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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

The Big Fresno Fair

Fresno, California

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Report for Wednesday, September 25, 2024, through Sunday, September 29, 2024

WEDNESDAY

9/25/24¹

DARK DAY DUTY/FATALITY REVIEW

The Steward on Duty this week will be **Richard Lewis**. Steward **Lewis** was available to assist the Racing Office should the need arise. An Overnight was produced with eight (8) races and fifty-nine horses plus one (1) Also Eligible. A Fatality Review was held at 10:00am with Trainer **Jeff Bonde** being represented by his Assistant Trainer, **Brooks Bonde**. **Dr. Lorbiecki** led the Fatality Review and was joined by **Drs. Blea, Franklin** and **Grande**. Safety Steward **Eddie Rich** and Steward **Lewis** were also present for the review.

THURSDAY

9/26/24¹

ENTRY/SCRATCHES/VET PANEL

Duty Steward **Lewis** was present for scratches to Friday's program and to supervise entries for Sunday. The Overnight was produced for Sunday's races with 57 horses listed in eight (8) races. A CHRB Panel review was conducted by **Dr. Lorbiecki** for Saturday's races which listed seventeen (17) horses as "Hard Watch".

FRIDAY

9/27/24¹

SCRATCHES/VET PANEL

Steward **Lewis** was in the office to supervise the changes to Sunday's Overnight. At 11:00am, a Panel was conducted by **Dr. Lorbiecki** for Sunday's program with **Drs. Blea, Grande** and **Franklin** in attendance joined by CARF representative **Juliana Gomes** and Steward **Richard Lewis**.

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HISA VISITORS

The HISA team was visiting The Big Fresno Fair for the weekend. They met with Management to start the day then broke off into groups and were escorted by Safety

Steward **Eddie Rich**. Later in the morning the HISA Team, **Tony Patterson, Michael Kilpack, Jennifer Durenberger, Bruce Tolliver and Dr. Sue Stover**, met with the Stewards.

SATURDAY

9/28/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

Race 4 Scratch #1, Elegant **Boy**, (Tr. **S. Perez**) Sick – **Ash Cloninger DVM**
Refunds: \$14.20

Race 5 Scratch #6, **Can'thelpfallin (IRE)** (Tr. **S. Perez**) Unsound **Ash Cloninger DVM** Refunds: \$52.40

Race 8 Scratch #1, **Juniors Kitty**, (Tr. **M. Trujillo**) Sick – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**
Refunds: See Below

Scratch #4, **Addy Pearl**, (Tr. **G. Preciado**) Unsound – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**
Refunds: \$170.40

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BIG FRENZO FAIR Ruling #4/HIWU DQ

The following ruling was issued after receiving notice of a violation from HIWU that **Elmer John** should be disqualified and unplaced.

BFF RULING #4

Acting upon notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), that the post-race sample, B100991041, obtained from the horse, **ELMER JOHN**, who finished first in the seventh race at the Alameda County Fair, on July 6, 2024, contained the Controlled Medication Substance, **Methocarbamol** (Class C), it is hereby ordered that **ELMER JOHN** be disqualified and deemed unplaced.

The Consequences of Disqualification include forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse's Results).

As directed it is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner **Larry Odbert**, Trainer **Sergio Ledezma** and Jockey **Frank Alvarado** be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at The Alameda County Fair on or before October 31, 2024, for redistribution, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1ST No d'Oro, 2nd Riolo, 3rd Beskar, 4th Cantilever,
5th Bear Encounter.

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

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STEWARDS REVIEW

The Stewards conducted a review of the start of race four. Number two **Deo** (Tr. **G. Haley**) jumped at the start and broke slowly, the horse caused his own problem and no other horses were affected by the actions of **Deo**. No change to the order of finish was made.

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RACE SIX (6) DEADHEAT

In the running of the sixth (6) race, number 1, **I'm Dr. O** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) and number 7, **Not My Rodeo** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) finished the race in a dead heat for third place.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,583	\$161,940.14
SCOTWinc		\$454,372.57
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$112,819.50
Total	2,452	\$1,223,297.89

SUNDAY

9/29/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

Race 3 Scratch #5, **Conejo Halo** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) Sick – **K. Cox, DVM**

Refunds: \$59.40

Race 7 Scratch #5, **Bob's Blue Moon** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) Sick **Ash Cloninger DVM**

Refunds: \$92.30

9/28/24²

FILM REVIEW

The Stewards met with Jockey **Epifanio Garcia** today to review race 5 from Sunday September 22, 2024. After reviewing the race, Jockey **Garcia** was warned to be more alert of his surroundings while competing in a race.

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STEWARDS' INQUIRY/JOCKEY OBJECTION

The Stewards conducted an inquiry into the stretch run of race number one. In addition, Jockey **Frank Alvarado**, aboard number four, **Smile and Profile**, lodged an objection into the stretch run against number five **Classy** (Jockey **Luis Reyes**) for crossing over and causing Jockey **Alvarado** to check. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards disqualified number five **Classy**, and placed the mare fourth behind number four **Smile and Profile**, the horse she interfered with.

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STEWARDS INQUIRY

The Stewards conducted an inquiry into the stretch run of race number two after #4 **Cry Me A Runner** fell in the stretch and unseated Jockey **Alexander Chavez**. **Cry Me A Runner** was vanned off the track and Jockey **Chavez**, after a few minutes, walked to the Human Ambulance where he was transferred to the Jockey's Room, examined and cleared to ride. After reviewing the incident, the Stewards determined that **Cry Me A Runner** was not bothered by any other horses in the race. No change was made to the order of finish, Safety Steward **Rich** will do follow up reports.

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RACE FIVE (5) DNF

While running in the fifth (5) race, #1 **Lessons of Autism** (Tr. **G. Greiner**) was pulled up at the ¼ pole by Jockey **Adrian Castellanos** as a result of bleeding and was vanned off the racetrack.

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LATE RIDER CHANGE

Jockey **Alexander Chavez** who was scheduled to ride in the seventh race number 5 **Lmlooknformischief** for Trainer **Faith Taylor**, called the Stewards prior to the race to ask if he could be excused from his mount. Jockey **Chavez** was sore after an earlier spill when the horse he was riding fell in the second race. He did ride in the fifth race but was sore and did not feel well enough to ride in any additional races that day. The Stewards allowed **Chavez** to sit out the rest of the day. Jockey **Adrian Castellanos** rode **Lmlooknformischief** in the seventh race.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,171	\$129,413.40
SCOTWinc		\$371,285.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$82,095.60
Total	2,325	\$1,278,003.56

SUMMARY

	Fri 9/27	Sat 9/28	Sun 9/29	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	3	2	5	11
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	1
Inquiries		1	0	1	2
Refunds	D	0	0	0	3
Rulings	A	1	0	1	4
Voided Claims	Y	0	1	1	2

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Rainey, Steward

John Herbuveaux, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

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