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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

The Big Fresno Fair

Fresno, California

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Report for Week of Wednesday, October 2 through Sunday, October 6, 2024.

WEDNESDAY10/2/24¹**DARK DAY DUTY**

John Yinger returned to the California Steward stand and inherited the Duty Steward position for this week. He oversaw an eight (8) race program being drawn for Saturday with fifty-six (56) entrants.

An Entry Panel was part of the day's agenda with **Dr. Lorbiecki** leading the group along with **Drs. Blea, Grande** and **Franklin** lending their Vet expertise. **Julianna Gomes** and Steward **Yinger** were present for this "Teams" meeting.

THURSDAY10/3/24¹**ENTRY DAY – SCRATCHES - VET PANEL**

Once again, the Board of Stewards were represented by **John Yinger** for scratches to Saturday's program and entries for Sunday. An Overnight consisting of eight (8) races with sixty-six (66) runners was published. A "Panel" review delved into nineteen (19) horses labeled as "Hard Watch".

FRIDAY10/4/24¹**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

Race 1 - #1, **MEAN SHARON**, to Be Ridden by **A. Castellanos**

Race 3 – Scratch #1, **PERKINS** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) Unsound – **K. Cox, DVM** Refund: \$221.99
#4, **GLORY N THEHIGHEST**, to Be Ridden by **A. Chavez**

Race 4 – Scratch #6, **SPREAD THE RISK** (Tr. **M. Ramirez**) Sick **Ash Cloninger DVM**

Scratch #7, **TIZTHEHEARTOFDIXIE** (Tr. **M. McDonald**) Sick – **Ash Cloninger DVM**
Refunds: \$157.04

Race 9 – Scratch # 5, **EL BEARIN** (Tr. **O.J. Jaurequi**) Sick **Ash Cloninger DVM**

Scratch #6, **ONE BIG SMILE** (Tr. **B. McLean**) Sick - **Ash Cloninger, DVM**
Refunds: \$200.92
#10, **AUTISM MIND**, to Be Ridden by **Cristobal Herrera**

10/4/24²

REYES RULING BFF #05

Jockey **LUIS REYES** attended films as requested due to a disqualification he was involved in on the previous Sunday. Video shows him drifting out near the finish crossing in front of the fourth-place finisher, #4 **SMILE AND PROFILE**, causing that runner to be beaten a short distance for third. The attached ruling was therefore produced.

BFF RULING #05

Jockey **LUIS REYES** who rode **CLASSY** in the first race at the Big Fresno Fair on September 29, 2024, is suspended three (3) racing days, October 11, 12, and 13 2024, for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to fourth – a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (b) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding)

10/4/24³

AMERICANO FILMS

Jockey **Manuel Americano** observed replays of his rides on Sunday with this Panel. We wanted to reiterate the crop rule with regards to how high he can go with his hand. We felt he left here with a complete understanding of the rule and will heed the warning we delivered.

10/4/24⁴

PANEL REVIEW

Steward **John Yinger** took part in a “Panel Review” for Sunday. The eight races tagged seventeen (17) equines as preliminary “Hard Watches”. **Dr. Lorbiecki** chaired this Panel as **Dr. Grande** assisted. Non-vet members were **Julianna Gomes** and Steward **John Yinger**.

10/4/24⁵

PLACING JUDGE

The Placing Judge’s stand was short one position as a family issue needed to be addressed which resulted in the Stewards doing double duty assisting the remaining Placing Judge. We have indicated to CARF that it would be in their best interest to get a qualified replacement.

10/4/24⁶

RACE ONE DEAD HEAT

When the field crossed the wire, we could not separate the third and fourth place finishers with the naked eye and called for a picture. Number 3, **FAST TRACK**, and number 7, **PINEAPPLE CRUISE**, in the photo, hit the wire as a team. The three Stewards and lone Placing Judge all agreed to a Dead Heat.

Official Order of Finish: 6 – 1 – **3 / 7** – 5 – 4 – 2

10/4/24⁷

APPRENTICE STAR LOST

After winning race five we were notified that apprentice Manuel Americano is no longer a two-star bug. Weight changes, plus 2 pounds, were announced for his next three mounts. The Racing Office was notified to amend weights for Jockey Americano for the next two racing programs and to update InCompass.

