

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

### **Watch And Wager, LLC**

#### **Cal Expo, Sacramento, California**

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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, February 13, 2024, Through Sunday, February 18, 2024.**

**TUESDAY**02/13/24<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTY**

Steward **John Yinger** was present for entries for the double draw for Friday 2-16-2024 and Sunday 2-18-2024. Ten (10) races were carded for Friday and Twelve (12) races for Sunday with a total of one-hundred and fifty-nine (159) entrants drawn to participate. Also drawn this day were two (2) qualifiers for Sunday with a total of eight (8) entrants.

**WEDNESDAY**02/14/24<sup>1</sup>**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

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

**THURSDAY**02/15/24<sup>1</sup>**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

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

02/15/24<sup>2</sup>**DRIVER FILM REVIEW**

Driver LUKE PLANO appeared before the stewards to discuss a racing incident on February 9, 2024, in the eighth race #5 A MAJOR OMEN did slow the pace during the second quarter (31.0). Mr. Plano explained the racetrack was deep due all inclement weather the past few weeks. The Board of Stewards reviewed the result charts from the evening and did notice times were slower than usual for a track that was rated as fast. Due to this and several other mitigating factors, it was felt that a warning be issued for Mr. Plano.

02/15/24<sup>3</sup>**HORSE EQUIPMENT ISSUE**

Trainer Jessie Pacheco appeared before the Board of Stewards to discuss the equipment change procedures. Mr. Pacheco left with a better understanding of how such changes are to be reported to the stewards in a timely fashion.

**FRIDAY**

02/16/24<sup>1</sup>

**RACE DAY DUTY**

John Yinger Reporting and Duty Steward.

02/16/24<sup>2</sup>

**QUALIFIERS**

Two (2) races went to post over a track rated as "Good" with seven (7) of the eight (8) participants meeting the qualifying standards.

02/16/24<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2nd Race Late Vet Scratch #6 GUNNY WILSON - Trainer Leon Smith - Injured – Dr. Laurel Saldinger. A few minutes were added to the post time due to this late scratch. Refund: \$2,789.62

02/16/24<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 "Good".

4th Race -Track condition was upgraded to fast.

9th Race -The stewards posted the inquiry sign against the #7 SWEET TIMBER - Driver James Ruchotzke - for possible pylon violation during the final quarter. After observing the video replays, the stewards determined that #7 SWEET TIMBER left the course and in doing so went inside numerous pylons and gained an unfair advantage.

Original Order of Finish: 3-2-4-5-1-7-6

Official Order of Finish: 3-2-4-5-1-6-7

9th Race - Following this placing Mr. Ruchotzke was summoned to the steward's office on February 22nd, 2024 at 11:00am for a possible pylon violation.

02/16/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	65	\$12,603.10
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$220,412.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$408,707.67
Total	65	\$641,723.27

**SATURDAY**

02/17/24<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**SUNDAY**

02/18/24<sup>1</sup>

**RACE DAY DUTY**

John Yinger Reporting and Duty Steward.

02/18/24<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

3rd Race #5 JUSTCALLMEHUNGRY - Trainer Earl Kennedy – Driver Change from JAMES KENNEDY to MARK KENNEDY.

5th Race Late Driver Change on #9 MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE, WINTER ASHER-STALBAUM subbed in for a missing RENE GOULET. Mr. Goulet was informed to meet with the steward's on Thursday, February 24th, 2024 at 11:30am for a possible driver change violation.

8th Race #4 PECORINO - Trainer Jose Castillo - Injured – Dr. Lane Schloeder. Refund: \$136.30

02/18/24<sup>3</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Twelve (12) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager Banner with a post time scheduled of 5:00 PM over a track rated as "Fast".

1st Race -The stewards posted the inquiry sign against the #8 LOVE TO FLIRT - Driver Jessie Pacheco – for a possible interference violation during the third quarter. After observing the video replays, the stewards determined that #8 LOVE TO FLIRT did pull to the outside where

clearance did not exist and impede the progress of NO.1 JACKIE BOY thus causing the horse to make a break in stride. LOVE TO FLIRT finished third and was placed sixth for this violation  
 Original Order of Finish: 5-2-8-7-6-1-3-4-9  
 Official Order of Finish: 5-2-7-6-1-8-3-4-9

1st Race - Driver JESSIE PACHECO who was driving No.8 LOVE TO FLIRT was summoned to the steward's office on Thursday, February 22nd, 2024, at 11:30am to discuss the interference violation.

6th Race – The stewards illuminated the inquiry sign for possible interference between #1 FREWIL DOKOTA SVEN and #5 EL”S DISCO JOHNNY during the final quarter. Also the driver of the #1 horse BRETT ERICKSON filed an objection on this incident. After analyzing all angles from the video replay system, the stewards unanimously felt there was insufficient evidence to warrant any placings. Objection disallowed.

10th Race –The skies opened up and heavy rains began to fall prior to this race being contested. Track downgraded to sloppy.

11th & 12th Races –Due to unsafe track conditions and the deluge of rain falling the remaining two races were cancelled.

02/18/24<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	70	\$12,598.50
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$132,107.70
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$575,203.25
Total	70	\$719,909.45

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 2/16</b>	<b>Sat 2/17</b>	<b>Sun 2/18</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>	1	0	0	1	2
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	1	2	3
<b>Refunds</b>	1	0	1	2	27
<b>Rulings</b>	0	0	0	0	33
<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, Steward

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