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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Tuesday, September 10, 2024, Through Sunday, September 15, 2024

TUESDAY

9/10/24¹

DARK DAY DUTY

Representing the California Horse Racing Board was Steward Richard Lewis to assist the Racing Office with the Opening Day Entry process. Seven races made the Overnight with forty-one (41) runners.

WEDNESDAY

9/11/24¹

ENTRY DAY – VET PANEL

Steward **Lewis** was available to answer any questions regarding Friday's race program, in which there were three jockey changes and two equipment changes, and to oversee Entries for Saturday. When the Overnight was published for Saturday, there were eight (8) races with fifty-five (55) entrants.

A Panel Review for the Opening Day card took place led by **Dr. Lorbiecki** with **Drs. Blea, Franklin** and **Grande** rounding out the Panel. From outside the veterinarian field **Juliana Gomes** and Steward **Lewis** participated. Eleven horses made the "**Hard Watch**" list.

THURSDAY

9/12/24¹

ENTRIES – SCRATCHES - VET PANEL

Entries being processed today for Sunday fell under the direction of Steward Lewis. Before that process was finalized there were changes needing approval to Saturday's program. Three "Alternate" jockeys had riders named and one equipment change was noted. When the final Overnight landed on the counter it showed eight (8) races and forty-nine (49) runners.

The Panel met to delve into Saturday's card with the regular Vet members along with the two support members.

FRIDAY

9/13/24¹

OFFICIAL CHANGE

There was a change in the Stewards Stand for this opening day event. **Mr. John Herbuveaux** was unable to join the festivities due to a family issue. He was replaced by Chief Steward **Darrel McHargue**.

9/13/24²

PANEL REVIEW

The Panel met with **Dr. Lorbiecki** at the helm with the assistance of **Drs. Franklin** and **Grande**. Six horses were tagged as "Hard Watches" and one horse earned the distinction to be sent to the Test Barn as a **SPECIAL**.

9/13/24³

CLEAR RACING

The seven-race program was clear of any problems.

9/13/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,576	\$94,483.00
SCOTWINC		\$294,940.52
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$66,960.10
TOTAL	2,222	\$768,183.06

SATURDAY

9/14/24¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Cristobal Herrera** appeared to review yesterday’s seventh race where his crop use was in question. Tapes showed that **Herrera** struck his mount six times and then the seventh arm movement down to the horse’s shoulder was inconclusive as to whether the crop met the shoulder, therefore no penalty was assessed.

Adriana Castellanos viewed the tapes of yesterday’s fifth race and concurred with the Stewards that he struck his mount seven times

The following ruling was issued.

BFF Ruling #01

Jockey **Adrian Castellanos** who rode **C Her Beauty** in the fifth race at the Big Fresno Fair on September 13, 2024, is suspended two (2) racing days, September 21 and 22, 2024, and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one strike over the limit), for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and #2283 (Multiple Violations of Rule #2280 – second offense within 180 days).

9/14/24²

FINANCIAL COMPLAINT RESOLVED (CASE #24BM0042)

Trainer **Reed France** filed a complaint against owner **Steve Skorpanich (dba: SJS Stables)** alleging \$14,446.00 due for training services rendered. The matter was due for hearing this morning but we received written verification, via CHRB Investigator **Jennifer Tolman**, that the bill had been paid in full. Case Dismissed.

9/14/24³

PRECIADO LICENSED

Exercise Rider **Hector Preciado** appeared seeking a Pony Rider license. He was observed yesterday ponying a horse in the Post Parade. **Preciado** wasn’t aware he needed a second license and, when informed, quickly submitted an application for the additional license.

9/14/24⁴

LICENSE CATEGORY CHANGED

Mckenzie King, who is currently licensed as a Jockey by the CHRB, made an application to become a tractor driver on the track crew here in Fresno. She had previously spread the word in the Barn Area that she would not be accepting calls to ride here or at the upcoming Pleasanton Meet. The Stewards approved the application with the caveat that she only maintains the track and does not ride horses over it.

9/14/24⁵

DENTAL TECH APPROVED

Arly Carrillo submitted a license application to work as a Dental Technician. She has worked off the track in that capacity for the last four years and will now be under the supervision of **Dr. Casille Batten** who is a member of the San Francisco Equine, Inc. practice.

9/14/24⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

Race 7, Declaration #1 **War Games** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Sick – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**

Race 7, Declaration #6 **Murphy's Tiger** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Sick – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**
Refunds: \$178.70

9/14/24⁷

RACE 1 – STEWARDS INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards illuminated the INQUIRY sign to evaluate an incident at the top of the stretch involving the winner, #3 **Golden River**, ridden by **Hugo Herrera**, and the place horse, #2 **Now Then** with **Luis Jimenez** in the saddle. After a thorough review the Stewards Disqualified **Golden River** from first placed him second behind **Now Then**.

Taped showed that as the two horses entered the stretch with **Golden River** on the lead and inside **Now Then**, **Golden River's** inside rein broke from the bridle and the horse was momentarily uncontrollable. In a few strides **Golden River** bore out taking **Now Then** off his path causing the latter to lose ground and forcing **Now Then** to shift to the inside for racing room. In the Stewards unanimous opinion **Now Then** was cost the opportunity at a better placing.

HERRERA, to his credit, eventually got **Golden River** under control by using a right-handed crop and staying ahead of **Now Then** but the damage was already done.

Original Order of Finish **(3) – 2 – 4 – 5 – 1**
Official Order of Finish **2 – (3) – 4 – 5 – 1**

9/14/24⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,924	\$111,877.40
SCOTWINC		\$248,876.57
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$83,991.00
TOTAL	3,095	\$1,064,889.41

SUNDAY

9/15/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

Race 3, Declaration #2 **Kristen Lee** (Tr. **F. Taylor**) Sick **Dr. Cloninger, DVM**. Refund \$148.00
Race 8, Declaration #8 **Typhoon Tommy** (Tr. **F. Rondan**) Sick – **Dr. Cloninger, DVM**
Refunds: \$46.00

9/15/24²

VOIDED CLAIM – SECOND RACE

A claim deposited by Trainer **Victor Trujillo** for the horse **I'm a Risque Girl** was voided by the Stewards after Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** reported the filly was lame on the left front and was placed on the Vet's list. **I'm a Risque Girl** was returned to the barn of trainer **Reid France**.

9/15/24³

LATE SCRATCH – FOURTH RACE – REFUND

#1 **Big Mama Thornton** trained by **Robert Bean**, was scratched by the Stewards during the warm up after Track Veterinarian **Ashton Cloninger** detected blood in a nostril and assumed the mare had injured herself after leaving the paddock. On Vet's List. The refund totaled \$3,084.65.

9/15/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,688	\$107,373.28
SCOTWINC		\$225,056.48
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$82,973.40
TOTAL	2,526	\$805,967.79

SUMMARY

	Fri 9/13	Sat 9/14	Sun 9/15	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	1	0	3	4	4
Disqualifications	0	1	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	1
Refunds	0	1	3	4	4
Rulings	0	1	0	1	1
Voided Claims	0	0	1	1	1

Respectfully submitted,

John Herbuveaux, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Calvin Rainey, Steward

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