10/4/24⁸

RACE 6 INQUIRY START

When the field was dispatched for this one-mile event there appeared to be a traffic jam leaving the starting barrier. We noticed #2, **SMILE BABY SMILE** fourth place finisher ridden by **Assael Espinoza**, tossing her head, veering out and caused a horse to take up behind her. We called for an Inquiry and while reviewing the video it was clear that #4, **GADDING** third place horse with **Alejandro Gomez**, was bothered by the #2's action which also hindered the eventual winner #5, **SUPER ELLIE** piloted by **Frank Alvarado**. When the dust had settled the horses bothered finished in front of the trouble maker, #2, therefore there was no change into the Order of Finish.

10/4/24⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,224	\$405,553.10
SCOTWINC		\$642,173.69
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$96,107.70
TOTAL	7,956	\$1,541,852.95

SATURDAY

10/5/24¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 1 - #5, **MAMARANDO** corrected weight 117
 Race 2 - #2, **LIBERTY WOLF** corrected weight 120
 Race 5 - #8, **SUMMANUS** corrected weight 120
 Race 6 – Scratch #8, **HANK WILLIAMS** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Sick **K. Cox DVM** Refund: \$71.90
 Race 8 - #4 **CEE'S THE IMAGE** corrected weight 113

10/5/24²

CHAVEZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Alexander Chavez** attend film review with the Stewards to have him explain why he claimed an Objection but also why he claimed it extremely late. The race had already gone Official when he contacted us through the Stewards' Aide. His explanation was that the trainer encouraged him to even though he was reluctant to call an Objection. After reviewing the race, it was obvious why **Alexander** did not want to claim an Objection as there was no interference of any kind. We reached out to trainer Blaine Wright and let it be known to him that he is welcomed to come and review the race.

10/5/24³

RACE 5 – LATE SCRATCH

While the field was in the Saddling Paddock, #6, **SUPERMAZEL**, dislodged a shoe from a front hoof. The Blacksmith was called to the Paddock in an attempt to repair the shoe. The six-year-old gelding was not co-operative in this endeavor and the trainer, **STEVE SHERMAN**, requested that the horse be scratched to avoid any injury to horse or human. We had announcements made and contacted the Mutuel Department to the "Late Scratch".

10/5/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	4,931	\$308,773.30
SCOTWINC		\$494,248.38
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$117,503.30
TOTAL	6,111	\$1,639,167.79

SUNDAY

10/6/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

Race 1 - #2, **RUSTY'S LEGACY** Corrected Weight 115
 #6, **WAR IS HELL** to Be Ridden By **KEVIN OROZCO**

Race 2 - #3, **ZEN STATE** Corrected Weight 117
 Race 3 - #7, **UNPRETENTIOUS** Corrected Weight 115
 Race 4 - #4, **SMUGGLER'S RUN** Corrected Weight 120
 Race 5 - #5, **LAKER JET** Corrected Weight 116
 Race 6 - #5, **KEEP IT COMING** Corrected Weight 120
 #8, **ZEN ZONE** to Be Ridden By **FRANCISCO DURAN**
 Race 8 - #4, **GEA** Corrected Weight 118

10/6/24²

OROZCO – RULING #6

Jockey **KEVIN OROZCO** was present to discuss his use of the crop in yesterday's third race. He indicated that he did not need to view the video as he watched it after the race and admitted to the crop violation and accepted the following ruling with the stated penalty.

BFF RULING #06

Jockey **KEVIN ORZCO** who rode **TWILIGHT EMPIRE** in the third race at the Big Fresno Fair on October 5, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day, October 13, 2024, and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) 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).

10/6/24³

ANTONGEORGI FILM REVIEW – RULING

WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI III attended film review as requested by this panel to look at his actions with the riding crop. When initially watching the replay, immediately after the race, it was obvious that a violation had occurred, just not the total number of strikes. In watching in greater detail today a violation did occur but not to the extent that it looked like yesterday. Mr. **Antongeorgi** agreed he violated the rule and showed remorse while accepting the penalty.

BFF RULING #07

Jockey **WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI** who rode **DANGEROUS GAME** in the second race at the Big Fresno Fair on October 5, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day, October 13, 2024, and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, three strikes over the limit), for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

10/6/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,696	\$293,045.50
SCOTWINC		\$608,922.03
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$114,772.40
TOTAL	6,622	\$1,566,659.13

SUMMARY

	Fri 10/4	Sat 10/5	Sun 10/6	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	2	2	1	5	16
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	2
Refunds	3	1	0	4	7
Rulings	1	0	2	3	7
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	2

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lewis, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

Calvin Rainey, Steward

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