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Report for the Week of Monday July 8, 2024, through Sunday, July 14, 2024.

WEDNESDAY

7/10/24¹

DUTY STEWARD

Entries for Saturday saw thirty-five (35) horses past through the entry box for six (6) races. Steward **Richard Lewis** was present for this opening day draw.

THURSDAY

7/11/24¹

ENTRY – PANEL

An eight-race card was produced for Sunday with forty-eight (48) entrants. Two Quarter Horse Races were part of this program.

An “Entry Panel”, led by **Dr. Lorbiecki**, assisted by **Drs. Blea, Franklin, and Grande** with **Juliana Gomes** and Steward **Lewis** filling out the panel, labeled **YES HE CAN** in the second race as a horse of concern due to class drop and recent Vet History. Trainer **Leonardo Rivera** was notified by the Stewards that his horse would be a “Panel Scratch”.

FRIDAY

7/12/24¹

CANCELLED RACE DAY

Today was originally scheduled as opening day of the 2024 California State Fair. Due to lack of entries on the designated day the program was scrapped.

Steward **Rainey** was in attendance finishing admin work and assisting Duty Steward **Lewis**. “Scratch time” for Sunday’s program was 10:00a.m. and an Entry Panel took place at 11:00. The regular Vet Attendees made up the panel with advisory members **Gomes** and **Lewis** in the back ground.

SATURDAY

7/13/24¹

COUTON HEARING

A tape-recorded session was held to address the reinstatement of Jockey **Julien Couton**. **Mr. Couton** was suspended March 31 of this year after testing positive for alcohol and marijuana. Conditions for reinstatement include completion of an in-house program acceptable to the Stewards and proving a negative test sample.

RULING #01 (SAC)

Jockey **JULIEN COUTON** having complied with the terms and conditions contained in Pacific Racing Association Ruling #50, dated March 31, 2024 is hereby restored to good standing.

As conditions of his probation **MR. COUTEN** must remain on a testing program as long as his licensed by the California Horse Racing Board and abide by the terms of a contract with the Winners Foundation. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will be grounds for actions

against **MR. COUTEN'S** license privileges pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1485 (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements).

7/13/24²

DECLARATIONS CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration #4 **Smiling Ruby** (Tr. **R. Thomas**) sick – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refunds: \$170.00. No Show Wagering

2ND Race Declaration #2 **Yes He Can** (Tr. **L. Rivera**) Panel – class drop, Vet History

Refunds: \$243.00. No Show Wagering

3RD Race Declaration #3 **Emerald Flash** (Tr. **R. France**) sick – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refunds: \$130.70

4TH Race Declaration #5 **Night Proof** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) sick – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refunds: \$108.00. No Show Wagering

6TH Race Declaration #6 **Galloping Major** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) sick - **Cloninger, DVM**

Refunds: \$143.20

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OROZCO RULING

RULING #02 (SAC)

Jockey **IRVING OROZCO**, who was scheduled to ride **SET PRICE** in the first race at the Alameda County Fair on Sunday July 7, 2024, is fined the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532, Fines Shall Be Paid to the Paymaster within seven (7) calendar days from the date of this ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

The above ruling was issued after **Orozco** appeared and accepted the penalty for his failure to make his assigned weight and being removed from his mount.

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PROGRAM FREE

The afternoon/evening six race program was contested without noteworthy incidents.

7/13/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,754	\$125,751.60
SCOTWINC		\$94,186.64
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$26,876.00
TOTAL	2,751	\$736,873.07

SUNDAY

7/14/24¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

2ND Race Declaration #2 **No Sedona** (Tr. **E. Guerro**) injured – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refunds: \$37.00. NO SHOW WAGERING

6TH Race Declaration #1 **Turiaf** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) sick – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refunds: \$77.00

7TH Race Declaration #5 **Hot Cake** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) sick – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refunds: \$125.40

7/14/24²

FINANCIAL HEARING TABLED

A financial complaint filed by Calorvada Hay (DBA Davis Hay Barn) against Trainer **Reid France** in the amount \$32,285.55 was held in obedience this afternoon. Complaint **Dave**

Hatanaka was not in attendance and questions arose about whether he was properly notified about today's hearing. Those questions need to be answered before the matter can continue.

Reid France was present and admitted the debt was owed and that he has paid down the amount by approximately \$4,000.00. **Reid** was encouraged to work out a payment agreement with **Mr. Hatanaka** and have the document signed by both parties. **Reid** agreed to the plan and stated he would get to work on it tomorrow.

7/14/24³

MEIER/PERRONE RULINGS

RULING #3

Owner **DONNA PERRONE** is fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for conduct which impeded a Security Guard from performing their duty on Sunday, June 16, 2024, at the Alameda County Fair, a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

RULING #4

Trainer **MONTY MEIER** is fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for conduct which impeded a Security Guard from performing their duty on Sunday, June 16, 2024, at the Alameda County Fair, a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

The above rulings were issued following a hearing on July 6TH. When notified of the penalties **Mr. Meier** acknowledge work was needed on their part to interact with people in more tolerant fashion.

7/14/24⁴

LATE SCRATCH FIRST RACE – REFUND

#3 **Sultan**, trained by **Jose Aguilar**, was scratched by the stewards after Identifier **Guy Greiner** reported the Quarter Horse was not "parentage verified" by the AQHA in contravention with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1588 (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race).

Mr. Aguilar met with the Stewards and stated he had sent all the required documentation to AQHA headquarters over a month ago and can't explain why the verification of **Sultan's** heritage has been delayed. The fact that **Sultan's** dam is a thoroughbred mare may play a part in the elongated verification process.

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THIRD RACE – EQUIPMENT FAILURE

Shortly after the start of this 5 ½ furlong event Jockey **Alexander Chavez's** chances of winning the race quickly evaporated after his right stirrup broke leaving his leg to dangle. **Chavez** kicked his left leg free and continued on "bareback". He stayed with #3 **A Dime for Me** for the duration but finished over 80 lengths behind the field.

7/14/24⁶

LATE SCRATCH – SEVENTH RACE – REFUND

As the horses for the seventh race were in the receiving barn Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** called to report that #4 **Corazon De Lucia** who was listed in the program as a colt was in fact a gelding. Since wagering on the race was in progress the Stewards ordered the horse to be scratched in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

As a footnote, two other horses on the program were listed as colts when they had previously been castrated. #1 **Lucero Cartel 240** in the first and #3 **Beauty in Autism** in the fourth race were allowed to run because the changes were reported to the racing office before wagering was opened. Both of the horses were first timer starters.

7/14/24⁷

RIDER IN DISTRESS

Following the running of the sixth race jockey **Irving Orozco** suffered from the effects of the heat and was treated by the paramedics on the track near the ¾ pole. He was replaced for his final two mounts by **Assael Espinoza** in the seventh and **Santos Rivera** in the eighth. **Orozco** recovered quickly from the incident.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,852	\$124,018.10
SCOTWINC		\$276,174.53
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$46,651.50
TOTAL	2,602	\$790,829.69

SUMMARY

	Fri 7/12	Sat 7/13	Sun 7/14	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	2	2	2
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds	0	5	3	8	8
Rulings	0	2	2	4	4
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Richard Lewis, Steward

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