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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR Ferndale, California**

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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, August 28 through Sunday, September 2, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**8/28/24<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTY**

**Calvin Rainey** was Duty Steward this week to assist the Racing Office. The race card for Saturday saw seven races with thirty-nine entrants make the Overnight. **Brice Blanc** spent the day watching the action in the Office and taking notes. While “proofing” the Past Performances two horses were found to be “Ineligible” due to insufficient works. The trainers were contacted, and “Scratch” cards were submitted.

**THURSDAY**8/29/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY – VET PANEL**

Stewards **Rainey** and **Blanc** worked in tandem to observe the draw for Sunday. Mr. **Rainey** was present at the dedicated time for Scratches and Changes. When the “Overnight” was produced it consisted of thirty-eight entries among the seven races. The “Vet Panel” for Saturday was directed by **Dr. Lorbiecki** who was aided by **Drs. Blea, Grande, and Franklin**. Both Stewards **Rainey** and **Blanc** participated in this “Teams” session which saw eleven horses labeled as “Hard Watch”.

**Friday**8/30/24<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY ACTIVITIES**

Today was an “Entry Day” for the holiday Monday race card. **Calvin Rainey** continued his role as “Duty Steward” as he was available to assist the Racing Office in Entries and Scratches. The overnight published showed seven races and forty-one runners.

An “Entry Panel” consisting of the daily group of Veterinarians labeled fifteen horses as “Hard Watch” for Sunday, 9/2. As in the previous day the Board of Stewards were represented by both **Rainey** and **Blanc**.

Saturday

8/31/24<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS CHANGES & REFUNDS**

Race 6 - Scratch #1, **ZHIVAGO** (Tr. **P. De Jesus**) sick – **Forrest Franklin, DVM**

Scratch #3, **EL CONDOR** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) unsound – **Forrest Franklin, DVM**

Refunds: \$25.40

8/31/24<sup>2</sup>

**FLORES RULING #06 (ref 08/25/24<sup>1</sup>)**

Jockey **Leonel Camacho-Flores** visited with this Panel to explain his reluctance to ride **MADAME CAUSEWAY** in the third race on the past Sunday necessitating a late rider change. **Mr. Flores** indicated that he remembered the horse from the previous year flipping behind the gate. When asked why he or his agent took the call yet didn't make the change at "Scratch Time" he couldn't give a plausible answer. He understood through our conversation that this was not a very professional way of taking care of business. When told of the penalty he accepted it and apologized for his actions.

**HCF RULING #6**

Jockey **Leonel Camacho-Flores** who was scheduled to ride **Madame Causeway** in the third race at the Humboldt County Fair on August 25, 2024, is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Engagement)

8/31/24<sup>3</sup>

**Race 7 - Accident**

The final race of the day was marred by an accident leaving the Starting Barrier. #1, **Maggie's Faye** with **Micah Meeks** aboard, veered out sharply immediately after the start bumping into #2, **Bronze's Flower**. Jockey **Meeks** was half out of the saddle and as that was occurring the #3, **Lovely Bride** with **Pedro Flores** in the irons, stepped to her inside, making contact with the #2. The impact caused #2 to rebound into #1 which in turn caused jockey **Meeks**, already off balance, to lose her irons and fall to the track. The Stewards hung the **INQUIRY** sign to review the incident and all agreed that #1 initiated the chain reaction, was clearly a Starter, and that there would be no change to the Order of Finish. **Maggie's Faye** ran loose with the field of runners and was caught after the race by the Outrider. **Micah Meeks** was attended to by the Ambulance Crew, stabilized and transported to hospital for a more in-depth examination.

8/31/24<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	5,040	\$104,167.70
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$179,940.16
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	458,185.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	6,487	\$1,181,567.50

Sunday

9/01/24<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS CHANGES & REFUNDS**

Race 2 – Scratch #3, **WRONG DIRECTION** (Tr. **F. Rodriguez**) sick – **Forrest Franklin, DVM**  
NO SHOW WAGERING Refunds: \$74.00

#5 **SEA OF LIBERTY** (Tr. **J. Gilmour**) To Be Ridden by **Hugo Herrera**

Race 4 – **TIZTHEHARTOFDIXIE** (Tr. **M. McDonald**) To Be Ridden by **Jose Rodriguez**

Race 5 – Scratch #3, **FORDY G** (Tr. **T. Abraham**) unsound – **Forrest Franklin, DVM**

Refunds: \$27.00

Race 6 – Scratch #4, **XTRAFINE XTINA** (Tr. **J. Craig**) unsound – **Forrest Franklin, DVM**

Refunds: \$44.30

Race 7 – Scratch #4, **RUNNIN DIVA** (Tr. **M. McDonald**) Ineligible - **Stewards**

Refunds: \$346.70

9/01/24<sup>2</sup>

### **MONROY RULING-CROP**

The following ruling was published after Jockey **Francisco Monroy** attended films to observe his use of the riding crop in the second race of the previous day. Video show the crop being used seven times during the running of the race. **Mr. Monroy** agreed with our decision and accepted the penalty stated below.

