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

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Report for the Week of Tuesday, February 27, through Sunday, March 3, 2024.

TUESDAY02/27/24¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **Rod Newhart** was present for entries for Friday, March 1st and Sunday, March 3rd. One hundred sixty-one (161) horses were entered with one hundred sixty (160) drawing in. There are ten (10) races scheduled for Friday with a scheduled post time of 6:45 PM and thirteen (13) for Sunday with a post time scheduled post time of 5:00 PM.

Entries were also taken for qualifiers to be held prior to the races on Sunday, March 3rd. Two (2) races were drawn with a scheduled post time of 4:15 PM.

WEDNESDAY02/28/24¹**CHANGES**

Steward **Rod Newhart** was present to take changes for Friday, March 1st with some driver changes and one (1) declaration (horse was on the Stewards List).

THURSDAY02/29/24¹**CHANGES**

Steward **Rod Newhart** was once again present to take changes for Sunday, March 3rd. There were several driver changes and no declarations.

02/29/24²**GENERAL INQUIRY WITH MANAGEMENT**

The stewards spoke with Watch and Wager General Manager Chris Schick regarding various trouble spots, the first being the timer. Mr. Schick told the stewards that this was really a Cal Expo problem since they owned the equipment, but he felt that they weren't in a position to get it fixed. He said that Watch and Wager was exploring a fix at their expense. There was also discussion of the light poles that blew down during the last week's windstorm. Two (2) poles on the backstretch were blown over and Watch and Wager management brought in temporary lighting to cover those spots. Mr. Schick also felt that this would be in the temporary fix for the

rest of the meet. It was also noted that a light pole had blown over in the first turn during last meet's windstorms and had never been fixed although temporary lighting was not needed.

FRIDAY
03/01/24¹

Paddock Change

The Stewards were informed this morning that due to the inclement weather forecasted for tonight, we would be racing out of the detention barn tonight.

03/01/24²

POST TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAY

Watch and Wager General Manager Chris Schick informed the Steward's that post time for Sunday was going to be moved to 5:30 PM due to Santa Anita's cancellation on Saturday and subsequently moving to Sunday. General Manager Schick told the judges that in his application post time on Sunday's would be adjusted to roughly Fifteen (15) Minutes after the last scheduled thoroughbred post time.

03/01/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 BETTOR'S PROMISE- Trainer Jessie Pacheco-from Driver JAMES KENNEDY to JESSIE PACHECO.
- 4th Race #3 CRAZY CUTE- Trainer- Kathleen Plested- Scratched- Stewards- Track Condition. REFUND: \$388.98.
- 6th Race #3 JACKIE BOY- Trainer- James Wilkinson- Scratched- Judges due to Track Condition. REFUND: \$286.92.
- 7th Race #3 JETTAVAITANETOILE- Trainer- Bob Johnson- Scratched- Judges due to Track Condition. REFUND: \$69.22.
- 10th Race #6 OUTLAW BLUE BY YOU- Trainer- Earl Kennedy- Scratched- Judges due to Track Condition. REFUND: \$227.05

03/01/24⁴

RACE DAY

Ten (10) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager banner with a schedule post time of 6:45 PM. Due to inclement weather and heavy downpours, there was a question of safety starting the races. The horsemen and management wanted to wait until around 7:00 PM to see what the weather was going to do and see what the track crew could do with the track. The rains did begin to subside and the track crew was able to blade the track. Around 7:15 PM, Starter Adam Brownlee and Safety Steward Tom McCarthy did a trial run to assess the track. They are willing to start the 1st race and make a final determination. The 1st race finally went postward around 7:30 PM with no problems.

The track was rated "Sloppy" with a two (2) second allowance.

All Races-The timer once again was not working properly. The only station that was working by sensor was the ¾ pole, therefore Placing Judge and Timer Tina Waters had to manually trigger the start, the quarter, the half and the finish.

5th Race- Driver WINTER ASHER-STALBAUM who drove #6 EYES DON'T LIE- Trainer Riley Asher-Stalbaum- was summoned to the stewards' office on Thursday, March 7th for possible violation of the California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule #1734(b)(8).

