horse in the first pari-mutuel race he could not take the horse directly

to the test barn but was able to find his groom who in fact delivered the horse in a timely fashion with all equipment intact.

01/25/24<sup>4</sup>

**HEARING REGARDING POSITIVE TEST**

A complaint hearing was heard on this day regarding Case Number 23SW0025 against Owner Gary Lewis (Honker Racing LLC). CHRB Investigator David Aquilar and the Board of Stewards were present. Mr. Lewis failed to appear for his hearing, so Mr. Aquilar went on record and read the complaint filed against him. After a brief deliberation regarding the facts of the case the Board of Stewards recommend the sixty dollars (\$60.00) the horse URKILLINGMESMALLS received from earnings shall be return to the purse account for a failed TCO2 test CHRB Rule 1859.5.

**FRIDAY**

01/26/24<sup>1</sup>

**RACE DAY DUTY**

John Yinger Reporting and Duty Steward.

01/26/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULINGS WRITTEN**

**CAL EXPO RULING #15**

Cal Expo Driver NICK ROLAND, who drove #1 PROMISING FLIGHT in the 9<sup>th</sup> race on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at Cal Expo is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (b)(jostle, strike, hook wheels, or interfere with another horse and driver). While driving #1 PROMISING FLIGHT, Mr. Roland did veer out sharply during the final quarter where clearance did not exist and hooked the wheel of #5 DOWN IT forcing driver BRETT ERICKSON to grab his horse and lose momentum. PROMISISNG FLIGHT finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and was placed 4<sup>th</sup> for the violation

**CAL EXPO RULING #16**

Cal Expo Trainer Kathleen Plested, the trainer of record of #3 AERIAL VIEW programmed to race in the 9<sup>th</sup> race on Friday, January 19, 2024, at Cal Expo is hereby fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1894(Duties of trainer-Late Driver Change).

**CAL EXPO RULING #17**

Cal Expo Trainer Luke Plano is hereby fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1930(Obedience to a Security Officer). On the morning of Friday, January 19, 2024, at Cal Expo, Mr. Plano towed a horse over the main track at Cal Expo after being instructed by Outrider Billy Don Wainscott that it was not permitted during those hours.

01/26/24<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

2nd Race Declaration - #4 SB PRINCE ARCHIE - Trainer Gerald Longo - Injured – Dr. Lane Schloeder. A refund was issued of four dollars (\$4.00).

01/26/24<sup>4</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Ten (10) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager Banner with a post time scheduled of 6:45 PM over a track rated as “Fast”.

1<sup>st</sup> Race - Timer malfunction. This race was hand timed by the stewards utilizing the video replay system.

1<sup>st</sup> Race - Driver James Kennedy who was driving #5 WITCH HUNTER was summoned to the steward’s office on Thursday, February 2024 at 11:00am for a possible whip violation.

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - Trainer Leon Smith was summoned to the steward's office on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 11:00am for failing to notify stewards of an equipment change for his horse #5 TICKET TO ROLL.

5<sup>th</sup> Race - Trainer Jessie Pacheco was summoned to the steward's office on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 11:00 AM for failing to notify stewards of an equipment change for his horse #7 URKILLINGMESMALLS.

7<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Lemoyne Svendsen was summoned to the steward's office on Thursday, February 1, 2024, for a potential violation of setting a "slow pace" for the classification of the race.

01/26/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	105	\$15,607.50
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	N/A	\$188,306.50
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$441,948.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	105	\$644,980.63

**SATURDAY**  
01/27/24<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**SUNDAY**  
01/28/24<sup>1</sup>

**RACE DAY DUTY**

John Yinger Reporting and Duty Steward.

01/28/24<sup>2</sup>

**QUALIFIERS**

Two (2) races went to post over a track rated as "Fast" with eleven (11) of the eleven (11) participants meeting the qualifying standards.

01/28/24<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

No program changes to report.

01/28/24<sup>4</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Ten (10) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager Banner with a post time scheduled of 5:20 PM over a track rated as "Fast".

5<sup>th</sup> Race - Driver Luke Plano who was driving #4 EDITORIAL was summoned to the steward's office on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 11:00am for a possible whip violation.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - Driver Gerald Longo who was driving #4 A MAJOR OMEN was summoned to the steward's office on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 11:00am for a possible whip violation.

9<sup>th</sup> Race -The stewards posted the inquiry sign against the #6 SWEET TIMBER - Driver James Ruchotzke - for possible pylon violation during the second quarter. After observing the video replays, the stewards determined that #6 SWEET TIMBER did gain an unfair advantage while going inside three pylons.

Original Order of Finish: 1-2-5-3-**6-4**

Official Order of Finish: 1-2-5-3-**4-6**

9<sup>th</sup> Race - Driver James Ruchotzke who was driving #6 SWEET TIMBER was summoned to the steward's office on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 11:00 AM for a possible pylon violation.

01/28/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	65	\$12,059.30
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	N/A	\$96,823.30
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$484,737.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	65	\$593,617.40

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 1/26</b>	<b>Sat 1/27</b>	<b>Sun 1/28</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	0	1	2
<b>Refunds</b>	1	0	0	1	23
<b>Rulings</b>	3	0	0	3	30
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

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John Yinger, Steward

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Steve Carpenito, Steward

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Rod Newhart, Steward

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Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

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