#### **HCF Ruling #7**

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** who rode **Lookout Point** in the second race at the Humboldt County Fair on August 31, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day, Sunday, September 8, 2024, and fined ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00) pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, two strikes over the limit), for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

9/01/24<sup>3</sup>

### **VANNED OFF TRACK**

Shortly prior to the finish of this Quarter-horse dash #2, **Visual Display**, appeared to be injured. He was pulled up in the turn and the jockey, **Vladimir Jensen**, got off and held the horse until the Equine Ambulance arrived to take him back to the Test Barn to be examined. Safety Steward **McCarthy** will continue to monitor the situation.

9/01/24<sup>4</sup>

### **RACE 3 INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards had the **INQUIRY** sign lit to review an incident going into the first turn of this five-furlong race. #2, **Thoughts Of Gold**, ridden by **Hugo Herrera** was getting out and taking #3, **Sai Con (FR)**, and jockey **Jose Rodriguez** wide and causing **Rodriguez** to check and take back losing ground. The two horses crossed the wire, #2 then #3, with only a head separating them for fourth money.

After speaking to both parties and reviewing the incident, in a unanimous decision by the Stewards, the #2 was disqualified from fourth and placed behind #3 for interference and causing #3 a better placing.

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

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

9/01/24<sup>5</sup>

### **RACE 6 ACCIDENT – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION**

An accident in the first turn of this sprint caused the Stewards to call for the **INQUIRY** to go up. **Circle Your Bet**, #1, ridden by **Cerapio Figueroa** was unruly and bolted taking #2, **Feather Inthe Wind**, with rider **Leonel Camacho-Flores**, to the outside fence. It appeared as if #2 may have got a hind leg stuck in or under the fence resulting in that horse falling and throwing **Camacho-Flores** into the fence. The horse got up and continued to run and was caught by the Outrider. #1 was finally brought under control by Jockey **Figueroa** but was eased across the Finish Line far behind the field.

After reviewing the incident and talking with Jockey **Figueroa** in a unanimous decision #1, **Circle Your Bet** was disqualified from the fourth position and deemed Unplaced behind #2, **Feather Inthe Wind**, who was DNF. As a result of the DQ only three horses were involved in the mutuel payoffs which caused the “Superfecta” to be paid to ticket holders with 6-3-5 and any other number.

Jockey **Camacho-Flores** remained on the track for a few minutes while being attended to by Ambulance Crew. He got up and walked to Ambulance and was brought back to the Jockeys’

Room to be evaluated by the track Doctor. He was excused from his riding engagement in the last race.

Original Order of Finish: 6 – 3 – 5 – (1) – (2) DNF

Official Order of Finish: 6 – 3 – 5 – (2) DNF – (1) Unplaced

9/01/24<sup>6</sup> **RACE 7 LATE RIDER CHANGE**

Jockey **Vladimir Jensen** will take over the reins on #5, **Get'em Tiger**, for the injured **Leonel Camacho-Flores** (see above).

9/01/24<sup>7</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,850	\$84,756.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$134,919.00
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$45,923.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,070	\$851,933.43

**Monday**

9/02/24<sup>1</sup> **MONROY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** viewed video of yesterday's 4<sup>th</sup> race going into the second turn of this seven-furlong race. We were wanting his interpretation of the actions of his mount #5, **Union Harbor**, as he appeared to be putting pressure on the inside horse, #2, **Hang On**. After viewing the video, it was apparent that the traffic was a result of how the race was developing, therefore **Mr. Monroy** was given a warning to be careful.

9/02/24<sup>2</sup> **HUGO HERRERA FILMS (ref.9/01/24<sup>(4)</sup>)**

Due to a Disqualification in yesterday's third race Jockey **Hugo Herrera** was called in to view replays. The review showed **Herrera** trying to keep his mount from getting out but was unsuccessful and caused interference which resulted in a DQ. We were united in absolving **Mr. Herrera** of any wrong doing and he left this office with a warning.

9/02/24<sup>3</sup> **FIGUEROA FILMS (ref 9/101/24<sup>(6)</sup>)**

**Cerapio Figueroa** was in the Office due to an accident which resulted in a Disqualification in the sixth race on Sunday. He indicated that his mount, **Circle Your Bet**, was fractious in the Post Parade and during the race, approaching the first turn, locked up on the bit and was unresponsive to his efforts to keep her from bolting. The video corroborates with what he told us, therefore **Mr. Figueroa** was held blameless for the accident.

9/02/24<sup>4</sup> **CLEAR DAY OF RACING**

The seven-race card was completed free of any reportable incidents. The full Board of Stewards were present for the three days of Racing.

9/02/24<sup>5</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	1,241	\$57,735.40
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$243,851.07
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$69,689.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,329	\$941,972.07

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 8/30</b>	<b>Sat 8/31</b>	<b>Sun 9/1</b>	<b>Mon 9/2</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	2	2	1	5	8
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	2	0	2	2
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	1	2	0	3	3
<b>Refunds</b>	A	1	4	0	5	7
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	1	1	1	3	8
<b>Voided Claims</b>		0	0	0	0	2

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Lewis, Steward

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Brice Blanc, Steward

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Calvin Rainey, Steward

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