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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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Cal Expo, Sacramento, California  
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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, January 14, 2025 through Sunday, January 19, 2025.**

**TUESDAY**01/14/25<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTY**

**Steve Carpenito** Reporting and Duty Steward

01/14/25<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

The race office was open today conducting a double draw for both Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. One Hundred Twenty-Eight (128) horses were entered with One Hundred Twenty-Seven (127) drawing in. There is a nine (9) race card scheduled for Friday with a post time of 6:45 PM and a nine (9) race card scheduled for Saturday with a post time of 6:35 PM.

01/14/25<sup>3</sup>**QUALIFYING DRAW**

Entries were taken this morning for the qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Two (2) races were drawn with a post time of 5:50 PM.

**WEDNESDAY**01/15/25<sup>1</sup>**CHANGES**

The Steward's office was open to accept changes for Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. There were several changes and no declarations.

**THURSDAY**01/16/25<sup>1</sup>**CHANGES**

The Steward's office was open to accept changes for Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. There were several change and no declarations

01/16/25<sup>2</sup>**DRIVER IN**

Driver Nick Roland who drove #5 RAGGED BUT RIGHT- Trainer Natalie Tremblay- in the fourth race on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, was in to review his actions in the middle-half of the race. Mr. Roland agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing board rule #1721 (I). Ruling to follow.

01/16/25<sup>3</sup>

**DRIVER IN**

Driver Rene Goulet who drove #2 THE LAST WALTZ- Trainer Rene Goulet- in the sixth race on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, was in to explain his actions with #2 THE LAST WALTZ prior to the start of the race which caused a recall. Mr. Goulet explained he felt his horse had broken equipment which is why he wheeled his horse. No further action was taken.

**FRIDAY**

01/17/25<sup>1</sup>

**DRIVERS IN**

It came to the steward's attention this week that five Cal Expo Drivers had yet to submit to the mandated yearly drug screen. Those five drivers, Winter Asher-Stalbaum, Stephen Chambers, Brett Erickson, John MacDonald and Lemoyne Svendsen were summoned to the steward's office and ordered to submit to a urine drug screen monitored by California Horse Racing Board Investigator Jose Flores. The preliminary findings came back drug free on Mr. Asher-Stalbaum, Mr. Chambers, Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Svendsen. Mr. Erickson tested positive for Marijuana Metabolites and was removed from his five drives for the evening.

01/17/25<sup>2</sup>

**RULINGS WRITTEN**

**Ruling # 07**

Cal Expo Driver VOD FARRIS, is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)\* for failure to drive when programmed on #7 SOMEPEOPLENEEDTOLD in the fifth race and #4 ROCKIN SAGE in the seventh race on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Cal Expo. Mr. Farris was in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872(Failure to drive when programmed).

**Ruling # 08**

Cal Expo Driver NICK ROLAND is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (l).While driving #5 RAGGED BUT RIGHT in the fourth race on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Cal Expo, Mr. Roland did drive unreasonably slow quarters.

01/17/25<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Driver Change- #1 ALWAYS A WARRIOR- Trainer Juan Pacheco-from Brett Erickson to Winter Asher-Stalbaum.

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Driver Change- #3 SLYVESTER- Trainer Darryl Cutting-from Brett Erickson to James Kennedy.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Driver Change- #5 JACKIE BOY- Trainer James Wilkinson- from Brett Erickson to Luke Plano.

5<sup>th</sup> Race Medication Change- #3 SB EYE CANDY- Trainer Kathleen Plested- First Time Lasix.

6<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change- #5 DANCIN LANCE- Trainer Juan Pacheco- from Brett Erickson to Sean Smithpeters.

7<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change- #5 SENORITA DRACO- Trainer Darryl Cutting- from Brett Erickson to Jessie Pacheco.

9<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change- #8 SHES A LIVE WIRE- Trainer Darryl Cutting- from Brett Erickson to Jessie Pacheco.

01/17/25<sup>4</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Nine (9) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Fast" with scheduled post time of 6:45 PM.

01/17/25<sup>5</sup>

**7<sup>th</sup> RACE RECALL**

The recall lights were caused to be illuminated prior to the start of tonight's 7<sup>th</sup> race when #2 OVERTHEMOONFORYOU –Driver Aaron Lehman had broken equipment prior to the start. The start of the race was delayed approximately five (5) minutes.

01/17/25<sup>6</sup>

**7<sup>th</sup> RACE TIMER MALFUNCTION**

The timer failed to automatically trigger at the half-mile pole and the race needed to be hand timed by the stewards.

01/17/25<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	75	\$14,356.60
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$218,411.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$387,170.26
Total	75	\$619,938.66

**SATURDAY**

01/18/25<sup>1</sup>

**DRIVER IN**

Driver Brett Erickson, who requested to submit to another urine drug screen believing last night's reading was a false positive, was in to submit to another screening. The results came back negative this evening and Mr. Erickson was approved by the stewards to drive in tonight's races.

01/18/25<sup>2</sup>

**QUALIFYING RACES**

There were two (2) qualifying races held over a track rated "Fast" prior to the regular races with post time 5:50 PM. Seven (7) of the ten (10) participants were successful in meeting current qualifying standards.

01/18/25<sup>3</sup>

**GROOM CALLED**

Groom Andrew Baird, who was on the track behind CELEBRITY STATUS- Trainer Nick Roland- without wearing a helmet, was summoned to the stewards office on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss his actions.

01/18/25<sup>4</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration- #5 GREATEST HONOR- Trainer Nick Roland- Veterinarian- Injured. Dr. Lane Schloeder. Refund: \$36.49.

01/18/25<sup>5</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Nine (9) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Fast" with scheduled post time of 6:35 PM.

01/18/25<sup>6</sup>

**6<sup>th</sup> RACE DRIVER CALLED**

Driver Luke Plano, who drove #8 SOMEPEOPLENEEDTOLD- Trainer Richard Bertrand- was called following the 6<sup>th</sup> Race and summoned to the Steward's office on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss his actions in the stretch.

01/18/25<sup>7</sup>

**8<sup>th</sup> RACE DRIVER CALLED**

Driver Winter Asher-Stalbaum, who drove #3 STENING A- Trainer Riley Asher-Stalbaum- was called following the 8<sup>th</sup> Race and summoned to the Steward's office on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss his actions with the whip in the stretch.

01/18/25<sup>8</sup>

**8<sup>TH</sup> RACE DRIVER CALLED**

Driver Gerald Longo, who drove #6 EL'S DISCO JOHNNY- Trainer Gerald Longo- was called following the 8<sup>th</sup> Race and summoned to the Steward's office on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss his actions with the whip in the stretch.

01/18/25<sup>9</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	125	\$ 12,789.20
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$158,496.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$318,097.48
Total	125	\$489,383.08

**SUNDAY**

01/19/25<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 01/17</b>	<b>Sat 01/18</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	0	0	0	2
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	4
<b>Refunds</b>	0	1	1	7
<b>Rulings</b>	2	0	2	8
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Carpenito, Steward

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Rod Newhart, Steward

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John Yinger, Steward

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Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

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