03/01/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	65	\$14,759.60
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$226,472.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$410,706.32
TOTAL	65	\$651,938.62

SATURDAY

03/02/24¹

DARK DAY

SUNDAY

03/03/24¹

QUALIFIERS

Two (2) races went postward over track rated "Sloppy" with a two (2) second allowance at an adjusted post time of 4:45 PM with five (5) of the seven (7) participants meeting the qualifying standards.

03/03/24²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

None.

03/03/24³

RACE DAY

Thirteen (13) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager banner with an amended post time of 5:30 PM over a track rated "Good" with a two (2) second allowance.

All Races- The timer once again was not working properly and Placing Judge and Timer Tina Waters had to continue to manually trigger the start, the quarter, the half and the finish.

5th Race Sire Stakes-The 5th race was a California Sire Stakes race for Four Year Old Mares. Seven (7) females went postward for a purse of Twenty thousand (\$20,000.00). These horses were required to report to the detention barn by Noon.

5th Race Inquiry- The stewards caused the inquiry sign to be lit for possible interference in the stretch between 3rd place finisher #6 STEVIES GIRL- Trainer Kathleen Plested driven by LEYMONE SVENDSEN and sixth place finisher #5 CHANDON – Trainer Bevin Perriton- driven by JAMES LACKEY. After review of the video, the stewards determined that Mr. Svendsen drove up on Mr. Lackey, causing his own horse to make a break.

6th Race Sire Stakes- The 6th race was a California Sire Stakes race for Four Year Old Horses and Geldings. Five (5) participants went postward for a purse of Twenty thousand (\$20,000.00). These horses were required to report to the detention barn by Noon.

6th Race- Driver JAMES KENNEDY who drove #2 BIN A MYSTERY- Trainer James Kennedy was summoned to the steward's office on Thursday, March 7th for possible violation of the California Horse Racing Board whipping rule #1734(b)(8).

9th Race Inquiry- The stewards caused the inquiry sign to be lit for possible violation of the Watch and Wager pylon rule against first place finisher #2 DIVINE ART- Trainer Gerald Longo- driven by GERALD LONGO and 4th place finisher #4 SHIRLEY SKIP SHADY- Trainer Luke Plano- driven by LUKE PLANO. After viewing the video replay, the stewards determined that both had violated the rule by going inside three (3) or more consecutive pylons. #2 DIVINE ART finished first and was placed 7th and #4 SHIRLEY SKIP SHADY finished 4th and was placed last.

Original Order of Finish: **2-5-6-4-8-7-1-3**

Official Order of Finish: **5-6-8-7-1-3-2-4**

Both drivers were summoned to the steward's office on Thursday, March 7th.

11th Race- Driver JUSTIN VAN OTTERLOO who drove #1 ANITA'S RED REBEL- Trainer Justin Van Otterloo- was summoned to the steward's office on Thursday, March 7th for possible violation of the California Horse Racing board whipping rule #1734 (b)(8).

13th Race Inquiry- The stewards once again caused the Inquiry sign to be lit against 1st place finisher #6 EL'S DISCO JOHNNY- Trainer Gerald Longo- driven by- GERLAD LONGO for possible violation of the Watch and Wager pylon rule. After video review, the stewards determined that Mr. Longo did indeed go inside three (3) or more consecutive pylons around the last turn. #6 EL'S DISCO JOHNNY finished 1st and was placed 8th. The stewards also looked at 2nd place finisher-#2 DANCE TRAVELER-Trainer Quentin Schneider- driven by LUKE PLANO for possible pylon violation. The stewards determined that #2 DANCE TRAVELER was inside two (2) pylons, but not lapped on at the finish, therefore according to the Watch and Wager pylon rule, it did not warrant changing the placing.

Original Order of Finish: 6-2-7-1-3-5-8-4

Official Order of Finish: 2-7-1-3-5-8-4-6

03/03/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	100	\$14,425.20
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$187,850.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$751,130.83
TOTAL	100	\$953,187.80

SUMMARY

	Fri 3/01	Sat 3/02	Sun 3/03	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	0	0	0
Disqualifications	0	0	2	2	4
Inquiries	0	0	2	2	5
Refunds	4	0	0	4	31
Rulings	0	0	0	0	33
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Rod Newhart, Steward

Steve Carpenito, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

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